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Urunga ambulance – business as usual!

Despite the ambulance station at Urunga being 7 foot under water it is business as usual for Urunga's hard working paramedics. The Ambulance Service has relocated staff and vehicles to the Rural Fire Services building and is advising anyone needing emergency medical help to dial Triple Zero (000).

While some roads remain blocked ambulances are still able to reach many areas in and around the Mid North Coast.

Assistant Divisional Manager for the Mid North Coast Supt. Peter Pilon said, some places recorded more than 300 millimeters in six hours and the Ambulance station at Urunga has substantial damage to both the building, fixtures and fittings as a result of the flash flooding that occurred.

Supt Pilon also praised the efforts of local Ambulance paramedics who have continued to work day and night, with many knowing that their homes in Coffs Harbour and Urunga have been flooded.

Ambulance also advises motorists not to attempt to drive through flood waters, and reduce speed due to the poor visibility and the slippery conditions.

Ambulance is warning residents of the dangers of swimming in swollen rivers and creeks..

In an emergency 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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