



Media Release

MFS appoints new Deputy Chief Officer

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The South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Jeff Swann to the position of Deputy Chief Officer.

The appointment comes ahead of current Deputy Chief Officer, Paul Fletcher's retirement, following 38 years of service with the MFS.

Mr Swann, who is currently Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer was selected for the role following a worldwide open call.

MFS Chief Officer and Chief Executive, Michael Morgan, states the calibre of applications received was impressive.

"Through an extensive, global recruitment process which included a host of exceptional candidates a final interview panel unanimously agreed that Mr Swann be appointed to the role," explains MFS Chief Officer Morgan.

"In addition to over 23 years' experience in firefighting and emergency response, Mr Swann has strong executive credentials, which aligns perfectly with the role's responsibilities."

"Mr Swann's commitment to service, the community and his collaborative approach to leadership are qualities that have earned him immense respect within the MFS," concludes MFS Chief Officer, Michael Morgan.

As Deputy Chief Officer, Mr Swann will form a key part of the MFS' executive leadership team and will play an integral role in advancing the MFS' strategic goals, driving future success and sustainability.

In his current role, Mr Swann has demonstrated a transformative approach to the MFS' 5 year Strategic Plan, which has included a core focus on engagement across the agency. Mr Swann has most recently led the Metropolitan Operations Central Department and Special Operations and represented the MFS on the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC) Pacific Partnership Program, where he is the liaison to the Tonga Fire and Emergency Services.

Community is also ingrained in Mr Swann who has over 20 years' service in surf life saving which includes as a member of the helicopter rescue crew.

"I am extremely honoured to be appointed Deputy Chief Officer for the MFS in South Australia. I am committed to serving the MFS and look forward to bringing my executive and director experience to the role, driving the MFS' future success at a strategic level," states Mr Swann.

Mr Swann will commence in the role of MFS Deputy Chief Officer later this month, ahead of Mr Fletcher's retirement date of 14 July 2023.

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