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MEDIA RELEASE

A 48 hour Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) exercise, simulating the collapse of a six storey building complex, begins tomorrow morning at the Metropolitan Fire Service Angle Park Training Centre.

24 USAR trainees from the Metropolitan Fire Service, State Emergency Service and SA Ambulance are involved in the exercise. In addition, 33 USAR trained firefighters from New South Wales Fire Brigades are establishing a 900 square metre operations base to test their mobility capabilities.

“Urban Search and Rescue is about saving lives. It is a system for organising emergency response personnel from several agencies into an integrated and appropriately trained and equipped task force to respond to major structural collapse. Such a task force is by necessity multi-disciplinary”. Said District Officer Eckermann.

Emergency Services Minister Carmel Zollo said, “The Government in recognising this issue has put in place a process to develop an appropriate capability to deal with major structural collapse”.

The USAR training program is a joint State and Commonwealth Government initiative.

For further details contact Corporate Communications Officer John Foody on 0419 829 114 or District Officer Kevin Eckermann on 0428 836 612.

WHEN

10.00am – Tuesday May 22 2007

WHERE:

MFS Training Centre Gate 4 480 Grand Junction Road Angle Park



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