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Want to learn the skills to save a life? Join the New St John Division in Mt Druitt

St John (NSW) will open a new First Aid Services Division in the Mt Druitt and St Marys area to help serve the community by providing medical services at local events.

There are currently six members of the Division, which will hold its first meeting on Thursday 7 February 2008, and they are seeking more people to join.

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

St John volunteers are on duty at large events including the New Year's Eve celebrations, but for most local residents across NSW, St John volunteers are best known for their presence at local sporting, school and community events.

Dennis Lavender, Divisional Officer in Charge of the new Division, comments:

"Many young volunteers have found St John to be a valuable stepping-stone for career as an ambulance officer, nurse or in medicine.

"Without these 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.

"However, if you aren't able to volunteer, learning first aid is still extremely important, especially in ensuring the safety of your family. Even if you never have to use the skills, knowing you could save a life means you can be prepared for any emergency."

The Mt Druitt St John Division will meet every Thursday night at 7pm at Holy Family Church, corner of Pelsart Avenue and Carteret Ave, Willmot.

To find out more please visit www.stjohnnsw.com.au or call 1300 360 455.

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