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St John watching over NYE crowds

Amongst the crowds of over a million people lining up along Sydney's harbour, Darling Harbour, Bondi and Manly were around 200 St John Ambulance volunteers watching over the crowds, from mid afternoon on New Year's Eve through to the early morning hours of New Year's Day.

St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) provides front line volunteer support and works in conjunction with the NSW Ambulance Service to care and treat anyone who is sick or injured on the night.

Didier Moutia, State Operations Officer, said:

"In between the fireworks and the crowds, St John treated approximately 600 people from minor to moderate injuries. There were also 20 patients being taken to hospital by the Ambulance Service. The most common injuries were related to alcohol, said Mr Moutia"

Warren Glenny, State Commissioner of St John (NSW) comments the value of volunteering in major events such as NYE:

"Along with Australia Day and Big Day Out, New Years Eve is a major event for St John and a big task for our volunteers who selflessly give up their time to ensure the safety of more than one million people.

"We are really proud and grateful for the work they do", Mr Glenny said.

To know more about St John or to become a volunteer visit www.stjohnnsw.com.au or call 1300 455 130.

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