



## INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' DAY – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2002

**What:** International Firefighters' Day "Sound Off"

**Why:** International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is observed each year on 4th May. On this date you are invited to remember the past firefighters who have died while serving our community or dedicated their lives to protecting the safety of us all. At the same time, we can show our support and appreciation to the firefighters world wide who continue to protect us so well throughout the year.

This IFFD there will be an international "Sound Off" – the sounding of sirens for 30 seconds at noon (local time) – to show our respect to the dedication, commitment and sacrifices of firefighters everywhere. This will be followed by a minute's silence and the laying of evergreens at the base of the fire station flag at half mast.

The Sound Off will give all a chance to reflect on the firefighters who have lost their lives in the last twelve months, particularly those on September 11th, in a very fitting firefighter tribute.

The Sound Off will be an international event with fire departments and brigades around the world also participating at their local noon.

**Who:** Members and neighbours of the Cranbourne Group of Fire Brigades, CFA  
NRE firefighters  
Transfield Fire and Rescue firefighters  
MFB firefighters  
Cranbourne Police  
Cranbourne Ambulance Service  
Hon Gary Rowe MLA  
Graeme Smith, Mayor of City of Casey  
Community, Friends and Family

**When:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2002 - 1145 until 1215 hrs followed by a BBQ lunch.  
(Appliances to arrive and be sited before 1130 hrs)

**Where:** Clyde Fire Station  
Railway Road, CLYDE Vic 3978  
Melways reference: 134 K11

**Background:** Further information can be sourced from the official IFFD website at:  
[www.futureweb.com.au/edmondson](http://www.futureweb.com.au/edmondson)

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### **Program of Events:**

- 1100 hrs Podium and amplifier set up beside station
- 1115 hrs Appliances begin to arrive. Appliances parked in semi-circle at back of Clyde Fire Station.
- 1130 hrs Public and VIPs invited to arrive
- 1145 hrs MC welcomes guests to Clyde and introduces CFA Chaplain, Ian Cartmel
- 1146 hrs CFA Chaplain speaks of the role and commitment of firefighters, explains IFFD and the Sound Off and speaks of St Florian, the Patron Saint of Firefighters. (Readings will be by different fire-services).
- 1158 hrs The Australian flag will be lowered to half mast by a group representing the fire services present.
- 1200 hrs Pagers will be inhibited and the station siren will be sounded for thirty seconds followed by a minute's silence as a mark of respect for all past firefighters.
- 1203 hrs The Firefighters' Prayer is read
- 1205 hrs Firefighters and the community will be invited to lay a piece of evergreen at the base of the flagpole.
- 1210 hrs The flag is returned to the top of the mast.
- 1212 hrs The CFA Chaplain will lead a prayer for firefighters and their families around the world.
- 1215 hrs VIPs, firefighters and members of the community will be invited to join Clyde at a BBQ.