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Media Release

ACTF&R Selects New Firefighting PPE

Pac Fire in Australia has secured a new contract to supply state-of-the-art MSA Bristol structural firefighting PPE to ACT Fire & Rescue (ACTF&R).

ACTF&R provides a rapid response capability from nine strategically located Fire Stations across the Australian Capital Territory. Having taken the decision to update its kit and transition to the next generation in structural firefighting personal protective clothing (PPC), it underwent an extensive procurement process, and a rigorous trial and evaluation period to test products available on the market. As a result, MSA Bristol's popular XFlex range was selected, and an order placed with Pac Fire for approximately 1,000 sets.

MSA Bristol is a leading designer and manufacturer of protective clothing for emergency services across the globe, formed by the recent acquisition of Bristol Uniforms by MSA Safety. Its XFlex range has been ergonomically designed with sports styling and lightweight fabrics, providing advanced comfort and protection. The unique fabric combination consists of Safety Components Nomex® 360™, combined with a GORE® PARALLON™ 600 liner system which provides unparalleled levels of breathability while preventing drops in thermal protection.

A spokesperson from ACT Emergency Services Agency commented:

“It is important to us that we provide sizes and cuts that afford the best possible protection and comfort to our people. MSA Bristol's XFlex provides garments that meet these requirements.

“Technology in all aspects of firefighting is moving at a rapid pace, and PPC technology is no different. ACT Fire & Rescue is excited to provide cutting edge PPC technology to its firefighters.”

Paul Clark, Business Development Manager from Pac Fire commented:

“We’re delighted to have won this significant contract, providing firefighters across ACT with cutting-edge kit that provides optimal protection alongside excellent comfort and manoeuvrability.”

Paul Gibson, International Sales Manager from MSA Bristol commented:

“MSA Bristol has been working closely alongside Pac Fire, supplying specialist firefighter PPE to customers in Australia for more than 13 years. Our XFlex range is popular with firefighters across Australasia and the world, consistently performing well in user trials thanks to its light weight and flexibility. We look forward to supplying ACTF&R for many years to come.”

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