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SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Santa's spectacular MFS Children's Christmas Party arrival

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Santa is set to make an impressive entrance to the cheers of hundreds of excited children at Adelaide Fire Station today.

The Metropolitan Fire Service's (MFS) largest fire station will become a fairground for MFS staff and their children, who'll share the Children's Christmas Party with families from local charities.

In the afternoon, Santa is due to climb the station's fire tower before getting into the cage of the Bronto aerial fire truck and descending seven floors into the rear yard.

Every child will receive a present after enjoying face painting, bouncing castles, ice creams and other entertainment.

MFS Station Officer Adrienne Clarke organises the party each year, which is an MFS tradition believed to date back to the 1950's.

"My father was a firefighter, so I have very fond memories of attending the Children's Christmas Party with my parents. It's an absolute thrill to now be part of making Christmas special for other MFS staff members' children."

"Christmas is about giving, and that's why we choose to share this event with families of local charities, including The Smith Family, Interchange SA and Junction SA. It's wonderful to be able to create positive Christmas memories for those families," MFS Station Officer Clarke said.

MFS staff and their families fund their own children and grandchildren to attend the party, while sponsoring children from local charities to join the fun.

The event is organised by the MFS and supported by the Fire Service Credit Union, Fire Service Fund, United Firefighters Union (UFU) of South Australia, Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation (APFF) and Health Partners.

Media are welcome to attend the Children's Christmas Party and capture Santa's spectacular arrival. MFS Station Officer Adrienne Clarke will be available for interview.

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