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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **WHYALLA FLOODING**

At about 9 o'clock Friday night, Whyalla MFS were dispatched to assist Whyalla residents, businesses and industries with flooding, as a result of heavy rains via multiple 000 calls.

On Friday night, Whyalla Regional Manager, Wayne Haynes, requested assistance in the area for additional resources from Port Augusta and Adelaide.

Due to the early notification offered by Mr. Haynes, the Port Augusta firefighting appliances were able to respond before the roadway was closed due to flooding. This resource was invaluable.

Adelaide crews were deployed by air on Saturday afternoon.

At present our resources are adequate to maintain our operational assistance to Whyalla residents and businesses.

Whyalla and Port Augusta firefighters worked tirelessly through Friday night and well into Saturday, under extremely adverse conditions.

The deployment of the Adelaide fire fighters offered the Whyalla and Port Augusta crew's valuable recovery time. They are back on duty today being assisted by Adelaide personnel.

The Port Augusta – Whyalla road is now open to emergency vehicles, so the Port Augusta fire-fighting appliances will be released shortly.

It is likely that Adelaide crews will be released from the area at about lunchtime today, and are expected to be arriving at Adelaide Airport at 1345hrs.

Many homes, businesses and industries, suffered water damage and flooding. At this early stage, the amount of damage has not been determined.

Whyalla and Port Augusta firefighters offered an outstanding service for their local communities.

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