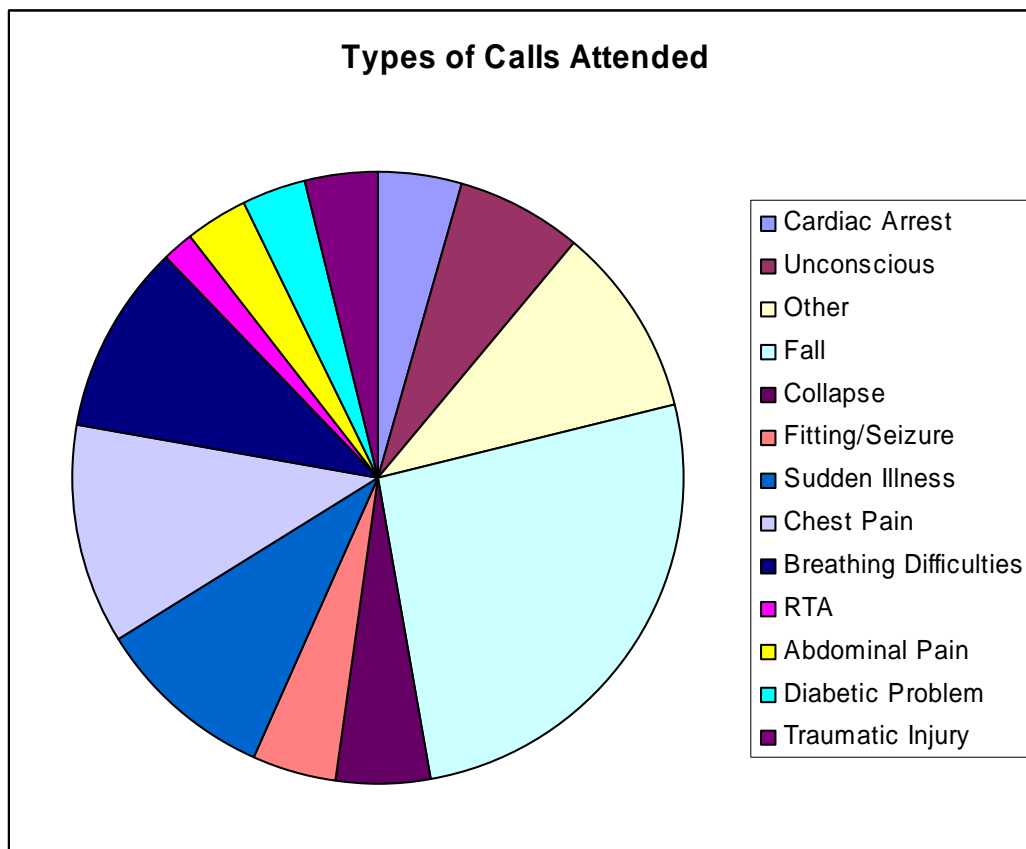




Community First Responder Department Activity Report up to October 2007

Between the 1st May and 1st October 2007 (5 month period) Surrey St John Ambulance Community First Responders have attended 178 emergency 999 calls. That on average is 35 calls a month. There have been a few problems over the last couple of months in the way we are contacted, which has slowed down our activity, but hopefully that will soon be resolved.

Yet again we have attended a real variety of calls. The amounts of different types of calls attended are shown below.



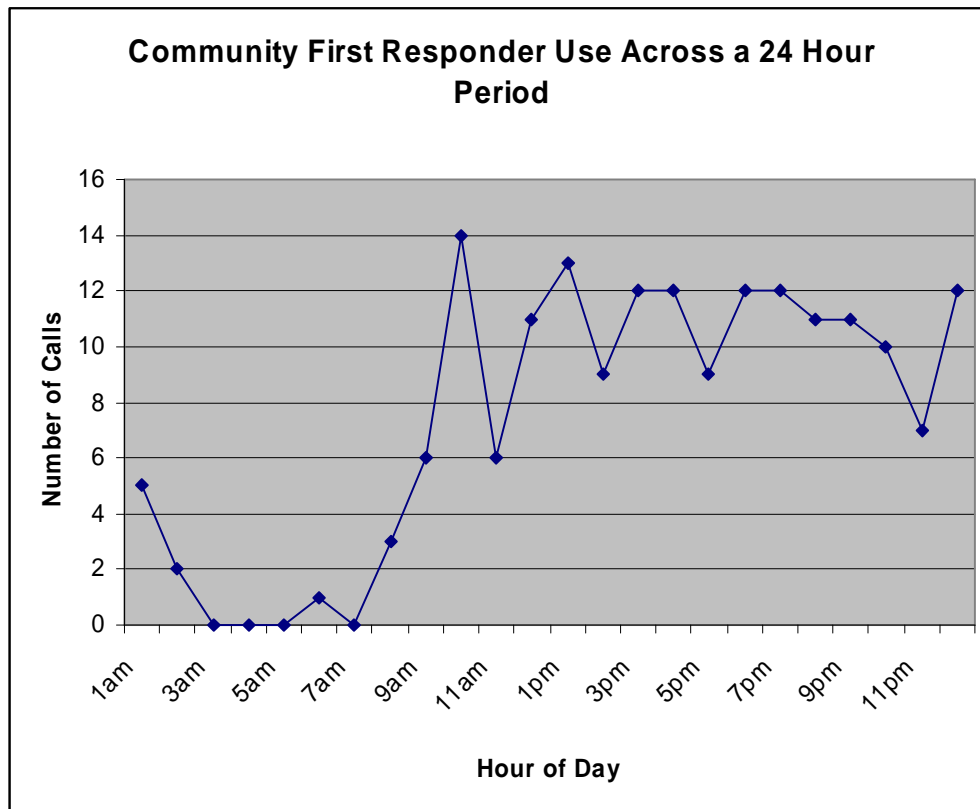
During this period St John Ambulance Responders across the South West of the county have attended 8 cardiac / respiratory arrests, 21 patients with chest pain and 47 patients who have fallen!

We have seen a marked increase in the number of patients we have attended with chest pain, which is a condition that early Aspirin and oxygenation can really make a difference, so well done everyone that has helped save one of these patients.

The busiest day for us in this period was the 28th June where in a 5 hour period we attended 8 emergency calls in the areas of Wood Street, Normandy, Effingham and Guildford Town. This was one of the only 'hot' days of the summer and a selection of those 8 calls included a cardiac arrest, two unconscious patients, a patient with chest pains and a patient with breathing difficulties.

Even though the number of schemes have not increased, many schemes have set up satellite responder schemes. Effingham and Ripley CFR group now have 4 kits so cover 4 areas which are Send and Old Woking, Ripley Village, Horsley and Effingham and Bookham and Fetcham. This increase in equipment and responders means we are now covering an extra 8 miles of Surrey that originally was not covered by a scheme. Normandy have 2 well established schemes, one covering Normandy and Ash and the other covering Wood Street and West Guildford. Cranleigh are split into three areas Ewhurst, Shamley Green and Cranleigh Village. So even though we only have 7 schemes on paper we actually operate 14 kits around the South of the County.

Yet again I have audited the times when we have been attending calls. We seem to have fallen in line with the peak times of the ambulance service now. Previously our peak times were different to theirs. Bear in mind that when the ambulance service are busy, the vehicle that they will be sending to your village will probably be even further away so if you are able to cover the peak activity times as a scheme it would be helpful to everyone.



As you can see from above, activity before 9am is pretty low. We have a peak at about 10am and then a steady increase in calls across the afternoon and evening. As a rule the peak times of activity for SECAMB tend to be 10.00 - 11.00, 15.00 - 17.00 and 19.00 - 01.00. The last time span (19.00 - 01.00) are pretty unsocial hours, but if it happens that you are available ring EDC and tell them. Not only is this one of the busiest times of the day, but the number of ambulances on duty at night is dramatically lower than the number on duty during the day, so you being available could really help!

If you have any issues while out community responding don't hesitate to contact either myself, Gary or James and we will see if we can help.

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