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London Ambulance Service staff celebrate service

Ambulance medic celebrates more than 40 years of service

Ambulance medic honoured for more than 40 years of service

While you're tucking into your turkey this Christmas, medics will be out saving lives

22 December 2017

On Christmas Day, while most Londoners will be tucking into their turkey and spending quality time with their loved ones, about 700 ambulance staff and 85 control room staff will be on duty caring for patients, as well as a number of other maintenance and support teams.



Paramedic Alex Botelho will be on shift - despite being allocated the day off. She offered to work so another paramedic who was on shift could spend the day with his children.

Alex said: "I'm from Australia and have no family here in the UK. I understand what it's like as a child to not have your parents around at Christmas. When I was a child we moved around a lot - my father was in the US military.

"I'm happy to work Christmas Day and give someone else the day off. I worked Christmas Day last year and it was very festive and, working with a crew mate, you're not alone."

In 2016 London Ambulance Service attended 3,025 incidents on Christmas Day.

Assistant Director of Operation Peter Rhodes, who will also be working on Christmas Day, said: "Christmas and New Year is always an extremely busy time of year, but Londoners can help us by only calling 999 in a genuine emergency.

"Our priority is to get to the most seriously ill and injured as soon as possible. Anyone calling with less serious injuries potentially delays a response to a more serious call.

"We would ask people suffering from less serious problems to ring NHS 111 for advice, or when possible to visit their pharmacist or GP."

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Paying tribute to Eric Roberts, Unison Branch Secretary

Two hundred new ambulance vehicles for London

Paramedics half-century of saving lives in London

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London Ambulance Service medics attacked with fireworks

Remember Remember stay safe this November

TV documentary prompts pizza praise

Service joins 100 black taxis on the Children's Magical Taxi Tour

Annual public meeting Tuesday 27 September

London Ambulance offers viewers unprecedented access in new TV series

Lennard Road - Road Traffic Collision, 31 August 2016

Over 1000 people treated at Notting Hill Carnival

Fire in Harrow

Hundreds more clinical staff on the frontline but not enough people from BME backgrounds

Paramedics praise five year old boy for helping to save his nan's life

Hundreds more emergency calls in London because of hot weather

Paramedic features in latest Historic England exhibition

Thief steals London Ambulance Service bike

Remembering 7 July 2005

Chief Executive speaks at launch of Living on the Edge report

Eat, Drink and Be Safe as Euro 2016 kicks off

Paramedic honoured at Buckingham Palace

Incident in Russell Square, WC1

Smartphone app alert helps volunteer first aiders save a life

Ealing butcher praises London Ambulance Service medics for excellent care

Fire in Shepherds Bush

Increase in assaults on London Ambulance Service staff

Hero ambulance medic stops moped muggers in their tracks

London Ambulance Service gets ready for Notting Hill Carnival

Medic's bright idea makes ambulance crews even more accessible to blind patients

Incident at London City Airport

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London Ambulance Service gears up for this weekend's Mad Friday

Skip the dreaded tinsel-itis and have your medication ready this Christmas

Ten years in the hot zone

Busiest night ever predicted for London Ambulance Service this New Year

Technical issues in our control room

London Ambulance medic honoured with Queen's Ambulance Service Medal

Don't get caught out in the cold, warns London Ambulance Service

Medics to provide life-saving support to refugee camps

Statement on incident in Southend Arterial Road

Prince Harry visits London Ambulance Service to launch Time to Talk Day

Innovator behind London's cycle paramedics praised at Healthcare Heroes exhibition

Fate brings man together with paramedic who helped save his life

Leadership team strengthened with two new non-executive directors

London Ambulance Service responds to Storm Doris

Card launched to improve safety of expectant mothers

Banker thanks life savers with charity run

New spit kits issued to track down offenders who spit at London's life savers

Prince William visits ambulance staff who treated patients in Westminster attack

Stock up on medication ahead of the long weekend, warns ambulance service

Statement following an incident on Warburton Road, E8.

London Ambulance Service appoints new Chief Executive

London Ambulance Service medic honoured at Buckingham Palace

Firefighter grants paramedic a final goodbye with fiancée

Paramedic who apprehended a violent criminal is awarded police commendation

Statement on the incident at London Bridge

Statement on the incident at Seven Sisters Road

Thousands more emergency calls during hottest week of the year

Investigation into 999 computer system outage on New Year's Day 2017

London Ambulance Service leads the way at Pride in London

Life-saving defibrillators rolled out across London thanks to emergency services partnership

Paramedic mugged by moped gang in London's West End

London Ambulance Service marks 100,000 followers milestone

We reveal the top London boroughs for alcohol-related incidents

Ambulance crews prepare for Notting Hill Carnival

Statement on the incident at Parsons Green

Medics reunited with premature twins they helped to safely deliver

Statement on incident in South Kensington

Prime Minister praises bravery of ambulance staff

Ambulance service stands with Croydon community to commemorate tram crash

Ambulance service comes together to remember the fallen

Paramedic shortlisted for Air Ambulance Paramedic of the Year

Statement in response to the Assaults on Emergency Service Workers Bill

Ambulance staff pay tribute to King's Cross fire victims 30 years on

Baby girl named after call handler who delivered her

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