

State Emergency Service

Media Release



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Tea Tree Gully unit out to maintain its perfect record

Tea Tree Gully State Emergency Service (SES) Unit will be out to maintain its perfect winning record when it competes in this year's State Rescue Challenge at AAMI Stadium at West Lakes this Saturday.

'Gully' has won each of the 12 challenges held since the event first began in 1992. However, this year's team has a number of new members and they will be competing against an experienced team from Metro South SES Unit.

SES Chief Officer Chris Beattie said both teams have trained hard in recent months to try and take the title of state champions.

"Both teams will be really put through their paces and judged in a series of six simulated scenarios in and around the stadium which have been designed to test their rescue and response skills," Mr Beattie said.

Four other SES teams – Mount Barker, Western Adelaide, Eastern Suburbs and a composite Sturt-Port Lincoln team – will also take part on Saturday, using the event as a training opportunity to hone their skills.

The general public are welcome to attend the challenge throughout the day with the first of the six scenarios set to get underway at 7.40am.

Two guided tours, which will guide visitors through the venue, will be held from 10.15 to 11.30am and from 1.15 to 2.30pm.

Visitors will be given a brief safety briefing before entering the site and must wear enclosed footwear. Entry to the venue is off West Lakes Boulevard.

The winner of this year's challenge will represent South Australia at this year's National Disaster Rescue Competition (NDRC), which will be held in Tasmania later this year.

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