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Safety Service Patrol Idea Sharing Network – Session IV: SSP Equipment and Vehicles



Intro

- Who am I
 - John McClellan
 - Freeway Operations Supervisor (since 2009)
 - Dispatcher (since 2002)
- MNDOT F.I.R.S.T.
 - *Freeway Incident Response Safety Team*



Snapshot on FIRST

- 20 drivers + 1 supervisor
- 2 shifts (AM & PM) Mon - Friday
- 8 to 10 trucks on road per shift
- Shared trucks – F250 pickups
- All state employees
 - “Highway Helper” job class



Snapshot on Dispatch

- Dispatched by TMC (also state employees)
- Co-located with State Patrol Dispatch
- Integrated CAD/AVL & Statewide 800mhz radio
- Routine patrol + proactive dispatch
- NOT emergency vehicles – can't run code.



AED History

- Obtained around 2005 – purchased by MDOT
 - NEW low cost, easy to use, self contained units
 - State Patrol received grant from tribal casino to equip all squads
- Purchased dozen (enough for all trucks)
 - About \$1,200 each in 2005 (2016 - \$900 state contract)
- Annual costs:
 - About \$600 annual for maintenance
 - Batteries every 4 years @ \$107 each
 - Pads every 2 years @ \$45 each



Training

- All drivers required to have Emergency Medical Responder (formerly First Responder)
 - 40 hours if new
 - 12 hours to refresh every 2 years
 - Includes AED operation
- MN Statue “Good Samaritan Law”
 - 604A.01 sub2 – General immunity from liability including AED use (paragraph e)



Uses

- 3 applications in 10 years
 - 1 save – 12/17/2010
 - **“FIRST driver saves life and wedding”**



Thank You to all for saving my Dad's life. Words can not justify what happened that day. I am grateful to Julie Todora and Andy Hutson and for what you do everyday. Christmas is a little brighter and my Dad will be able to walk me down the aisle in 11 days on the 31st at my wedding. Thank You J. Smith

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What Else?

- Not just for public – could be you or your partners!
 - FIRST driver heart attack
- Consider
 - Baseline EMS training
 - Budget support
 - Liability protection for drivers
 - Need to keep inside trucks for temps

