



Institution of Fire Engineers Australia

An open letter to all members of the fire community throughout the World

On Thursday 24 April 2008, Andrew John Thompson was illegally abducted by his mother Melinda Thompson from Australia. Andrew is four years old.

Andrew's father, Ken Thompson, is Deputy Commissioner of the New South Wales Fire Brigades, Sydney, Australia. Ken is known to many fire and emergency services colleagues around the world.

Andrew was taken by his mother to Frankfurt, where they disappeared. They could still be in Germany but they could also have moved on.

Melinda Thompson may be using her maiden name Melinda Stratton. Both Andrew and his mother are Australians travelling on Australian passports. Melinda speaks English, German, and French.

Authorities have warned the pair must not be approached as 46-year-old Mrs. Thompson may pose a danger to herself and Andrew. An arrest warrant has been issued for Melinda Thompson.

IFE Australia is asking our colleagues around the world to circulate this letter as widely as possible. We ask also that you to print off the attached poster and pin it on notice boards, place it on web sites and even on fire trucks and fire stations, where ever you can.

For further information on the abduction follow these internet links:

<http://www.australianmissingpersonsregister.com/AndrewThompson.htm>

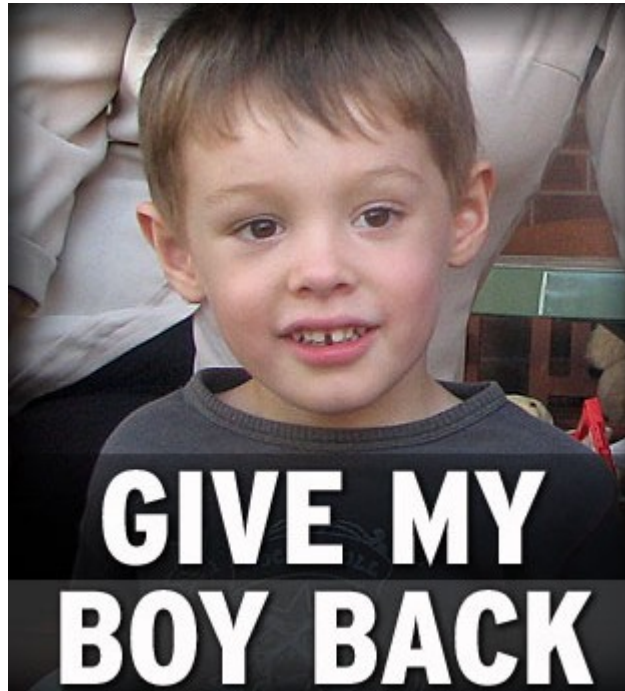
<http://www.bebo.com/Profile.jsp?MemberId=8302791804>

If you see Andrew or Melinda or know where they are, contact your local police or Interpol immediately, or contact Andrew's father Ken Thompson at kenthompson@fastmail.fm

We hope you can help us to locate Andrew and his mother.

**Mark Reilly MIFireE
President
Institution of Fire Engineers Australia
19 December 2008**

Aussie Fire Chief's Global Plea



Andrew John THOMPSON was illegally abducted by his mother Melinda Thompson from Australia on April 24 2008. The pair flew from Sydney to Frankfurt, where they disappeared. Andrew is four years old.

They could still be in Germany but they could also be in any other country.

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Ken is the Deputy Commissioner of the New South Wales Fire Brigades,
Sydney, Australia.