

State Emergency Service

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Say thanks to SES volunteers on WOW

South Australians are being urged to wear orange on Wednesday, 12 November to show their support for the wonderful work of the state's 1700 State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers.

SES Chief Officer Chris Beattie said Wear Orange Wednesday (WOW) was a great opportunity to celebrate the great work done by SES volunteers and let them know that what they do is valued.

In 2013-14, the SES responded to 10,296 requests for assistance from the South Australian public. This equates to around 114,000 volunteer hours helping the community.

"Wearing orange shows that we as a community are grateful to the many volunteers who are called out in all types of weather, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to fallen trees, floods, road crashes, marine, vertical and other rescues and all manner of other emergencies," Mr Beattie said.

The SES also assists other agencies such as the Country Fire Service during major bushfires along with SA Police (SAPOL) and the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS).

"Our volunteers have enormous enthusiasm for what they do in helping people when they are most in need.

"They commit many hours to skills maintenance and training to ensure they can carry out the wide range of tasks required of them.

"They are worthy of your support so we hope to see as many people as possible wearing orange this coming Wednesday at their workplace, school or while they're out and about," Mr Beattie said.

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