

# Media Release

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## Health Professionals Save the Day at BBQ Blast Training Event

Rural and remote health professionals from the Northern Territory found themselves amid a real-life training scenario involving a BBQ explosion emergency today, after they were called on to treat 14 patients at the scene of a back yard BBQ in Farrar.

The unique training exercise run by St John Ambulance NT, the Territory's emergency response experts, was part of the *Compass Teaching and Learning Conference 2016*, a joint initiative of Northern Territory PHN (NT PHN) and Northern Territory General Practice Education (NTGPE), which is currently being held in Darwin.

St John are again proud to be co-ordinating this training for health professionals. Now in its third year, the training scenario provides a realistic situation to challenge the participants to utilise all of their medical skills.

“Often first at accident scenes in remote and rural areas, these health professionals can render life saving assistance prior to emergency crews arriving,” says St John Medical Director Dr Malcolm Johnston-Leek.

“It’s about training all health and medical professionals to work together in order to achieve the best possible patient care, even in the most remote locations.”

“We congratulate NT PHN and NTPGE on continuing such an exceptional initiative that encourages health professionals across the Territory to work more closely together,” said Dr Johnston-Leek.

The mock BBQ explosion saw health practitioners dealing with traumatic injuries in a real life manner, working collaboratively with paramedics.

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