

South Staffordshire First Responders

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Community First Responders are West Midlands Ambulance Service trained volunteers who respond to 999 calls in their own area. Community First Responders have dealt with over 12,000 cases since the scheme started in 2001 across the West Midlands region.

Once trained Responders can be sent to critically injured or sick people who require emergency medical attention prior to an ambulance arriving. All Responders carry a full medical kit including oxygen and an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). Local Paramedics provide monthly training in a variety of subjects and all Responders are required to re-qualify taking a defibrillator assessment on a regular basis.

If a Community First Responder is available and a '999' call is received within a 7 minute travelling time of their address, the Ambulance Service may pass the details of the case and ask them to respond. For many illnesses or injuries the first few minutes are critical and simple interventions can be performed in order to save lives or prevent disability.

South Staffordshire First Responders cover many of the main villages and surrounding areas namely Codsall, Perton, Pattingham, Wombourne, Kinver and villages in between.

As we are a registered charity we are continually fundraising and seeking donations as we are responsible for equipping each responder with a full medical kit. Just recently some of our Responders have won awards for their fundraising efforts and also as a thank you for giving up their own time to help others.

We are currently recruiting in the villages. If you feel you could give up a small amount of your spare time (all training is done by the West Midlands Ambulance Service) and are interested in becoming a Community First Responder or would like more information please contact us on 07779 782061 or alternatively visit our website www.southstaffsfirstresponders.co.uk