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RE:	St John keeps crowds safe as Sydney rings in 2012		

Close to 200 St John (NSW) volunteers provided first aid and health care services at 23 locations to those who celebrated New Year's Eve through the Sydney CBD and Harbour foreshore, with hundreds of additional volunteers covering regional celebrations across NSW.

"Our volunteers in Sydney treated 403 patients, with 26 people referred to the Ambulance Service of NSW for transport to hospital," said Elliot Williams, Event Commander from St John.

"We saw a significantly lower number of people in The Rocks and Circular Quay needing treatment compared to previous years, possibly due to the fact that these were alcohol-restricted areas."

St John volunteers, in conjunction with the Ambulance Service of NSW (ASNSW) and NSW Police Rescue, also attended to a male who became impaled after allegedly jumping a fence at the State Library of NSW. The male was transported to St Vincent's Hospital by the ASNSW in a stable condition.

Along with Australia Day celebrations and the Big Day Out, New Year's Eve marks the beginning of a busy summer period for St John volunteers who give up their time to ensure the safety of others at public and community events.

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