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MINSTER AWARDS LONG SERVICE MEDALS

Minister for Health presented the first of over 1,700 Long Service and Good Conduct medals to Ambulance Officers and support staff at the Ambulance Service's Rozelle Headquarters today.

Mr Hatzistergos said the Ambulance Long Service and Good Conduct medal was reintroduced in November 2005 following representations from Ambulance staff and their union.

"This medal recognises ten years of service with the Ambulance Service of New South Wales," Mr Hatzistergos said.

"Every day Ambulance officers are called on to save lives and treat patients before arrival at Hospital.

"This medal pays tribute to their work and also the support staff that back up these everyday heroes."

Mr Hatzistergos said the Ambulance Long Service and Good Conduct Medal is available to all eligible employees both operational and corporate as at 17 May 2005.

"The staff present today are representing the 1,730 staff for are eligible to receive this award, many of whom are working right across NSW," Mr Hatzistergos said.

"Recipients of the award will receive a full-size medal, a miniature medal and ribbon bar. Clasps will also be issued for every additional ten years service, as well as a lapel pin for corporate recipients.

"The staff who receive this award have not only demonstrated a long term commitment to the NSW Ambulance Service but also performed their roles with good conduct.

"The Ambulance Service of NSW has an outstanding record of retaining staff, with many working a long period of time – sometimes up to forty plus years.

"It is this sort of dedication to duty and service that this new medal recognises."