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## Cars Crushed by the VICSES State Road Rescue Challenge

Two days and over 30 crushed cars later, VICSES has completed the State Road Rescue Challenge.

The Challenge took place over two days on December 6 & 7 at the Melbourne Showgrounds.

VICSES teams from Bacchus Marsh, Bendigo, Emerald, Frankston, Gisborne, Morwell and Portland as well as the Werribee CFA Brigade put their skills to the test on brand new cars donated by GM Holden and Ford that were crushed to resemble entrapments based on real crashes.

Overall, the Werribee CFA team was victorious, placing first overall, as well as taking out best technical team, best team leader and best medic.

Frankston SES finished second overall, with Gisborne SES third.

As the highest placing VICSES team, Frankston are now eligible to represent VICSES at the Australasian Road Rescue Challenge next year.

Reliance Petroleum was pleased to be the principal sponsor of the Challenge this year.

"We're proud to be a supporter of the SES in Victoria and the major sponsor of this event," said Reliance Petroleum Managing Director David Birrell.

"Attending this event, I witnessed the growing skills and commitment of these volunteers and we're delighted to be in a position where we can support such a critical community service," Mr Birrell said.

VICSES Director of Operations, Trevor White said that participating in the challenge was a valuable learning experience that will help improve skills for real-life rescue operations.

"The Challenge was a terrific opportunity for VICSES and CFA teams to demonstrate their proficiencies using the latest rescue gear on new model cars," Mr White said.

"It was also a great chance to exchange techniques, skills and experiences."



*Emerald Volunteer Andrew Buck in action at the Road Rescue Challenge.*



*Winners are gridders – Werribee CFA receive first place overall from Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Services The Hon Danielle Green, VICSES Director of Operations Trevor White and Reliance Petroleum's Tom O'Brien and Jasmine Zwiebel.*



*Group shot at the completion of the Challenge.*