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South Australian Fire and
Emergency Services Commission

Employers applauded for supporting emergency services volunteers

Wednesday 26 November 2008
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- What:** Volunteer and Employer Recognition Award Presentation
- When:** 7:00 pm Thursday 27 November 2008 (ceremony starts from 7.30 pm)
- Where:** State Emergency Service (SES) Unit, Thomas Street, Murray Bridge

The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) Volunteer and Employer Recognition and Support program recognises employer supported volunteering within the emergency service sector.

Commissioner of Fire and Emergencies, David Place will present awards and certificates to employers during a BBQ at the Murray Bridge State Emergency Service (SES) Unit tomorrow night.

Twenty employers from across the region will be receiving certificates and an additional 13 certificates will be awarded to self employed volunteers.

“Employers who take a socially responsible approach and allow their staff to regularly down tools to volunteer for our emergency service organisations contribute to the fabric and resilience of their communities,” said Mr Place.

“Without the support of employers, emergency service volunteers wouldn’t be as readily able to fight bushfires or assist with other emergencies so it is important to recognise the important role employers, and self employed volunteers, make to their communities.”

CFS Chief Officer Euan Ferguson, SES Chief Officer Stuart Macleod and MFS Acting Deputy Chief Officer Ray Sedunary will also be in attendance, as will Mayor Alan Arbon, Rural City of Murray Bridge and Mayor Ian Mann, Mid Murray Council.

Media are invited to attend the ceremony.

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