

TOUGHBOOK IN ACTION. PANASONIC CF-19 NOTEBOOKS ARE THE IDEAL EMERGENCY SOLUTION

The East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust was established in July 2006 by merging the three existing ambulance services operating in the eastern region. It is one of the largest ambulance services in the United Kingdom – serving over 7,500 square miles over six counties. The trust employs 3,700 people to provide a modern care service to the East's 5.38 mil-



lion people. The service responds to over half a million emergency calls per year and transports a further 1.5 million patients to and from routine hospital appointments. The East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust's decision to use the CF-19 laptop was prompted by the need to find a ruggedised, lightweight and reliable notebook.

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The CF-19 laptop offers paramedics, qualified ambulance technicians and IT staff the ideal solution and its wireless connectivity and toughened design far outperformed the service's previous IT configuration.

When the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust assessed the notebook market to source an IT solution for use in ambulances and Rapid Response Vehicles (RRVs), the CF-19 appeared to be the perfect model. The CF-19 is complemented by a bespoke communications software package allowing paramedics and qualified ambulance technicians immediate, uninterrupted access to vital patient medical information. Wireless connectivity on the road saves valuable seconds in an emergency, often critical to a patient's treatment. Previous IT set-ups failed to withstand the demanding conditions ambulance crews experience. The CF-19 remains operable in adverse weather, on the move in vibrating RRVs and during patient treatment. Even bodily fluids fail to damage the CF-19 with its rugged exterior and low failure rate.

The principle users of the CF-19 laptop are the crews of ambulances and RRVs. The CF-19 laptop is highly portable, ruggedised and boasts a longer battery life than most conventional laptops. The highly reliable battery offers 8 hours of operation on a single charge – ideal for responding to emergencies in remote

areas miles from a power source. The high-octane nature of emergency response demands a notebook able to survive accidental drops, dust and water damage. The durable handle allows convenient and secure transportation from ambulance to emergency without fear of breakage or failure. As world leaders in ruggedised mobile devices, Panasonic were able to deliver against these requirements for portability and network connectivity with their CF-19 models.

A mobile solution


The CF-19 integrates a convenient reversible touch screen. With a simple 'click' and a 'twist' the laptop is transformed from a conventional laptop with keyboard to a portable tablet interface that proves far more practical to the ambulance teams. This versatility allows the ambulance crews to quickly and efficiently input and transfer vital patient information to hospitals without stumbling over clumsy keyboards. On each appliance, building cradles allow users to charge the devices as well as offering a practical interface for use during travel to and from an incident.

In addition to their robustness and low break down rate, the CF-19s highly reduced servicing needs prove extremely useful for the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust. The CF-19 weighs in

at 2.25 kg, making them ideal for a life on the road. East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust currently have over 300 CF-19 notebooks across the service and feedback has been extremely positive. Dan Jones, IT Co-ordinator for East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust says the CF-19 has 'fully lived up' to its reputation as being the leading ruggedised laptop.



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