

## New Squad member information

- Paid training - local training for Basics
- Ability to help your neighbor
- You always run with at least one other member
- Could open the door to job possibilities
- Paid continuing education to stay certified
- Meet new and different people – people you run with and people you help
- Get a good feeling about helping out someone in need.

What do squad members do?

- ✓ Run on a three week rotation – run from anywhere near town adjustable 12 hour shifts (this was on a four week rotation but membership is low)
- ✓ One meeting per month
- ✓ Help people in need – ill and/or accident victims (home/vehicle/industrial)
- ✓ Run from home, work, gatherings
- ✓ Help out at sporting events
- ✓ Help out at Oktoberfest
- ✓ Give first aid and safety talks to small groups – girl scouts, boy scouts, cub scouts

Career Possibilities

- ❖ Run with other transport services
- ❖ Run as a paramedic on a paid squad
- ❖ CPR instructor – additional training needed
- ❖ EMS instructor - additional training needed.

What do we do on a run:

- ✓ Assess the situation
- ✓ Ask questions, gather information
- ✓ Take blood pressures, pulses
- ✓ Listen to lung sounds
- ✓ Splint and or package patient as needed
- ✓ Comfort patient – talk with them and/or care giver
- ✓ Monitor patient using available equipment
- ✓ Administer oxygen
- ✓ Start IV therapy – at Intermediate or Paramedic level
- ✓ Administer drugs as necessary and permitted
- ✓ Deliver patient to hospital
- ✓ Runs usually take 1.5 – 2 hrs depending on the care given and time filling out the report.

## Frequently asked questions.

- How often do we get called out?

We normally have close to 200 runs per year. There may be weeks when you have no runs during your time on, and then times when you have 4 or 5 during your week. Not sure of the record, but there have been several weeks with no runs at all.

- Do you have to stay home when on call?

No, just be able to get to the station quickly, (<6 minutes is a good time allotment). Members have run from work, family gatherings, church, sporting events almost anywhere in town.

- What do I do with my young children?

If you have no spouse or older children home at the time to care for them, some members have given a pager to another family member, grandparents, aunts or uncles, or even neighbors who are willing and able to come by and take care of the children. Often times they feel this is a good way for them to contribute to a good thing without actually running themselves.

- Has anyone used this training to go on and get a job?

Yes, we had one member go on to be a paid paramedic with a city squad. Others have taken this training further and made a career of EMT work.

- How long does it take to get trained?

Classes usually last about 3 months, depending on how many evenings per week class is held.

- Will I get any hands on, real live training?

Yes, you are assigned to a squad during class and will run with them as you go through class. As part of the class you also need to train at least 10 hrs in a local hospital's emergency room.

- What if something comes up and I can't run during my week on call?

You can usually call another member and ask for them to run for you or trade another member some time.