

media alert

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Remarkable rescue exercise between city buildings

Monday, 20 September 2010

On Monday, 20 September, South Australia's Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force will perform a remarkable rescue exercise.

The USAR trainees will span ropes between the Education Building on Flinders Street and Wakefield House on Wakefield Street, to transfer a 'faux' casualty from one building to the other.

They'll be operating from great heights, providing an interesting visual opportunity for media.

The training exercise is designed to simulate the type of scenario that could be faced in a complex building collapse similar to that experienced in the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, or an earthquake scenario.

*12 USAR trainees from the **Metropolitan Fire Service** and **South Australian Ambulance Service**, and 4 instructors will be involved in the exercise. The USAR team also comprises State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers.*

District Officer, Colin Lindsay said, "USAR training is designed to provide participants with a broad range of skills to give them the capability to respond to a wide range of incidents."

"At USAR we realise the importance of developing realistic scenarios that simulate as closely as possible the types of situations that could be experienced in a real emergency," he said.

WHAT: Remarkable rescue training exercise between city buildings

DATE: Monday, 20 September 2010.

TIME: Set-up begins at 11.00 am and the exercise concludes at 1 pm.
Optimal visual opportunities begin at about 11.30 am.

WHERE: Between the Education Building on Flinders Street and Wakefield House on Wakefield Street.

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