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Safety Is No Accident

EMS has existed in its current format for less than 50 years. In that time, there have been advances in communication, medical treatment and transportation services. Largely ignored, have been the safety features geared towards the EMS provider. This presentation will explore changes that directly affect the provision of EMS and discuss current issues and safety trends in the ambulance industry. We will cover emerging technologies and new industry trends being addressed to provide a safer work environment.

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Upon completion, participants should be to:

1. List 3 methods for reducing collisions
2. Discuss how the ambulance can be made safer
3. Identify the safety standards which govern ambulances

Outline:

- Goal of safety program
- Compliance / Regularity agencies
- How to conduct a Job Hazard Assessment
- Methods of protection
- Areas of concern
- Solutions
- Cost savings
- Current events