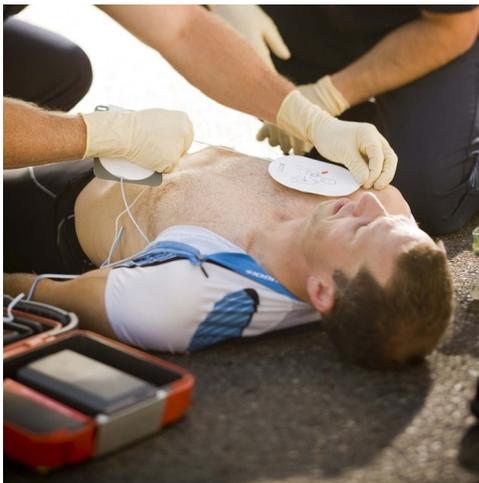




Summary

The overall goal is decreasing defibrillation time and utilizing the AEDs that are available. Currently, AED use is very minimal in comparison to the number of AEDs believed to be within the venue. It is believed that this is primarily because our citizens don't know where they are. Having the ability to instruct a caller to retrieve an AED and utilize it before EMS can arrive immensely increases the patient's chance of survival.

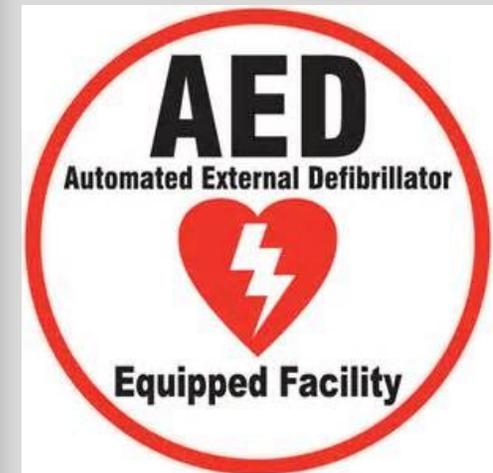


About O'Fallon-Shiloh EMS

- There are 5 Paramedics/EMTs staffing the ambulances and one rapid response vehicle at all times.
- Our staff works 24 hour shifts on a rotating schedule. We eat, sleep and live with our co-workers for 1/3 of our working lives!
- Serves more than 30,000 citizens.
- Responds to approximately 3,000 calls for service each year.
- 2 Advanced Life Support ambulances staffed by 14 full time and 11 part time



Public Access Defibrillation Program



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What is a Public Access Defibrillation Program and how does it work?

The Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) program is essentially a registry of each AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) within the coverage area O'Fallon-Shiloh EMS. The registry includes where the AED is located specifically within a building or vehicle, the contact information for those in charge of the AED or building in which it is located, type of AED (for any possible recall notices that can be forwarded), and the expiration date of the batteries and defibrillator pads within the AED (for notices and assistance in replacing expired equipment). This information will be kept in a database and shared with the telecommunications department.

When a 911 call is received from a location that has a registered AED, the dispatcher will automatically be notified through the computer program. During pre-arrival instructions, the dispatcher can then relay the exact location of the AED to the caller so the AED can be utilized as soon as possible.

Why is it important?

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) results in the death of approximately 250,000 persons annually. The survival rates of SCA in St. Clair County are estimated to be less than 5%, which is consistent with the nation-wide average. In order to improve our statistics, the Emergency Medical Services Department has established a Public Access Defibrillation Program in order to improve the cardiac arrest survival rates for the citizens of O'Fallon and Shiloh. The program is supported by research conducted within the U.S. that successfully promotes CPR and AED training along with AED placement. This research has shown improvements in survival from SCA to 35-45%.

PAD
PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR



How can you help?

Participation is the key! Due to the sheer size of O'Fallon and Shiloh, without your help, we may never find all the AEDs. If you, your business or place of employment have an AED or are interested in acquiring one, you can contact Paramedic Matt Wiederholt or an EMS supervisor using the contact information below. CPR and AED training is also available through the City of O'Fallon EMS department. Any information or assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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