

# media release



## MFS, CFS & SES march in Adelaide's 45th Pride

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The Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS), SA Country Fire Service (CFS) and State Emergency Service (SES) will celebrate diversity at Adelaide's 45th annual Pride March this Saturday.

For the MFS, it will be the organisation's third consecutive Pride March – and the second for CFS personnel.

SES volunteers will participate for the first time in 2018, cementing what's become an annual emergency services tradition.

MFS Chief Officer, Michael Morgan said it's an important event on Adelaide's calendar that the emergency services sector proudly supports.

"We're expecting up to 40 MFS firefighters, staff and family members to march this year with United Firefighters Union (UFU) representatives, alongside our CFS, SES, SA Ambulance Service and Police peers.

"Pride March is a wonderful celebration. We participate to recognise the diversity both within the emergency services sector - and the communities we protect and serve across the state. I encourage members of the public to join us this Saturday night," MFS Chief Officer Morgan said.

CFS Acting Chief Officer, Andrew Stark said it's great to show support for the diversity of our thousands of CFS volunteers.

"Everyone in CFS should feel welcome within our service and the whole of emergency services, which is why we're pleased to be represented in this year's Pride March," CFS Acting Chief Officer Andrew Stark said.

SA State Emergency Service (SES) Chief Officer, Chris Beattie said the SES valued diversity in both its volunteer membership and staff.

"It is important that we have an organisational culture that allows all volunteers and staff to participate fully and equally in the workplace and in the broader community," Mr Beattie said.

Mr Beattie said this year would be the first time the SES had participated as an organisation in the Pride March.

Pride March Adelaide will have a new path in 2018, with MFS, CFS and SES participants gathering at Rymill Park from 5.30 pm, before the march begins at 6.30 pm.

Fire trucks and emergency vehicles adorned with rainbow flags will accompany MFS, CFS and SES personnel throughout the march, which concludes at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden.

***Media are welcome to film, photograph and interview MFS, CFS and SES representatives participating in Pride March. Please call the MFS, CFS and SES media lines to arrange.***

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