



## The Millburn-Short Hills Volunteer First Aid Squad Responds to 3 Emergencies within 22 Minutes

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Fridays at the Millburn-Short Hills Volunteer First Aid Squad are typically easy-going. The day's crew responds to an average of 3-4 calls throughout their 12-hour shift; seldom do they each occur at once. However, on a recent Friday, the Squad received 3 dispatches in a matter of 22 minutes.

Starting around 9AM, the Millburn-Short Hills Volunteer First Aid Squad was notified that a patient was experiencing a cardiac problem at a Short Hills doctor's office. Leading this call was Friday Night Crew Chief Julian Quintanilla. The anticipated severity of the case prompted the dispatch of paramedics from a local hospital as well to provide Advanced Life Support. Shortly into treating this patient, a second emergency was transmitted across the radio.

When a "backup call" goes out, all squad members receive an alert that additional resources are needed. Thanks to a very healthy and willing volunteer base, there were enough members already on duty at headquarters to respond to the second call.

The second call came in for an unresponsive person at another doctor's office in Millburn. Once again, because of the severe nature of the call, another paramedic unit was dispatched. Responding to this backup call from the Millburn Short-Hills Squad was another full crew, including Saturday Day Crew Chief Michael Murphy and Vice President Bryan Daubert.

While the unresponsive person was being treated, the crew of the first call at the Short-Hills doctor's office had an unexpected visitor. A patient at the same medical building in Short Hills approached the crew chief and stated they were suffering from an allergic reaction and complained of breathing difficulties. In order to effectively treat both patients, the first crew requested a second ambulance and paramedic unit to this Short Hills medical building.

Upon receiving the request for a third crew, Communications Lieutenant and Trustee Peter Broder responded to the Squad headquarters to staff the third ambulance. Thinking quickly, Broder had requested an EMT on the first crew to divert from the first call and assist him for the third call. The third crew was now fully staffed and responded to that Short Hills medical building along with a paramedic unit.

Daubert refers to this incident as, "a perfect example of how the communications center, police department, paramedics, and the Squad can work in unison to provide excellent medical care in a timely manner—no matter the circumstance".

All 3 patients received quality emergency medical care within minutes of requesting it, and all were transported to local hospitals quickly and efficiently.

*The Millburn-Short Hills Volunteer First Aid Squad is staffed 100% by volunteers, funded solely by private donations, and never charges for any services rendered. They are always looking for new members, and provide free training to those over 21. The Squad can be reached by visiting [www.mshvfas.org](http://www.mshvfas.org) or by emailing [info@mshvfas.org](mailto:info@mshvfas.org).*