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Busy weekend for St John volunteers at Bathurst 1000

St John volunteers had a busy weekend providing first aid at the 2007 Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000, which took place from 4 to 7 October.

There were 59 volunteers in attendance, with four posts set up including an Advanced Casualty Management Centre (ACMC) and two Bicycle Emergency Response Teams (BERTs).

St John volunteers saw over 500 casualties, providing some 1000 hours of volunteer service.

Geoff Kiehne, Regional Superintendent, St John Western Region, comments:

“We are proud to be able to offer such a valuable service to the local community and provide support for great events such as this.

“The presence of the ACMC directly reduced the need for Ambulance Service of NSW (ASNSW) transports to Bathurst Base Hospital by a total of 17. These people were those who were treated on site with no need for further referral to the emergency department. This treatment included wound suturing, general wound and burn care along with the administration of medications.

“The level of co-operation between St John and the ASNSW was excellent and it was this working together that produced rapid response times along with a high level of care available to the race-going public.

“The total casualty numbers are in line with our experience of the past 11 years of our attendance.

“Without our dedicated volunteers St John would not exist. They are the backbone of our organisation and we encourage more people to join this wonderful cause and assist the team in providing first aid services at events.”

St John is always looking for new volunteers to join their Divisions. First Aid volunteers learn and practice First Aid, family care and other subjects to enhance their life saving skills. Members can attend training courses to learn advanced First Aid and life saving skills,



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communications, leadership training and participate in special event training such as major incident management courses.

This month (October), St John is kicking off a new campaign called 'Save a Life', which aims to raise awareness of first aid and increase life saving first aid skills within the community. The theme Save a Life is about being able to save lives as a St John volunteer or learning first aid to have the skills to save a life.

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