

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Firefighters save multiple homes in Parafield Gardens

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Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) firefighters, supported the residents in the northern Adelaide suburb of Parafield Gardens, and have protected and saved multiple homes from fire.

Dozens of residents and passers-by phoned 000 (Triple Zero) alerting the MFS to the fire in a nearby parkland just after 4 pm Wednesday afternoon, reporting that it appeared to be spreading rapidly towards homes.

A coordinated fleet of MFS vehicles, firefighters and specialist personnel were deployed to the scene.

Fire crews from nearby Salisbury and Elizabeth stations arrived to find the street shrouded in smoke with concerned residents looking for help. Firefighters quickly upgraded the response to supplement their firefighting resources.

MFS Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Roy Thompson said during the fire up to ten homes were directly under threat and in hot and windy conditions, the work of MFS Firefighters and the residents saved them.

“Whilst we’re pleased that there were no injuries or significant property loss, this incident highlights the importance of the community understanding that anyone living in urban-interface areas, and by that we mean built up or suburban areas bordering parks, grasslands or bushland, must be prepared with a Bushfire Survival Plan.

“MFS crews protected the properties under threat while preventing the fire spreading further into the residential area. The MFS was well supported by SAPOL and SA Ambulance Service (SAAS),” said MFS Assistant Chief Fire Officer Thompson.

Eight appliances with 32 firefighters supported by four specialist vehicles and six command personnel attacked the fire from multiple areas including the park and the road.

MFS crews supported residents’ efforts to assist by setting up additional hose lines for them to wet down areas and protect themselves while firefighters attacked the blaze directly.

The fire destroyed two sheds, a pergola, several fences and shade houses, however the value of the homes saved is significant, and estimated to be in the millions.

For information on preparing a Bushfire Survival Plan visit the SA Country Fire Service website on www.cfs.sa.gov.au.

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