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MFB WELCOMES NEW RECRUITS

WHAT: The MFB's newest recruit firefighters will be graduating in an official ceremony this week.

WHEN: **Wednesday 24 June 2009**
10.00am – 12.00pm

Note: Firefighting display to commence at around 10.45am

WHERE: **MFB Burnley complex**
450 Burnley St, Richmond

WHY: The 30 members of Recruit Course 99 have undergone 15 and a half weeks of intensive training, including traditional hose drills, hot fire training, emergency medical response, management of hazardous materials and road accident rescue.

The new recruits will take part in a firefighting display at the graduation, including a hot fire demonstration and road accident rescue using the 'jaws of life'.

The new MFB firefighters come from a variety of backgrounds. The course includes a former teacher, police officer and personal trainers.

MFB Chief Fire Officer Tony Murphy said the training the recruits receive will fully equip them to deal with current and future emergencies.

"Our firefighters face many challenges throughout their time with the MFB. The intensive training received as recruits has prepared our newest firefighters to effectively respond to fires and emergencies," he said

For more information or to attend the graduation, please contact:

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