STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Volunteers gather in Adelaide this weekend for this year's State Rescue Challenge

State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers from across the state will gather in Adelaide this weekend (Saturday and Sunday, 1-2 June 2019) to compete in this year's State Rescue Challenge (SRC2019).

Eight teams will test their skills in various simulated rescue and response scenarios to earn the title of South Australian champions and represent the state at the National Disaster Rescue Competition (NDRC) being held in Wollongong in November.

Tea Tree Gully SES Unit – 13 times winner of the challenge – will face stiff competition from units from Port Lincoln, Mount Gambier, Noarlunga, Eastern Suburbs, Western Adelaide and composite teams from Metro South/Sturt and Clare/Laura.

SES Chief Officer Chris Beattie said this year's event is being held at multiple locations in the Adelaide metropolitan area.

"The scenarios we have devised will be a real test of their skill, ability to work under pressure and teamwork," Mr Beattie said.

The general public is welcome to attend the challenge on Sunday morning between 9.30am and 10.30am and between 11.15am and 12.15pm at two locations - north of the city at Enfield SES Unit, Hoods Road, Northfield and south at Noarlunga SES Unit, corner of Lindsay and Brian Roads, Lonsdale. Enclosed footwear must be worn onsite.

Note to media. Media representatives are welcome at the State Rescue Challenge at any time throughout the two days. Please call the SES media line on 8211 6176 for further details and stand locations. The scenarios at the challenge will get underway at 9.30am each morning and run through until 4.15pm.

