

## Minister Tony Piccolo

Minister for Emergency Services



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### Post-pageant fun at the MFS open day!

After Santa has made his way to the Magic Cave, the Adelaide Fire Station will open its doors for the annual Metropolitan Fire Service Open Day.

Emergency Services Minister Tony Piccolo said it was the fifth time the popular, family-friendly event's been held on Pageant day.

"The MFS Open Day has become a well-known fixture since it was first held as part of Pageant day in 2010," Mr Piccolo said.

"We have seen excellent participation in previous years and we expect to see thousands attend again this year.

"The Open Day is a terrific, free, family-friendly event where the public will be able to meet MFS firefighters and staff, take a close look at fire appliances, witness a mock road crash rescue and watch the state's Urban Search and Rescue specialists conducting their rope rescue training."

A barbeque and refreshments will be available, with all proceeds going to the Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation charity.

Mr Piccolo, who is Patron of the charity, said the foundation is run by professional MFS and Adelaide Airport firefighters who volunteer their time.

"The not-for-profit charity raises funds to support burns survivors and families affected by house fires and I'm very proud to have become Patron," he said.

MFS Acting Chief Officer Mick Smith said the event offers families plenty of fun learning experiences.

"Families will be able to discover common causes of house fires and how to prevent them. They'll also be able to learn how to survive a house fire – including developing a Home Fire Escape Plan. Children can also test out who is the fastest at our Stop, Cover, Drop and Roll game."

"We look forward to welcoming families along to what's become a favourite post Pageant activity for many families," MFS Acting Chief Officer Smith said.

A range of house fire community education material will be available and an MFS Fire Cause Investigator will be on hand to provide advice about home fire safety.

MFS Open Day will be held at Adelaide Fire Station, 99 Wakefield Street on Saturday, 8 November. Doors will open to the public from 11.15 am through to 2.30 pm.