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SA Metropolitan Fire Service



Lucky escape for family in house fire

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At around 3.45 am on Thursday 27 November 2008 the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) were called to a house fire at Arrow Crescent Paralowie, as the result of a 000 call from the residence.

Upon arrival the MFS found the roof and the front of the house heavily involved in fire.

Four MFS appliances and 16 firefighters took approximately 30 minutes to contain the fire. There was extensive fire damaged to the entire property.

A female occupant and seven children were awoken by 'a loud banging noise', and took the appropriate action by leaving the home and calling for assistance.

Fire crews also rescued the family's dog from the rear of the premise.

An investigation by MFS Fire Cause Investigators has estimated the damage to the property to be \$200 000. The cause of the fire is under investigation by SA Police.

MFS Acting Commander, Rob Prime says that this is timely reminder of the importance of having a home fire escape plan.

"Few people understand how quickly a fire takes hold in a house and how destructive it can be. You need to plan and prepare so that if a fire does start everyone knows how to escape quickly and safely.

"The first step is to install smoke alarms and make sure that batteries are replaced regularly. Working smoke alarms will warn you of fire, at any time of the day or night, and give you and your family time to escape safely.

"The next step is to bring everyone in your home together to plan what you will do," explains Mr Prime.

The MFS has a range of Home Fire Safety Information Sheets available for download from the MFS website, which are designed to help families plan and prepare for domestic fire situations.

The Home Fire Escape Plan Information Sheet is intended to provide families with a step by step guide on how to plan, prepare and practice a home fire escape plan.

For further information and to view the full catalogue of MFS Home Fire Safety Information Sheets visit the Community Safety section at www.mfs.sa.gov.au or email communitysafety@samfs.sa.gov.au