



Media Release

Santa's rockstar arrival at MFS Children's Christmas Party!

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Today, Santa will enjoy a rockstar welcome from hundreds of cheering children as he makes a grand entrance at the Metropolitan Fire Service's (MFS) Children's Christmas Party.

Santa will suddenly appear on top of the Fire Tower, hop onto the carry cage of an aerial fire truck and be lowered to greet the hundreds of children below.

Adelaide Fire Station will become a children's fairground, full of rides, slides, bouncing castles, face painting, games, trains and ice creams, in an MFS tradition dating back to the 1950's.

MFS Commander, Adrienne Clarke attended the party as a child and is now honoured to organise the event each year.

"The MFS Children's Christmas Party is believed to date back about 70 years. I remember attending with my father, who was a firefighter, and it was a highlight of the year for my family.

"About half of our operational workforce of firefighters and Triple Zero call takers will be on duty either Christmas day or night, while our regional retained firefighters will be on-call. So, the party is a way for our firefighters and staff to enjoy quality family time ahead of Christmas Day," MFS Commander Clarke said.

MFS Chief Officer, Michael Morgan said that MFS families share the big day with families from local charities, The Smith Family, Junction and Minda.

"The party is fully funded by staff, who pay for their own children or grandchildren to attend, on the condition that they also sponsor a child from a charity to attend.

"It's a fabulous Christmas gift to see other South Australian families sharing the day with our fire service families. Together, we make enjoy treasured Christmas memories," MFS Chief Officer Morgan said.

The event is organised by the MFS and supported by the Fire Service Credit Union, Fire Service Fund, United Firefighters Union (UFU) of South Australia, Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation (APFF) charity and Health Partners.

MFS Commander Adrienne Clarke will be available for interview.

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