

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



International Firefighters' Day

Friday, 3 May 2019

SA Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) and SA Country Fire Service (CFS) firefighters will pause tomorrow to honour International Firefighters' Day.

International Firefighters' Day, also known as St Florian's* Day is held on 4 May every year as a day to reflect on the sacrifices firefighters make on a daily basis.

MFS and CFS firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty will be remembered.

Emergency Services Minister, Corey Wingard said MFS and CFS firefighters across South Australia provide a vital service to their communities.

"Firefighters serve and protect the lives, property, assets, infrastructure and economies of communities across the state. Their role is selfless. International Firefighters Day is a chance for us to reflect on their service and thank them for what they do."

MFS Chief Officer, Michael Morgan encourages all South Australians to reflect on the contributions and sacrifices made by emergency service personnel, whether they be full-time, retained or volunteers.

"MFS and CFS firefighters respond to tens of thousands of emergency callouts across South Australia each year.

"Our personnel put their lives on the line to save lives and protect property, preventing and minimising physical and economic loss to the community and it's important that we stop and reflect on this commitment," MFS Chief Officer Morgan said.

Firefighters within modern fire services respond to challenging and diverse emergencies including house fires, bushfires, hazardous material incidents, rescues, road crashes and incidents involving injuries and fatalities.

CFS Chief Officer Greg Nettleton encouraged South Australians to reflect on the significant number of hours volunteers contribute to their communities.

"The personal sacrifices our volunteers make each day to ensure their communities are safe in times of danger are remarkable.

"Each day they honour our organisation by putting themselves in dangerous situations, and on St Florian's Day we remember those who did not come home," CFS Chief Officer Greg Nettleton said.

We remember firefighters past and present who've served the community – and honour firefighters who've lost their lives in the line of duty.

MFS Firefighters will observe the occasion at 9.00 am SHARP, Saturday 4 May 2019, with a minute's silence at stations across Metropolitan Adelaide and regional South Australia (Port Pirie & Mount Gambier MFS stations).

For more information about International Firefighters' Day visit www.firefightersday.org/

**St Florian is the patron saint of all firefighters and was linked to firefighting in the Roman Empire.*

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