

media release

Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation



Regional firefighters shake their boots for charity!

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From Friday, 13 November, Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) firefighters from stations across regional South Australia will shake their boots in the name of charity.

'Shake the Boot' is a state-wide fundraising event organised by the Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation (APFF) in November each year.

This year firefighters from **Victor Harbor, Port Lincoln, Port Augusta, Port Pirie, Whyalla, Kadina, Kapunda, Tanunda, Loxton, Renmark, Murray Bridge and Mount Gambier** will be collecting in their communities.

APFF President and MFS District Officer, Greg Crossman says people living in country communities should be on the lookout for MFS firefighters collecting money with the help of a boot!

"I'd like to acknowledge the fantastic support regional communities have given to 'Shake the Boot' over the years, and encourage them to again dig deep.

"All funds raised through 'Shake the Boot' in a particular regional community, will be donated directly back to a hospital, charity, school or other worthy cause selected in that community," Mr Crossman says.

In February this year, regional communities supported a special 'Shake the Boot' event held by the APFF and MFS firefighters in response to the tragic Victorian Bushfires.

Regional communities rallied to donate almost \$100,000, all of which was donated directly to the Australian Red Cross Victorian Bushfires Appeal.

The APFF would like to acknowledge the kindness of those who donated, and encourage regional communities to get behind the latest 'Shake the Boot' event.

Regional media can contact their local MFS Regional Manager for interviews, photo opportunities or to confirm where and when firefighters in their region will be collecting.

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