

media release

SA Metropolitan Fire Service



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MFS Open Day this Sunday

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4.40 pm

The South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) will this weekend open their doors to the public on **Sunday 16 November from 10 am to 3.30 pm.**

For the first time in three years the MFS welcome the public to come behind the big glass doors of the MFS Headquarters, Adelaide Station, 99 Wakefield Street Adelaide, and see the impressive range of fire fighting vehicles and equipment.

The MFS Open Day, as part of Public Sector Week 'Inside Out 2008', will showcase all the operational aspects of the state's fire service headquarters with a range of displays and simulated incidents on display.

The public will be given the opportunity to view all the behind the scene activity that takes place every day at the MFS headquarters.

Members of the public will get to see a range of active demonstrations which forms the function of the MFS day in day out, these will include:

- A road crash rescue demonstration, including details about the MFS Road Awareness and Accident Prevention Program (RAAP).
- An aerial rescue exercise and a rope rescue from heights conducted from the MFS Training Tower.
- An urban search and rescue demonstration presented within a simulated build collapse.
- Visitors will be able to get up close to a suite of fire fighting vehicles, including speciality appliances for breathing apparatus and an incident command vehicle.
- Displays demonstrating a hazardous substance response and fire cause investigation.
- Child fire safety education stand and interactive 'Stop, cover, drop and roll' activities.

The active demonstrations will occur on the hour through out the day.

Open Day Coordinator and MFS Planning Manager, Kevin Murphy says, "This free family friendly event gives the public an opportunity to learn what the fire service does and the important role we play in preparing, preventing and protecting the community in emergency situations.

"Visitors will be able to get up close and personal with operational firefighters to find out how diverse their jobs really are."

Australian Professional Firefighter's Foundation will supply a sausage sizzle and refreshments on the day with all money raised to be donated to the Burns Unit at the Women's and Children's Hospital.

Media Note: Media are welcome to attend the Open Day. There will be an opportunity for visuals and interviews on **SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER AT 1 PM.**

Contact on the day, and for further comment, please call Kevin Murphy 8204 3849.

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