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## **MDRT and MDRT Foundation Donate \$50,000 to Australian Fire Relief Efforts.**

**PARK RIDGE, Ill. (Jan. 27, 2020)** Recently, unprecedented bushfires have devastated Australia and its people. MDRT and the MDRT Foundation have decided to commit a joint gift of USD 50,000 to help to mitigate the impact of this tragic event. Specifically, the organizations will donate USD 25,000 each to the Australian Red Cross and the New South Wales Rural Fire Service, two key organizations leading relief efforts.

“Our hearts go out to the people of Australia in this unprecedented moment of hardship — to the impacted families and emergency personnel fighting the fires,” said Regina Bedoya, CLU, ChFC, 2020 MDRT President. “Philanthropy has been deeply rooted in the traditions of MDRT and its members. We hope our contribution will help support the recovery and prevent future damage from the bushfires.”

As a global organization, MDRT welcomed the first member from Australia in 1930. For the past 90 years, Australian members have been an important part of MDRT and actively participated in the philanthropic activities of the MDRT Foundation.

“The bushfires have caused and continue to incite overwhelming destruction to the communities, wildlife, environment and people of Australia,” said Brian Tarpey, 2020 MDRT Foundation President. “We are proud to invest in organizations that are working tirelessly to carry out the disaster relief efforts.”

The donation will assist the Australian Red Cross in providing immediate resources as well as long term assistance to impacted people across Australia. MDRT and the MDRT Foundation also donated USD 25,000 to the New South Wales Rural Fire Service, the world’s largest volunteer fire service, providing fire and emergency services to approximately 95% of New South Wales.

### **About MDRT**

Founded in 1927, Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT), The Premier Association of Financial Professionals®, is a global, independent association of more than 70,000 of the world's leading life insurance and financial services professionals from more than 500 companies in 72 nations and territories. MDRT members demonstrate exceptional professional knowledge, strict ethical conduct and outstanding client service. MDRT membership is recognized internationally as the standard of excellence in the life insurance and financial services business.

### **About MDRT Foundation**

The mission of the MDRT Foundation is to increase member and industry participation and to give funds to worthwhile charitable organizations throughout the world. Since its formation in 1959, the MDRT Foundation has granted more than USD 36 million to charitable organizations in 72 countries and all 50 United States.