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THANK A PARAMEDIC DAY

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today thanked the state's 3500-plus paramedics for the wonderful job they do and has encouraged the public to do the same.

"Our state's paramedics do an extraordinary job in extraordinary circumstances and their efforts should be recognised on Thank a Paramedic Day," Mrs Skinner said.

"Some would say that the work paramedics do can be thankless at times so it's important today and every day that we acknowledge the hard work of those men and women across the state.

"In the past year alone, the Ambulance Service of NSW has handled more than 1.1 million callouts and responded to an average of 3,234 calls a day.

"Paramedics receive hundreds of letters of gratitude every year from patients and their families, but this represents only a small proportion of those whose lives have been changed by the work they do.

"Today is a day that the whole community can show its appreciation of the vital service paramedics provide."

As part of Thank a Paramedic Day, paramedics will be honoured for bravery, long service, good conduct and exceptional performance at ceremonies across the state.

"Being a paramedic is a noble profession undertaken by individuals who dedicate themselves to helping those in need so it gives me great pleasure to say a very sincere thank you to each and every one of them today," Mrs Skinner said.

A special link has been set up on the Ambulance Service of NSW website so the public can show their appreciation, whether it's just a few words, a story or experience.

To pass on thanks, please visit the Ambulance Service of NSW website:
<http://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/>