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## **ASNSW Greets 2009**

Ambulance received over 1000 calls for assistance across Sydney overnight. Many of these calls were to emergency medical cases not related to NYE celebrations.

Paramedics responded to approximately **350 cases** which have been identified as **likely 'celebration-related' incidents** occurring in and around Sydney and particularly from popular venues and vantage points.

Major categories of incidents

Alleged Assaults	100 cases attended and 36 persons transported to hospital
Falls	35 cases attended and 21 persons transported to hospital
Intoxication	100 cases attended and 47 persons transported to hospital
Alleged Glassings	21 cases attended and 12 persons transported to hospital
Lacerations (other)	24 cases attended and 14 persons transported to hospital
Burns (fireworks)	4 cases attended and 2 persons transported to hospital
Traumatic Injuries	32 cases attended and 14 persons transported to hospital
MV Collisions	11 cases attended and 8 persons transported to hospital
MV/Pedestrian	5 cases attended and 3 persons transported to hospital

It was a certainly a busy night for both Paramedics and Ambulance Operations Centre staff, but initial tallies indicate fewer revellers required medical attention and/or transport to hospital by Paramedics than New Year's Eve 2007.

Ambulance would like to wish the people of New South Wales a safe and healthy 2009.

In the case of medical emergencies, **dial triple zero (000); ask for Ambulance**, stay on the line whilst details of the emergency are obtained and an Ambulance is dispatched.

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