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Firies destroy new cars for Rescue Comp

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Firefighters from ACT Fire & Rescue (ACTF&R) will compete against other emergency service workers from across Australia, New Zealand and Asia in an annual Road Rescue Challenge until Sunday at Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC).

“ACTF&R is pleased to host this year’s Capital Rescue Challenge which enable crews to utilise their skills and equipment in a cutting edge road accident rescue forum against the very best the region has to offer,” ACTF&R Chief Officer Paul Swain said.

“Until Sunday, teams will compete in a series of motor vehicle accident rescue scenarios with the overall winner eligible to represent Australia at the World Rescue Challenge next year,” he said.

The Australasian Road Rescue Organisation (ARRO) conducts the annual rescue challenge to assist all emergency service workers in the development and exchange of information, knowledge and skills in road rescue. ARRO certified assessors will be on site through the Capital Rescue Challenge to judge and assess all competitors.

“We are also thankful to the team at Holden for donating 70 new vehicles for the Capital Rescue Challenge,” ACTF&R Chief Officer Paul Swain said.

“Vehicles of today are very much different to those of 20 years ago and having personnel train to the latest vehicle safety technology is essential,” he said.

“There are always dangers to rescuers when conducting road rescues. This could involve compressed air gas cylinders hidden under pillars and seats as well as air bags which could deploy during vehicle rescues.

“During the Capital Rescue Challenge machinery will be used to replicate accident damage to vehicles and crews will use hydraulic rescue tools to free patients who are trapped.

“The ACT team comprises of five firefighters from ACT Fire & Rescue and one intensive care paramedic from the ACT Ambulance Service.”

The Capital Rescue Challenge commences today with three days of competition. ACT Fire & Rescue invite the public to watch the various teams conduct the road rescues from 8am till 4pm. Entry is free.