

Dangar Island

Community First Responders



The Dangar Island Community First Responders (CFRs) are part of NSW Ambulance, which provides the unit with equipment, medications and training. The CFR Unit started duty on July 1 2014, operating a 24/7 on-call roster for island medical emergencies.

NSW Ambulance set up the CFR unit to enable quicker responses to emergencies on the island. CFRs are called out at the same time that an ambulance and other emergency services are being dispatched, and help paramedics get to you faster.

Skills

CFRs are trained by NSW Ambulance, work within NSW Ambulance protocols, attend monthly training, and are recertified annually.

Confidentiality Protected

Because CFRs are part of NSW Ambulance, your confidentiality is protected just as it is in a hospital or GP clinic. CFRs cannot discuss anything related to patient care.

Medical Emergencies Only

CFRs only respond when called out by the ambulance control centre as a result of a 000 call.



What CFRs Do

- Communicate directly with the ambulance and emergency services by radio
- Assess the situation, and escalate the urgency of the ambulance response if needed
- Provide treatment including CPR, oxygen, pain relief, and other medications
- Assist ambulance paramedics to get to you, and help them transport you if you need to go to hospital



In an emergency just dial 000

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What to Say When You Call the Ambulance

The ambulance control centre will ask you a series of standard questions, including your address and the nearest cross street.

You must answer this question.

SAY:

“I am calling from Dangar Island. I live on a water access property. My address is... and the nearest cross street is ...”
(eg “Neotsfield and Riverview” or “Riverview and Riverview”)

The control centre cannot proceed until this question is answered.

Equipment and Training

The CFR's carry, and are trained to use, the following:

- Oxygen
- Airway equipment (adult and paediatric)
- Nebuliser and suction equipment (adult and paediatric)
- Debrillator
- A range of medications including analgesia
- Splints including traction splints
- Spinal collars
- Extrication device
- Burns kit
- Tourniquets
- Dressings
- Obstetrics kit
- Transport equipment (stretcher, carry chair)

CFR Graduation Photo

Credit: Bill Lynn-Robinson

Back Row L to R: W. Donaldson (Paramedic Educator), Superintendent S. Webster, M. Keane MP, CFR M. Cole, S. White (Paramedic Educator), CFR B. Kepert, C. Hill, CFR M. Merl, S. Dries (Clinical Training Officer), CFR A. Knight, T. Patton (Clinical Training Officer), Chief Superintendent T. Gately, Front Row L to R: CFR A. Brinn, CFR K. Wilson, CFR C. Bobst, CFR M. Ramage, CFR F. Mullen, CFR C. Sanderson

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