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### **More ambos**

TWO SA Ambulance teams will now officially service Port Lincoln during the day, with State Government funding allowing six more recruits to sign on.

Port Lincoln SA ambulance clinical team leader Richard Scott said the service used to provide one crew each for a day and overnight shift.

However extra funding has increased the team from 10 to 16, which allows two crews for a 10-hour day shift and one crew for the overnight shift.

Mr Scott said the workload in Port Lincoln had steadily increased in the past decade, and especially in the past two years.

He said while the team was based in Port Lincoln, the extra crew would provide support for the volunteer-run Coffin Bay and Tumby Bay ambulance teams.

"It will certainly provide them with support and give the community a bit of coverage," Mr Scott said.

Mr Scott said five of the extra ambulance crew were university graduates.

State Health Minister John Hill said SA Ambulance Service regularly monitored trends in use of its services, and recognised that Port Lincoln was a "growing area and beginning to experience additional demand for ambulance services".