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Firefighters Honoured with 'Sound Off' Ceremony

International Firefighter's Day ~ 4 May 2003

This Sunday, 4 May, representatives of the state's major fire services and the United Firefighter's Union (UFU) will mark International Firefighter's Day with a 'Sound Off' ceremony at Eastern Hill Fire Station.

All firefighters, both volunteer and paid, potentially put their safety and lives at risk every time they attend an incident.

"It is a day when current and past firefighters can be thanked for their service to the public", said Deputy Chief Fire Officer Keith Adamson.

"This is a chance to recognise the contribution and honour the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure their communities and the environment is as safe as possible", Mr Adamson explained.

The 'Sound Off' will occur across the world at noon (local times).

Who:	Representatives from the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB), Country Fire Authority (CFA), Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), State Emergency Service (SES), other emergency services and the United Firefighter's Union.
What:	A 'Sound Off' ceremony to remember past firefighters and those who dedicate their lives to protecting the community.
When:	Sunday 4 May 2002
	1150 hrs - Address by the MFB Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Keith Adamson
	1158 hrs - Australian flag will be lowered to half mast
	1200 hrs - Station siren sounded for 30 seconds
	1201 hrs - One minutes silence
	1203 hrs - Firefighter's Prayer is read
	1204 hrs - Evergreen placed at the base of the flagpole
	1207 hrs - Flag returned to full mast
Where:	Eastern Hill Fire Station 456 Albert Street, East Melbourne Melways reference: 2F K1

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