

# How an All-Volunteer Squad Benefits You and the Chatham Community

**CES members are your neighbors.** They have accepted the rigors of the job solely to put themselves in service to the community. Without any compensation, CES members are professionals who embrace and achieve the high standards of the Squad. They, and their families, willingly accept the sacrifices of their commitment. This translates to outstanding patient care.

**CES is well-staffed, well-managed and enjoys the support of the Chatham community.** Volunteer emergency medical services across the state are in serious decline as membership and funding become even more scarce. Some have closed. Many others in nearby towns have been forced to hire paid staff or rely on providers from outside the community.

**CES never charges for its services.** No one with a medical emergency needs to hesitate to call for help because of the cost of CES' services. Our volunteers are committed to providing their best service without consideration of a patient's ability to pay or status of insurance. You will never receive a bill from the Chatham Emergency Squad.

**CES is not a burden to the taxpayers of the Chathams.** CES is a proudly independent nonprofit corporation that is self-operated and self-governed. The Borough of Chatham and Chatham Township are faithful allies and provide all manner of support. The towns fund about 10% of annual operating expenses. The 90% is funded through generous donations from the community.

**CES is deep and wide in its capabilities.** Staffed with over 80 volunteer members, it is ready to respond from within the community 24/7. In 2022, CES crews responded to 1,400 calls. Off-duty members responded to 149 second and third calls when on-duty members were already handling other calls. There is no other service model whether patient/insurance-paid or government provided that can match this response.

**CES provides support to our fire departments.** Firefighters exerting themselves in hazardous conditions require on-scene rehabilitation and standby medical care and transport.

**CES provides non-emergency transport and assistance.** Community members are assisted in and out of their homes to vehicles or medical facilities on a planned and as available basis.

**CES supports many Chatham school and community events at no charge to the organizers.** CES provided stand-by support for 17 community events, such as the Fishawack Festival, the Chatham Turkey Trot, and CHS football games in 2022.

**CES provides free CPR training.** Chatham teachers, coaches, police officers, firefighters, DPW workers and other residents are taught life-saving resuscitation skills.

For over 85 years, CES has been there for Chatham free of charge,  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.

Volunteers and donations are always welcome at [chathamemergencysquad.org](https://chathamemergencysquad.org)



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