

# media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



## Awards for regional MFS stations

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Five regional Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) stations have been recognised as part of the organisation's annual proficiency and operational assessments.

Earlier this year, firefighters from all 17 regional MFS stations took part in the assessments to showcase skills, community spirit and commitment to public safety.

The prize-winning stations for 2009 are as follows:

- First Place – **Kadina MFS Station** – Chief Officer's Shield
- Second Place – **Peterborough MFS Station** – Regional Operations Shield
- Third Place – **Renmark MFS Station** – Regional Commander's Shield
- Most Improved – **Berri MFS Station**
- Family Friendly – **Moonta MFS Station** (The 'Family Friendly' award is presented by the SA Branch of the United Firefighters Union.)

MFS Deputy Chief Officer, Mick Smith says it was difficult to select the most outstanding stations because the overall standard was so high.

"At each of the 17 regional stations, we tested compliance with procedures, safety standards, uniforms, station presentation, appliance care and maintenance and practical fire fighting skills.

"I was most impressed with each of the stations. Every regional MFS firefighter should be very proud of their skills and commitment to safety and their community," Deputy Chief Officer Smith says.

MFS Commander of Regional Operations, Chris Smith says regional MFS firefighters have a strong connection to their community.

"Often regional firefighters know the home, business, property or people involved in the incidents they respond to.

"They offer their communities an excellent standard of emergency response and should be commended for the job they do," Commander Smith says.

The 17 regional MFS stations which took part in the assessments are as follows (in no particular order):

<b>Wallaroo MFS</b>	<b>Loxton MFS</b>	<b>Port Lincoln MFS</b>
<b>Kadina MFS</b>	<b>Renmark MFS</b>	<b>Port Pirie MFS</b>
<b>Tanunda MFS</b>	<b>Berri MFS</b>	<b>Port Augusta MFS</b>
<b>Kapunda MFS</b>	<b>Murray Bridge MFS</b>	<b>Whyalla MFS</b>
<b>Moonta MFS</b>	<b>Peterborough MFS</b>	<b>Mt Gambier MFS</b>
<b>Burra MFS</b>	<b>Victor Harbor MFS</b>	

The MFS congratulates all regional MFS firefighters for their efforts.

**Media wishing to interview Deputy Chief Officer, Mick Smith or Commander of Regional Operations, Chris Smith are encouraged to call the MFS Media Line on 8204 3770.**

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