

EMS and Police Interoperability



Paramedics

2 year college program:

- Patho-physiology, pharmacology, psychology, communication skills, crisis intervention, legal and professional issues, clinical time, internship.....



Paramedic Levels

- PCP
- ACP
- CCP

Non-traditional roles

- Crowd management
- Emergency Task Force
- Marine Unit
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Response Team



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Public Safety Unit

- Formed in 1988
- The PSU is proactive, interacting with a crowd
- The aim is to facilitate a peaceful protest

Public Safety Unit Paramedics

- Provides direct support to the Toronto Police PSU
- Rigorous selection process
- Part time unit
- Training & Equipment

Duties

- Patient care to injured officers and crowd
- Assessment of health care issues
- Health care for PSU members
- Rehabilitation for PSU members



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Emergency Task Force

- formed in 1996
- full time unit
- selection process involved police service
- Training & Equipment

Duties

- Patient care to suspects, bystanders, and injured officers
- Health care for ETF members
- Rehabilitation for ETF members



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Marine Unit

- formed in 1999
- Responds to Toronto Island, off shore sporting events, pleasure and merchant craft
- physical fitness and swimming
- full time unit



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CBRN

- Council approved Joint Team 2002
- Includes Toronto EMS, Toronto Police and Fire Services, and Public Health
- Full time unit

EMS Responsibilities

- Reconnaissance team
- Forward triage and treatment
- Extraction
- Decontamination
- Pre/post entry vital signs
- Rehabilitation
- Team welfare



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How do we do it?

- Plan together
- Train together
- Respond together

Questions?

