

# “My Way on the Highway”

Can't We All Just Get Along?!

2011 Michigan Traffic Safety Summit

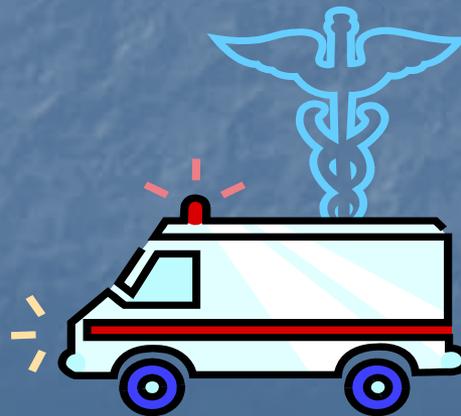


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# One Simple Goal:

We all work in emergency services.  
How can we get along better with  
each other?



# Tools/terminology of the Trade

PBT

Sphygmomanometer

Hydrant wrench

Nystagmus

Kendrick Extrication Device

Spanner wrench

Miranda rights

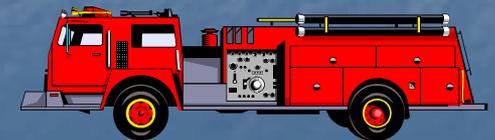
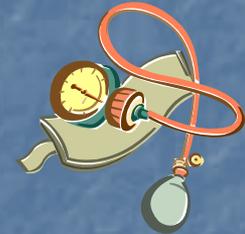
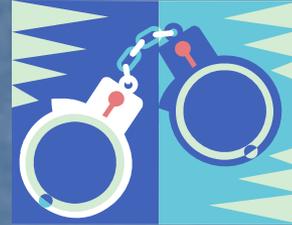
OPA/NPA

1 3/4" line

PRT

MCA

Halligan tool



# What do we have in common?



Respected profession

Serve the public

Help people/offer assistance

Sense of pride in performing duties well

397 Main St.-does everyone know this address?

Strong personalities

# Where do we differ?



Lone wolf vs. pack mentality

Family loyalty

Bad blood (previous history events)

BRTs vs. LBCs

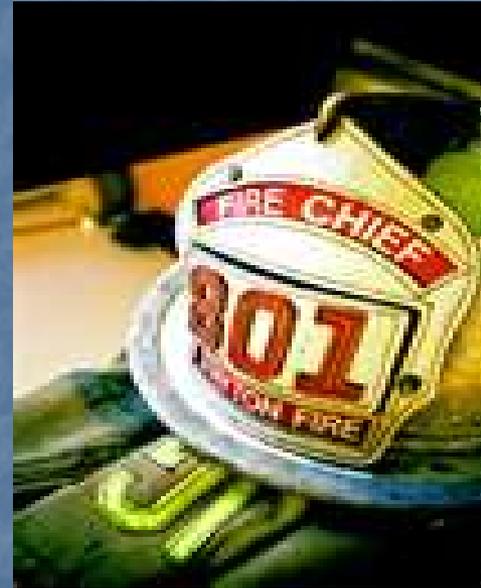
Job responsibilities



Show me some  
“Professional Courtesy”.



# The Fire Chief who's "always in charge"



# Michigan Law

Michigan PA 207, 29.7a

Michigan PA 368, 333.20967



# We Got ISSUES!!!



Who owns this road?

Who really is in charge here?



# Case Studies

Robertson Fire Protection District, Missouri

Rockaway Township Fire Dept., New Jersey



Source: "Police-Fire Wars: Who is in Charge?"

Firehouse Magazine, March 2009

Author: Curt Varone



“You’re in my parking place!!!”



“Move that thing!”

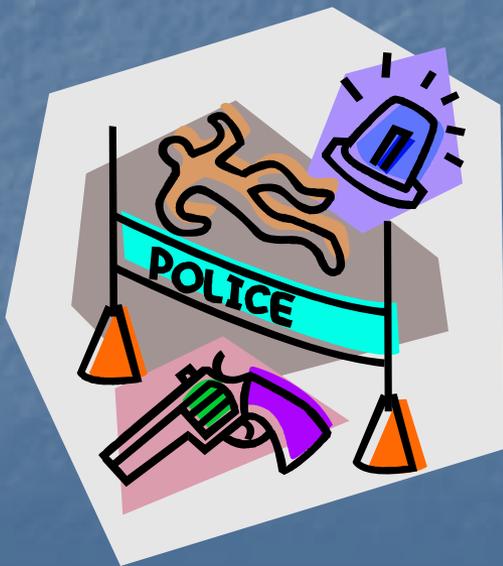
Crime scene, accident scene, or  
medical scene?



# Crime Scene Preservation

Vs.

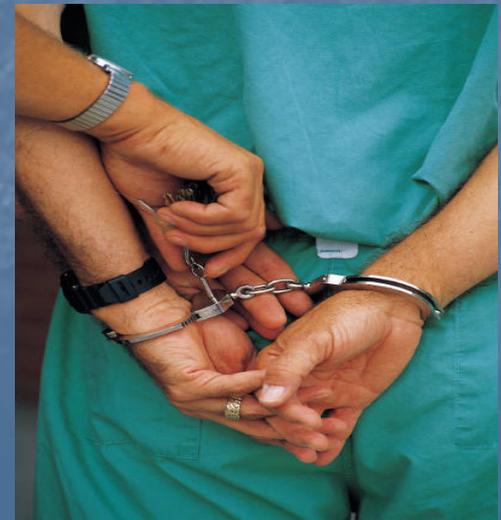
# Evidence Destruction



# The Accused

Is this a “patient” or a “detainee”?

Who transports this person where?



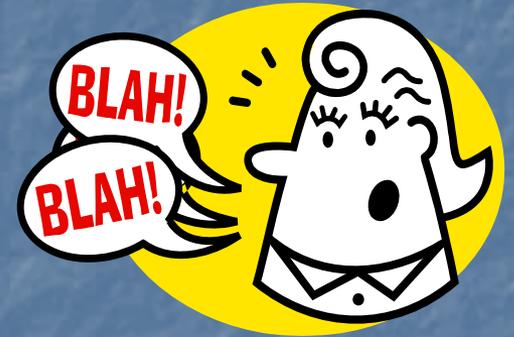
# What about the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)?



Can EMS providers give information about the patient to the police?

Is the scene secure?

The patient won't say things  
in front of the police.



Is it admissible?



# I'll See You in Court!



Is our testimony consistent?

Have you spoken with the prosecuting attorney?

How will the jury judge your statements?

# Serious/fatal car accidents:

Patience



Pictures



Protective equipment



# What's the Fix?

Communication (before the fact)

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Expectations/Responsibilities

