

# Media Release



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## Road accident rescue demo day

ACT Fire & Rescue is urging Canberran's to take care when travelling on the road this holiday season. This message will be emphasised by the ACT Ambulance Service and ACT Fire & Rescue when the services demonstrate the penalty of careless driving this weekend in a realistic portrayal of motor vehicle accidents and their consequences.

“An event like the road accident awareness day is a timely reminder to the Canberra community with the Easter holidays approaching,” ACT Fire & Rescue Chief Officer Paul Swain said.

“During this period many Canberran's travel on roads around the region and by seeing firsthand how patients become trapped and injured in road crashes will be a reminder for motorists to be constantly aware of the consequences of being in a road crash,” he said.

“In the past twelve months ACT Fire & Rescue responded to 1021 road accidents, of those, 126 accidents occurred during the holiday period from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 to January 31<sup>st</sup> 2012.

“Hydraulic tools from ACT & Fire Rescue will be used by experienced fire-fighters to gain access to passengers trapped inside vehicles during the exercises with commentary provided by officers to inform the audience of the tasks that are required by emergency personnel at crash scenes.

“Tomorrow's open day will feature experts from the ACT Ambulance Service, ACT Fire & Rescue, as well as ACT Policing all present in the one location equipped with advice as well as insightful demonstrations on how rescue crews access injured patients in road accidents.”

The open day runs from 10am till 2pm tomorrow at Bunnings Warehouse Tuggeranong, corner of Anketell Street and Oakden St, Tuggeranong.