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From saving lives to receiving awards

Western Sydney volunteers honoured

14 October 2009. They give up their spare time to provide first aid at local community and sporting events, but on Saturday 10 October, 26 Western Sydney St John Ambulance volunteers paused from helping injured people to receive an award for their voluntary work.

They were amongst the 150 awardees at the St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Annual Awards Ceremony, held at the Great Hall Sydney University.

St John (NSW), which is a self-funded charity and has been providing first aid services to the community for over 125 years, awarded its volunteers for their long term commitment.

St John (NSW) also recognized members of the public for providing outstanding first aid in various emergency situations and awarded several organisations for their support to St John.

Sean Gavin, CEO of St John (NSW), said the volunteers give up their time willingly and regularly to provide a service they believe in.

“They have quietly yet effectively assisted those in need at local sporting and cultural events as well as in large gatherings like the Sydney World Masters Games, Big Day Out, New Year’s Eve celebrations and the City to Surf.

“Other St John volunteers assist primary school aged children with reading and writing, while another group of volunteers assist Health Department nurses with the NSW Schools immunization Program.

“It’s an honour to recognise their contribution through this award ceremony”, Mr Gavin said.

In addition to its volunteer services, St John (NSW) has trained many hundreds of thousands of people in first aid. In many cases, this training has resulted in ordinary people having the courage, confidence and skills to manage an emergency situation, and in so doing, saving lives.

In 2008, when St John Ambulance celebrated its 125 years of service in Australia, over 3,500 volunteers provided more than 450,000 hours of voluntary service across the state in the areas of first aid, early literacy, immunisation and ophthalmic care.

To know more about St John or to become a volunteer visit www.stjohnnsw.com.au or call 1300 360 455.

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Please find below a list of volunteers awarded. Photos are available upon request.

Grand Prior Award – Cadet Achievement

Mr	Elias	Calabretta	BLACKTOWN NSW
Mr	Jitesh	Rudhar	GREEN VALLEY NSW
Miss	Jessica	Montecinos	WEST HOXTON NSW
Miss	Lizeth	Montecinos	WEST HOXTON NSW
Mr	Luis	Rosa Santos	CASULA NSW
Miss	Alannah	Cindric	ERSKINE PARK NSW
Miss	Malary	Jeffress	ERSKINE PARK NSW
Mr	Jordan	Klein	MOUNT RIVERVIEW NSW
Mr	Nicholas	Geyer	PERTHVILLE NSW

Peter Falkland Award – Best cadet leader

Mr	Mickael	Gieules	WENTWORTHVILLE NSW
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Service Medal (12 years of dedicated service)

Mrs	Annette	Smart	BLACKTOWN NSW
Mr	Michael	Needham	MOUNT PRITCHARD NSW
Mr	Keith	Avery	ROOTY HILL NSW
Mr	Malcolm	Towle	KINGSWOOD NSW
Mrs	Merryl	Foster	BLAXLAND NSW
Mr	Paul	Stone	FAULCONBRIDGE NSW

First Bar (17 years of dedicated service)

Mr	Adrian	Rossiter	RUSHCUTTERS BAY NSW
Mrs	Janet	Powell	GREYSTANES NSW
Mrs	Jennifer	Gallagher	LALOR PARK NSW
Mrs	Rhonda	Alexander	WERRINGTON DOWNS NSW
Mr	Brian	Warwick	RICHMOND NSW
Mr	Stewart	Newcombe	EMERTON NSW

Second Bar (22 years of dedicated service)

Mrs	Tracy	Parrish	GLENMORE PARK NSW
Mr	Richard	Condie	HOBARTVILLE NSW

Third Bar (27 years of dedicated service)

Mr	David	Czerkies	GREYSTANES NSW
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Eight Bar (52 years of dedicated service)

Mr	Anthony	Jansson	BLACKTOWN NSW
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