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MEDIA RELEASE

AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER'S FOUNDATION DONATION / BOOK PROMOTION

The Australian Professional Firefighter's Foundation (APFF) is dedicated to the prevention of burns as well as supporting fire victims in all States of Australia. Its main purpose is fundraising for charity, offering assistance (both financially and other) to fire victims, especially children, and those in immediate need.

On Saturday, 19th August 2006, the MFS attended a house fire in Broughton Place, Greenwith that resulted in significant property and contents damage. Jackie Ey and her family lost the majority of their belongings in the fire, which were uninsured, and consequently the APFF are keen to offer assistance to support the family in their time of need.

The APFF President, Greg Crossman and Committee Member, Kevin "Billy" Boyle will on behalf of the Foundation be presenting Jackie with a fridge at the Golden Grove Fire Station at 11.00am on Friday, 25th August 2006.

To coincide with the APFF donation, the fire service would also like to promote a new book written by James Knight, entitled '*Just Doing My Job; Cops, Fries and Ambos, Everyday People with Extraordinary Stories*'. The book covers the remarkable careers of the unsung heroes in the emergency services that serve the community. In *Just Doing My Job*, James Knight captures snapshots of lives and events that have hit the headlines, through to local situations that have shaped communities. Each story is sometimes tragic, always inspiring and often threaded with a wry humour to deflect harrowing experiences.

The book features a chapter on Kevin "Billy" Boyle, who in addition to his APFF role is also an operational firefighter based at the Elizabeth Fire Station. The chapter not only focuses on the challenges and experiences associated with his firefighting career, but also looks at the tireless charity work that he has performed on behalf of the foundation.

Greg and Kevin will be available to speak to the media about the wonderful charity work and support that is performed by the APFF.

When: 11.00am, Friday, 25th August 2006

Where: Golden Grove Fire Station, Cnr Golden Grove and Yatala Vale Roads, Golden Grove



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