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### New MFS truck catches nation's attention

The Metropolitan Fire Service today commissioned a world-first brand new fire truck that's so unique it's caught the eye of fire services across the nation.

Emergency Services Minister Tony Piccolo said the state-of-the-art Combination Aerial Pumping Appliance, known as a CAPA, was specially designed in Adelaide by the MFS.

"This magnificent appliance has been three years in the planning and recently transported to South Australia," Mr Piccolo said.

"The truck is unique in that it combines aerial firefighting and rescue capabilities, room for a full crew of up to five firefighters, plus the water capacity and functionality of a general purpose pumping fire appliance.

"The truck has already received much attention from interstate fire services that are interested in learning from its impressive design and capability."

The new CAPA will replace one of the Metropolitan Fire Service's ageing *Skyjet* aerial appliances, which was used to fight fires in medium rise buildings and large industrial facilities.

Minister Piccolo said as South Australia's population grows, so does its business and residential accommodation footprint.

"The new fire appliance will play a vital role in protecting the community, and valuable assets such as medium rise buildings used for office, industry, retail or residential space," he said.

"The new CAPA provides enhanced functionality for firefighters, a relatively tight turning circle and room to manoeuvre in narrow streets and another advantage is that the truck can be rapidly positioned and ready for service when arriving at emergency incidents."

MFS Commander Peter Mason said the new fire appliance, which cost \$1.3 million, will be based at Adelaide Station, will enhance the MFS's ability to protect the lives and assets of more than one million South Australians.

"Like many modern cities, Adelaide is seeing an increase in medium density residential, industrial and commercial development of between four and six storeys," Mr Mason said.

"Since its arrival, MFS firefighters have undergone a comprehensive training program to ensure they're familiar with its functionality, to ensure the truck can now become fully operational."

Today's commissioning of the new CAPA appliance comes after the recent delivery of five brand new replacement fire trucks for Gawler, Angle Park, Golden Grove, Beulah Park and Paradise MFS stations in July. The combined value of the CAPA and five replacement fire trucks is \$4.7 million.

