

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Post Pageant fun at MFS Open Day!

Friday, 9 November 2018

This Saturday, thousands of South Australians will be able to indulge in some post pageant fun as the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) hosts its annual Open Day.

Adelaide Fire Station's doors will open to the public right after Santa and his sleigh sweep by on Pageant Day, proving the community with an insight into the inner workings of a fire service.

The **free**, family-friendly event, which always attracts a large crowd, showcases a diverse range of activities that firefighters experience in their daily roles. These include a mock road crash rescue exercise, an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) abseiling demonstration and a close-up look at a variety of fire appliances and equipment.

MFS Chief Officer, Michael Morgan said the MFS Open Day offers families plenty of fun learning experiences.

"MFS Open Day has become a well-known fixture on Pageant Day. It is a wonderful opportunity for the community to visit the station, meet firefighters and staff, and witness activities they typically wouldn't see."

"There is an array of fun activities for children, all providing important fire safety messages. These include the ever-popular 'Stop, cover, drop and roll' game, colouring in and puzzle activity stations and the fire truck selfie frame," MFS Chief Officer Morgan said.

The day also serves as a career information opportunity, allowing women and men who'd like to be full-time or Retained (part-time) firefighters to ask questions of serving firefighters.

A barbeque and refreshments will be available, with all proceeds going to the Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation (APFF). The APFF is a not-for-profit charity run by MFS and Adelaide Airport firefighters who volunteer to raise funds to support burns survivors and the Women's and Children's Hospital.

MFS Open Day will be held at **Adelaide Fire Station**, 99 Wakefield Street on Saturday, 10 November. Doors will open to the public **from approximately 11.00 am through to 2.30 pm**.

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