

State Emergency Service

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SASES assisting its Victorian counterparts with swiftwater training this weekend at Barwon Heads

Three South Australian State Emergency Service (SES) staff members will travel to Barwon Heads this weekend to undertake practical swiftwater training for 80 staff and volunteers from the Victorian State Emergency Service (SES).

They will leave Adelaide tomorrow to conduct two one-day practical swiftwater training sessions at the Bellarine Peninsula township, which is about 25 kilometres south of Geelong.

A second team of SASES trainers will go to Eildon, 140 kilometres north east of Melbourne, a fortnight later to undertake further practical swiftwater training.

Chief Officer Chris Beattie said the South Australian SES had developed considerable expertise in swiftwater rescue in recent years with around 700 volunteers undertaking the training.

"Our involvement with Victorian SES is recognition of our skills in this specialist area and a great example of crosstraining and helping maintain and update the emergency response capacity of a sister agency," Mr Beattie said.

"There's no doubt that there are numerous benefits when emergency service agencies train together. We can all learn from each other," Mr Beattie said.

Note to media: Trevor Arnold, who is the Regional Commander – North Region for the SES, can be contacted on 0427 500 930 for further information prior to departure.

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