



Specialty: **Bicycle TEAM**

Education and Training

Partnering with local Law Enforcement Agencies like LEBA (Law Enforcement Bicycle Association) for specialized training that includes practicing and drills like balance, accident prevention, emergency braking and dismounting, safety and maintenance. Training includes knowing all the “Rules of the Road” in a number of unique jurisdictions and environments, i.e., urban, rural and off road.

Those interested in cycling, the outdoors and engaging the summer public differently, should join or start up a local team!

Roles and Responsibilities

Generally, in a team-of-two, these paramedic pairs will work as one response carrying much of the same equipment that an ambulance would carry providing very similar care.

Impact

While certainly a fun role to work in, especially when its warm and sunny, these Bike Teams sometimes referred to as Rapid Access Medics (RAM) can gain access to many areas that a traditional ambulance may not be able to easily like large crowds or unique terrains, i.e., parks, trails, etc. Making contact, providing initial and emergency care while a transport ambulance can reach the patient is very helpful.

The accessibility of bicycle teams is great in public education, engaging public, promoting bicycle safety and so much more like looking cool in bicycle shorts, jerseys, hats/helmets and shades!

Little Known Fact

With the exception that the bicycle team cannot transport anyone, they do carry much the same equipment that an ambulance does providing the same level of care; sometimes even with a small bike trailer with additional equipment like popsicles and ice cream sandwiches, just have to ask!

Bicycles have to maintained like an ambulance that have unique or specialized safety features to ensure they can be ridden with care and attention...and some even have a mini siren!

