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MEDIA RELEASE

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WEAR ORANGE TO BE STORM SAFE

Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Simon Corbell, today launched a community awareness campaign reminding all Canberrans that it is easy to prepare for the likelihood of increased storm activity in the coming months.

“The StormSafe campaign is conducted around this time every year by the ACT State Emergency Service (ACTSES) in partnership with NRMA Insurance to help build resilience in the community for severe storm and flooding events,” Mr Corbell said.

“The campaign delivers a very important message for all Canberra households; **‘You don’t have to wear orange to be storm safe’**, which encourages all residents of the ACT to think about what they can do to minimise the damage their home could sustain during the coming months,” he said.

The ACTSES will be out in force throughout the campaign, wearing their bright orange uniforms, at local Bunnings Warehouse and Magnet Mart stores to provide the tips and tools Canberra residents can use to easily prepare their homes.

“Storm and flood can cause significant damage to property and risk to the safety of you and your family,” Mr Corbell said.

“The actions residents can take to prepare their homes are simple and during this campaign the ACTSES in their orange uniforms, will be demonstrating to Canberrans how easy it is to protect their homes and family against storm damage,” he said.

The campaign will feature advice on things Canberra householders can do to prepare their homes including:

- Maintaining the condition of your roof by keeping gutters clear of fallen leaves and by fixing cracked tiles;
- Preparing your yard by trimming overhanging tree branches and securing loose furniture and;
- Preparing your family by having an emergency safety kit, keeping children and pets indoors during a storm and keeping your insurance up to date.

“I encourage the community to heed the message from the ACTSES and watch the demonstrations at Bunnings Warehouse and Magnet Mart over the next week”.

For more information about the ACTSES StormSafe demonstrations go to www.ses.act.gov.au.

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