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December Mission INCREASE of 25% for Snowy Hydro SouthCare

Snowy Hydro SouthCare has been tasked to 20 missions in the first 15 days of December. This is an increase of 25% on the average of one mission per day. "With being only 15 days into the month and a lot of the Christmas action yet to unfold, this is not a good sign of things to come" said CEO Steve Gregory.

"Snowy Hydro SouthCare Rescue Helicopter has covered a wide area including Canberra, Batemans Bay, Moruya, Tuross Heads, Snowy Mountains, Berridale, Cooma, Tumut, Boorowa and Blowering Reservoir to name but some of the areas we have been called to" says Mr Gregory but he adds, "this is just a small percentage of our total area which extends north from Goulburn, south to the Victorian border, east to the coast and west past Wagga".

Snowy Hydro SouthCare has covered all sorts of incidents including burn suffered from the Mitchell A.C.T aerosol explosion, lacerations from a boat propeller on Blowering Reservoir, search & rescue of an overturned boat at Tuross Heads, search & rescue of a bushwalking group in the Snowy Mountains, plus medical transfers of critically ill patients from regional areas.

Back on 1 December we indicated at our launch of our 2009 Christmas Appeal that accidents don't discriminate. The statistics to date and the varied work of Snowy Hydro SouthCare just back up what we have already said.

Whatever you do this festive season, play it safe. With temperatures soaring and fire bans in place we are heading into an extremely dangerous part of the year. Our statistics have shown that over the last five years the December mission total has been up to 48% higher than the average monthly total. That is not a record we are keen to beat but all indications are pointing to another busy time for our crews and rescue helicopter.

The general public can support us by donating at this critical time of year. It's as easy as going to our website www.snowyhydrosouthcare.com.au and all donations go towards keeping the rescue helicopter in the air saving lives.

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Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter Service was established in 1998 as the primary provider of Aero-Medical and Rescue helicopter services in the Australian Capital Territory and South -Eastern New South Wales. Call (02) 6207 8375 or visit www.snowyhydrosouthcare.com.au for more information.