

A Paramedic's Story: Life, Death, and Everything In Between

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one person's true account of life as a paramedic in the beginning days of paramedicine this story reflects what life was like during the time when paramedics were in the beginning phases of the EMS world it is a shocking real view of the daily events in the life of a paramedic and includes stories of emotional coping strategies used in the field of lifesaving as well as graphic details of heartbreaking circumstances anecdotal accounts of true events and examples of the physical emotional and spiritual effects upon the individuals who choose to save the lives of strangers during a time when there was no supporting awareness or agencies to deal with the horrible life changing trauma experienced by the individuals who chose to do this heroic work and the most overused statement from the governing populous was if you can't take it quit this is a story about those who didn't quit but continued to give of themselves against all odds with very low pay and no benefits these individuals continued to save lives during a time when no one even said thank you

emergings we know never take long to find yourself one moment it is just another normal day the next the world unravels this is the chaos paramedics love their sweet spot where they operate with seconds not minutes where life and death decisions are made and where comfort is offered emergency pulse stories from the front line of paramedic care is a salute to the professionals who answer the call of life when it hits the fan with experience commitment and humanity this book provides an inside look of what it means to be a prehospital emergency medicine provider beyond the lights and sirens through the grit and grime in every tale they uncover the peaks and troughs of that collective experience the successes and failures and the invaluable bonds of friendship built in the heat of battle this immersive experience told through the eyes of those living it paramedics EMS first responders does not simply showcase the clinical nature of emergency medicine but the humanity behind the uniforms it is a reminder that behind each call there is a story a patient struggling to overcome the odds a family on pins and needles and a responder carrying the burden of it all a book for anyone curious about the first response desperate perhaps for emergency medical care at their lowest points and for the brave men and women who put their lives on the line savaging the lives of others step into their world pulse of emergency care and witness through their eyes what the call means in actuality

as we began writing we discovered something amazing the stories came to us like a river rising each story reminded us of another and we could not write fast enough as we related our experiences as paramedics the things we thought long forgotten took on a clearer perspective we began to see the things that made us into the paramedics we are today these are our stories

highlighted skills cross references to the clinical skills chapter throughout text over 30 new case studies patient journey from pre

hospital and emergency specific case studies critical thinking questions at the end of chapters chapter 35 obstetric emergencies now includes supporting a normal birth

an ambulance races to the scene of yet another human tragedy perhaps a road accident heart attack shooting drowning suicide or a very sick child while these events may be rare for most for paramedics they are routine however continual exposure to such trauma often comes at a significant cost to the paramedic and their family and friends in signal 8 retired Australian paramedic Erik Schanssema shares his experiences and emotional reactions through vivid descriptions of the cases he and his colleagues attended Erik provides insight into the challenges of paramedic work offering information not shock he opens up with humor sometimes dark about how this work has affected him and continues to do so his story aims to help paramedics and emergency workers who may feel isolated leaving them with a sense of pride in their profession and ultimately hope this personal narrative also covers his struggle with grief and posttraumatic stress disorder

confessions of a paramedic is a roller coaster ride that takes the reader deep into the life of an EMT paramedic working in the rural southwest this true story spans the author's exciting and dramatic thirty year career from volunteer EMT to professional paramedic the author captures the imagination of the trained professional as well as the non medical reader it's far more than a collection of interesting 911 calls the author paints a picture in vivid detail telling the patient's story as well as the impact on her own personal life she tells of the excitement danger humor and the drama of life and death situations she candidly shares her triumphs and failures her powerful stories are intense they tell the story of real people and true events this book has a personal aspect when she writes about juggling the duties of a wife mother and her career she speaks of the stress responsibility and the challenge of holding someone's life in her hands she weaves the story of unforgettable events and patients she can't forget experience Holbert's personal challenge when she arrived alone as a first responder to a motor vehicle accident and found one of three patients to be her own seriously injured husband travel with her to the remote four corners area as she tells of being stranded in an ambulance during a snowstorm with a dying patient stand beside her in the middle of a debris covered rural highway were a pickup had just rolled only minutes before and threw eleven people to the four winds the four adults five children none over six years old and two tiny babies lay scattered on the highway seriously injured the carnage was unbelievable as she stood there alone the only EMT as rescue chief for a rural fire department she was crossed trained in firefighting the author brings to life the excitement of fighting a fire witnessing flashover and pulling a man from a burning trailer she tells of how it feels to be incident command of a large fire share her personal hell as she ordered her husband into the burning building that contained flaming tires and smoldering five gallon propane tanks if the 6 000 gallons of propane in the tanker truck and the thousand gallon propane tank engulfed in fire exploded half the town the entire fire department and she would die in a blaze of glory paramedic Holbert opens up the world of a paramedic providing 911 emergency service in the remote southwest where resources are limited backup is only wishful thinking and the job still has to be done the term rural takes on a different meaning when your service area covers 2 500 square miles and you are the only game in town

takes you behind the wheel into the streets and onto the front lines of emergency medicine cover

tells the inside story behind the screaming sirens and flashing blue lights of the emergency services and reveals what it's really like to work in a job that frequently brings paramedic teams face to face with death and destiny

an ambulance races to the scene of yet another human tragedy it could be a road accident a heart attack shooting drowning suicide or perhaps a very sick child whilst we might experience or witness such events in our lifetime for paramedics these are routine events but continual exposure to the work often comes at a significant sometimes tragic cost to the paramedic and his or her family and friends in signal 8 author Erik Schanssema a retired front line Australian paramedic relates some of his experiences and his reactions to them he provides graphic descriptions of a small sample of the many cases he and his colleagues attended with the intention of providing information rather than shock Erik opens his heart and soul and tells us frankly and often with humour albeit sometimes dark what it was like for him to be a paramedic on the road and how it has affected him as it still does today the cases he describes are indelibly imprinted on his psyche he shares his story in an effort to help former current and future paramedics and emergency workers who may feel alone or isolated by their experiences and to leave them with a sense of pride in their chosen work and ultimately hope this personal narrative offers a true account of a front line paramedic's experiences with human trauma and his struggle with and survival of grief and posttraumatic stress disorder

this paperback is part of angam 663 and it chronicles my development throughout my career as a community paramedic and how a passion for learning helped me develop my practice for the benefit of colleagues and patients it has a focus on mental health and

end of life issues that ambulance staff were left to deal with after Blair's catastrophic NHS reforms in 2006 I have included a brief section on how the role of paramedic originated within the NHS and how its history lies in the determination of a group of GPs in the late 60s to create a GP emergency service later to be called Basics from this idea grew the concept that if given the right training then ambulance crews could also carry out these skills and with the organisation called Association of Emergency Medical Technicians AEMT in certain parts of the UK the impetus grew until in 1989 the role of NHS paramedic was realised

A teenage boy lies on the pavement bleeding from a stab wound a distraught mum watches in mute shock as her daughter suffers a terrifying fatal asthma attack a young girl is gang raped and her stricken boyfriend takes an overdose a disturbed young man flings himself in front of a speeding train at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve few people can imagine living in a world where such situations are part of everyday life yet for veteran paramedic Lysa Walder these and thousands of other emergency call outs are part of a day's work scenes of tragedy heroism loss and horror but also stories of triumph and humour Lysa has been a paramedic for over twenty years working for the London Ambulance Service the world's biggest and busiest free service for much of that time here she reveals what it's really like to work in a job that brings paramedic teams face to face with death and destiny every day

Beside the thin red line of the fire service and the thin blue line of law enforcement lies the thin white line the thin white line represents the unsung heroes of the emergency medical services EMS profession these highly trained EMTs and paramedics put their lives on the line 24/7/365 to deliver emergency medical care to the sick and injured no matter the hour of day day of the week or type of weather whether they are treating patients of a multi-vehicle car crash the victim of a shooting or simply someone with breathing difficulty they are the ones we depend on to bring medicine to the streets and save lives one call at a time the good fight a paramedic's story gives you the opportunity to ride along with medics and experience first hand the true stories of courage and compassion that these highly skilled medical providers encounter every day so hop in buckle up and hold on tight this will be a ride you won't forget

These are the fascinating real life stories of heartbreak and hope direct from the frontline a teenage boy lies on the pavement bleeding to death from a stab wound a distraught mum watches in mute shock as her daughter suffers a terrifying fatal asthma attack a young girl is gang raped and her stricken boyfriend takes an overdose a disturbed young man flings himself in front of a speeding train at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve few people can imagine living in a world where such situations are part of everyday life yet for London Ambulance paramedic Lysa Walder these and thousands of other emergency call outs are part of a day's work scenes of tragedy loss and horror but also stories of triumph and humour and all the results of an urgent 999 call to the biggest and busiest free ambulance service in the world Lysa has been an A&E nurse and paramedic for over 15 years here she tells the inside story behind the screaming sirens and flashing blue lights of the emergency services and reveals what it's really like to work in a job that frequently brings paramedic teams face to face with death and destiny

When I Had a Little Sister by Catherine Simpson is a searingly honest and heartbreaking account of growing up in a farming family and of Catherine's search for understanding into what led her younger sister to kill herself at 46 it's a story of sisters and sacrifice grief and reclamation and of the need to speak the unspeakable

This story follows the life of one paramedic as he is transformed from a wet behind the ears and new EMT to a knowledgeable and experienced paramedic this story is an entertaining and informative look at the not too distant past it provides non-medical readers with a rare look at life in the streets while also serving as an educational tool for new EMTs and paramedics this book is not for the faint of heart the author shoots straight from the hip as he discusses some of his most memorable calls in raw detail sometimes tragic sometimes humorous but always eye opening

friends with out of hours benefits or more

Welcome to the life and death world of an EMT sometimes bloody sometimes even funny but always compelling when someone dials 911 emergency medical technician Kelly Grayson is there to restart the heart that has stopped beating deal with dangerously high blood alcohol levels or pull a body from a mangled car wreck as an EMT Grayson sees people at their best and worst in situations that can be gruesome moving and heart breaking regardless of the emergency Grayson is the first line of defense picking up the pieces and saving lives or sadly watching them slip away a paramedic's story is bursting with stories that run the gamut from lighthearted to heart wrenching with his brutally candid style Grayson gives readers his special insight into the human condition and shows us what it feels like to hold lives in his hands every day

paramedics are storytellers the profession lends itself to acts of narration with every service call becoming woven into a tale about odds overcome and laced with humorous rhetoric in this thesis i argue that paramedics stories do more than fill the air with conversation to pass the time they serve a distinct purpose within the professional culture allowing for its members to navigate the harshest realities of their work environment by applying an ethnography of communication framework i examine the uses of paramedic narratives while also combating the insider bias of being a paramedic myself in using a combination of participant observation and semi structured interviews i explore the diverse purposes of paramedic narratives which include educating building a sense of belonging validating decisions and compartmentalizing trauma

this reference to medical conditions and treatments updates the scientific information current trends and developments in the field of medicine

my work as a paramedic left me feeling complete with a sense of mental strength after the completion of yet another shift i left my ambulance station watching it slowly disappear in my rear view mirror while on my way home it was just a matter of time before my inner strengths and confidences would transform back into depression anxieties and suicidal thoughts all which i attempted to comfort with my selection of alcohol my physical injuries accompanied with complex ptsd had me recognize that my days in this field should be counting down but i wasn t sure how or where to begin to depart a career which i had been so passionate about where was i to find the courage to leave before the collection of dark thoughts would find their way back inside my head and potentially ruin my life as i knew and loved a true story of a paramedic within the province of ontario who found it necessary to confront not only his own demons but some of those who were placed in charge of his care while in his struggle with ptsd now updated to include an epilogue on how the author is doing now

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