



Community First Responders & South East Coast Ambulance Service

*Responding to the challenge
Responding to our community*

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*We Make a
Difference*

COULD YOU?

“I find it very rewarding knowing that I am making a positive impact on people’s lives during times of their emotional and physical trauma”



We are NOT a replacement for the Ambulance crews as they will always be dispatched as well



Volunteers must be over 18 years. They must have access to a car and be able to respond to emergency incidents from their home or place of work as soon as they are dispatched by the Ambulance Control. While a Community Responder is on call they can continue with their normal day to day activities, but must be ready to drop everything and attend an incident when dispatched.

Your time, donation or sponsorship could literally be a lifesaver

RESPONDING TO THE COMMUNITY

We all recognise that in an ideal world we would have an ambulance parked on every street corner, but being realistic that is just not feasible. Consequently, our aim is to provide a very valuable service to our local community by being able and ready to respond to emergency incidents within those first few critical minutes of a call, before the ambulance arrives. We each cover a 3-4 mile radius from where we live and are armed with the training and equipment required to manage a patient's condition until further help arrives.

RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGE

Over 130,000 people die each year in the UK due to cardiac arrest. It has been proved that the quicker a patient who has suffered a sudden cardiac arrest is treated with a defibrillator along with continuous effective Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), their chance of survival can increase by up to 75%. An ambulance crew will do their best to be with the patient within 8 minutes; however a **Community First Responder** could be with the patient much sooner than that.

Community First Responders are volunteers who are trained to respond to emergency calls through the 999 system in conjunction with the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust



MAKING A DIFFERENCE DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIP

We are a volunteer organization and although we are well trained and supported by the South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECamb) they cannot provide ongoing funding for us. We therefore rely on charitable donations and sponsorship so we can continue to provide a vital service to our community. **CAN YOU HELP US?**



MAKING A DIFFERENCE VOLUNTEERING

Could you spare a few hours each week or month to help people in your community? Once trained you would respond to 999 calls pending the arrival of an ambulance. It could be **YOUR** early intervention that literally saves someone's life.



An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) can be used to try and help restart the heart of a person who has suffered a sudden cardiac arrest