



**YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE WITH YOUR AED  
BY BEING AN AED RESPONDER  
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN  
“AED RESPONDER”  
IN THE NATIONAL AED REGISTRY™?**



In the United States, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are used, unfortunately, only 3% of the time to treat sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). Getting AEDs off of the wall and onto victims of SCA is our goal. Shortening the time to first shock – the most important variable impacting sudden cardiac arrest survival – will save lives.

The National AED Registry (nationalaedregistry.com) gives AED owners the ability to manage their AEDs and make



sure they are working when needed. The Registry also offers AED owners the chance to save a life of a sudden cardiac arrest victim nearby. When AEDs are entered into the National AED Registry, there is an opportunity for site managers to select or solicit individuals in their organization to become a “Responder”. This is done upon entering new AED information or can be done afterwards by “editing” the AED.

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**But what is an “AED Responder”?**

Three Rivers Ambulance Authority subscribes to the AED Link™ service. AED Link is notified when there is a potential sudden cardiac arrest situation. If, while registering your AED, you chose “Public” in the availability section, your AED would be displayed. Owners/Site Managers choose the time it is available.

If you selected “Private” it will only be displayed if a 9-1-1 call comes in from your address. You can easily change from “Public” to “Private” at any time.

When an available public AED is found to be within 1,200 feet of the SCA, “AED Responders” will be notified. Responders choose whether to be notified via SMS text and/or voice. The message received would request that the Responder get their AED and proceed to an address given in the message. Again, responders would only be notified if the victim is within 1,200 feet of the AED.

Please note:

- You have no duty or obligation to respond – even if you have signed up
- All 50 States protect bystander responders under the Good Samaritan statutes

If responders choose not to be notified and do not want to participate, you can still use the Responder page to maintain certification information for them.

We ask that your site add AED responders to your system making your AED more available. Including you, the community, into our response will increase the use of AEDs, improve the time to first shock and potentially save lives.



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