

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Post Pageant fun at MFS Open Day!

Friday, 5 November 2010

South Australian children and families will have double the fun on Christmas Pageant day this year, when the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) opens its doors to the community!

MFS Open Day will begin within minutes of Santa Claus completing his journey through Adelaide's Streets on **Saturday, 13 November 2010**.

Pageant day crowds looking for a fun family activity are welcome to visit **MFS Headquarters** at **99 Wakefield Street, Adelaide** between 11.30 am and 3.00 pm.

It will be a rare chance for the public to meet dedicated MFS firefighters and staff, and to gain an insight into one of the oldest professional fire services in the world.

Highlights of the day include:

- An aerial rescue exercise and rope rescue from heights
- An Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) demonstration
- A close look at our fire fighting appliances and equipment
- Discovering how the cause of house and other structure fires are investigated
- Learning how your family can prevent or survive a house fire, including how to escape a fire
- Finding out what a firefighter faces on a fire ground through computer simulation
- An insight into hazardous substance response
- An interactive child fire safety education display, including the 'Stop, Cover, Drop and Roll' game
- A road crash rescue demonstration.

MFS Chief Officer, Grant Lupton said MFS Open Day is a **free**, family friendly event.

"The MFS would like to share with the community what we do and how the fire service operates. Open Day is also a chance for our firefighters to pass on important safety tips to help prevent house fires, road crashes and other emergencies," Chief Officer Lupton said.

The Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation (APFF) will offer a sausage sizzle and refreshments, and 'Shake the Boot'. All money raised will be donated to the Women's and Children's Hospital's Burns Service.

WHAT: MFS Open Day

WHERE: MFS HQ, 99 Wakefield St, Adelaide

WHEN: Saturday, 13 November 2010

Doors open from 11.30 am until 3.00 pm (straight after the Christmas Pageant)

MEDIA NOTE: Media are welcome to attend MFS Open Day

* If MFS Open Day is a day of extreme heat, the MFS will modify activities and displays to ensure the comfort and safety of visitors and staff.

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Call the MFS Community Education Department on (08) 8204 3611 during business hours.

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