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TRANSPORT AND ROADS MINISTER THANKS FRONTLINE WORKERS

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NSW Minister for Transport and Roads David Campbell today thanked the thousands of frontline workers who moved Sydneysiders around over Christmas and on New Year's Eve.

Mr Campbell said these workers spent time away from their families and friends over the festive season to ensure that our roads and public transport functioned safely and efficiently.

"While we were spending time with our families these holidays, our frontline public servants were on duty on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Years," Mr Campbell said.

"These workers gave up their time with their own friends and relatives to look after the needs of the rest of the community.

"On New Year's Eve alone our rail service moved around 600,000 people and Sydney Buses moved over 400,000 people.

"Sydney Ferries had some of their biggest days on record between Christmas and New Year as people enjoyed the sun and the harbour.

"The holidays have proven to be a demanding time for public transport, and the frontline transport workers who keep us all mobile throughout the year don't suddenly take this time off.

"They continue working tirelessly to keep our public transport safe and moving; that sort of work doesn't stop for the holidays and sadly, sometimes even increases.

"There are also many motorists travelling long distances - there are RTA workers all over the state working through the holidays making sure people get to where they need to go."

"We value the dedication and professionalism of our transport workers who diligently serve the community all year round.

"On behalf of the people of NSW and the NSW Government, I wish to thank them and their colleagues wholeheartedly for their service during 2009."

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