Milwaukee Fire Department
Community Paramedic Program

Presentation

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- Community Paramedic
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- Former U.S. Air force Loadmaster (Reserve)
- Musician
- Blessed to have the opportunity to present for you!
What’s a Paramedic?

- Firefighter first!
- EMT–Basic second! 200 hours
- National Registered Paramedic
- ~1500 hours of initial training.
- Biannual recertification.
- Scope of practice ranges from RSI–needle decompression. (and everything in between)
- Duties are performed wherever the event occurs!! 24/7/365
Our current options....
And then......

ED

TRIAGE

GO HOME

“WE DON’T DO TEETH”

SIT & WAIT

HUGE BILL AND A SATISFACTION SURVEY
What’s a Community Paramedic?

✓ Milwaukee Fire Department responded to 67,000+ EMS runs in 2014!!
✓ Over 1.5 million EMS responses since 1976!
✓ Trained, disciplined, and practiced!
✓ Fills gaps without duplication.
✓ Expanded role vs. expanded scope!
✓ Received an additional 200–300 hours of training from UWM–CON to become a “Community Paramedic!”

Now we will not only be proficient in “red light”, but “yellow light” as well as “green light.”
CHRONIC DISEASE ANALOGY

Reactive

RED Light – Traditional Paramedic

Proactive

YELLOW Light – Community Paramedic

GREEN Light – Community Paramedic
Our role is changing......
WHY FIRE BASE EMS?

EMS is a well integrated healthcare delivery system in our community.

- 911: Mobile & 24/7
- Infrastructure is already in place.
- Personnel are trusted throughout the community.
- We come to you.
- We are comfortable in patient’s home: *It’s our clinic.*

Other Services

- Equitable distribution of healthcare resources
MFD Community Paramedics are conducting in home asthma environmental assessments as well as Asthma Control Tests. We currently have an MOU with ALA to share information as well as do joint visits to this targeted population for education and remediation!

The Milwaukee Fire Department has unparalleled access to any patient, anywhere, anytime!!

We will NEVER go out of business!!!
Summary of the MFD Mobile Integrated Healthcare program.

- Operate based on population-based needs assessment
- High Utilizers of 9-1-1 system
- Readmission Prevention for Chronic Illness
- Home visits post-discharge prior to home health or PCP visit
  - Review discharge instructions and medication compliance
  - Weekend and non-business hour checks
- Prevention Services
  - 1° – Immunizations
  - 2° – Screenings
- Pediatric/adult Asthma Home Visits
- Hospice
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!!!

ANY QUESTIONS?????