



Ground Ambulance & Patient Billing Advisory Committee

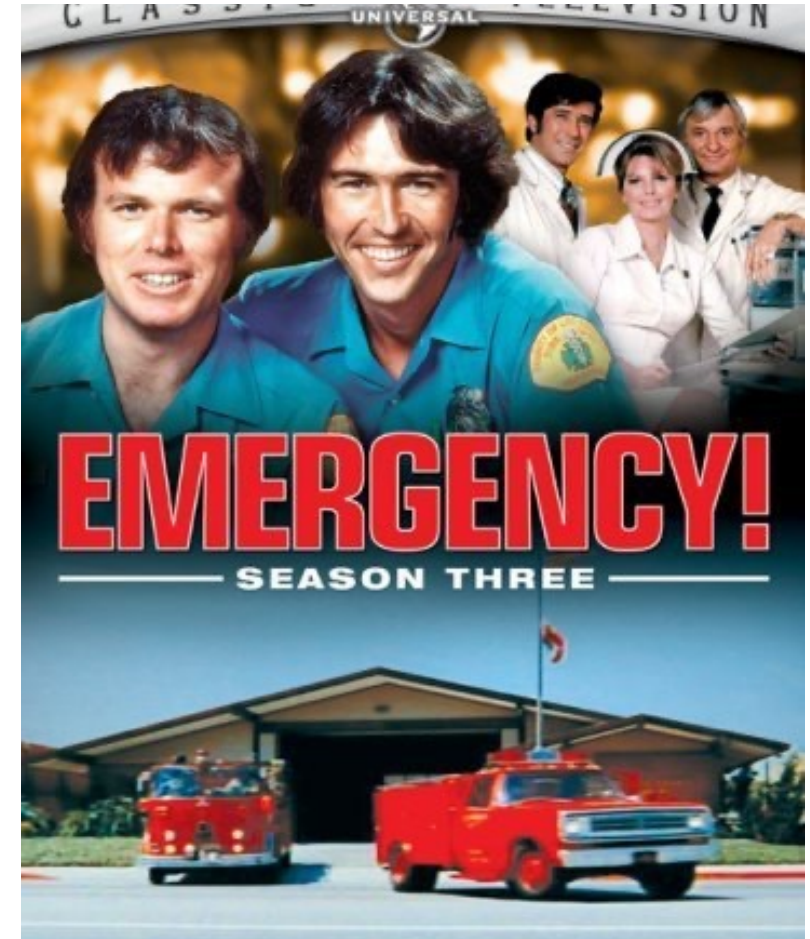
Overview of Fire-Based EMS Operations Career/Volunteer



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Overview of Fire-Based EMS Operations

- Dr. Nagel work with Miami FD
- Lexington FD: Began providing EMS and ambulance transports in 1969.
- EMERGENCY!
 - Credited for raising demand for medics and advanced medical training in the pre-hospital environment



What is Fire-Based EMS

- Fire service is the predominant provider of EMS in the United States
- 97% of the 200 most populated communities use fire-based EMS
- Over 40% of EMS transport is provided by fire departments
- Fire-based EMS uses the fire service's infrastructure to provide EMS
- Nearly all fire fighters have some level of EMS training
- EMS is a key component of the fire service's all-hazards response mission

EMS Trends Today

- Severe EMS workforce shortage across the industry
- Volunteer-based organizations also struggling to recruit/retain
- Abrupt closures have increased in recent years
- When EMS organizations close, the fire service fills the gap
- Fire departments will continue acting as the EMS safety net



EMS Trends

- EMS was already trending more towards a Fire-Based system before the pandemic
- Since 2010-2015, large cities like Kansas City, Philadelphia, and Orlando adopted fire-based EMS
- Smaller communities like: Garner, NC, and Belchertown, MA
- Increasing numbers of jurisdictions adopting fire-based EMS to maximize services to the citizens

Continued Trends to Fire-Based EMS

- “Atlanta officials to launch city-owned ambulance service due to agency’s delays” -EMS1 7/5/22
- “Uhrichsville, OH FD will take over EMS in the city after a vote in city council to cancel contract with Smith Ambulance.”- The Times-Reporter, New Philadelphia, OH 2/3/20
- The Villages, FL
- Black Jack, MO

Central Florida News

Sumter County will drop AMR, split ambulance service between The Villages and county fire departments

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Hundreds attended a meeting in Wildwood Tuesday night as the Sumter County Commission addressed the future ambulance service.
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Versatility of the Fire-Based System

	Fire Apparatus	Ambulance
Provides Advanced Life Support care	✓	✓
Staffed by paramedics	✓	✓
Equipped with advanced medical equipment including cardiac monitors, full drug box, and defibrillator	✓	✓
Provides emergency triage, on-scene stabilization, and treatment	✓	✓
Responds to medical and trauma emergencies	✓	✓
Transports Patient		✓



Advantages of Fire-Based EMS

- Fire departments are government entities and have no profit motive, therefore the priority is the patient/taxpayer
- Dual-role fire/EMS personnel deployment model is the most robust delivery model. It provides seamless transition of care throughout all stages of any emergency response
- Fire stations are strategically located and allow us to meet response time goals established by NFPA
- Fire departments have historically low turnover rates
- EMS is not a distraction from our mission - it is our mission

Questions

