Integrating Military EMS Providers Into Civilian Trauma Systems

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Military EMS Providers

- Differing levels of training
  - 68W
  - 18D
  - W1
  - SOCM

- Functional roles
  - Special Operations
  - Branch-specific
    - Corpsman
    - PJ
Civilian EMS Providers

- Differing levels of training and certification
  - EMR
  - EMT
  - AEMT
  - Paramedic

- National Standard Curriculum
- State vs. National Registry certification
## Civilian EMS Training

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<td>Integrates comprehensive knowledge of EMS systems, the safety/well-being of the paramedic, and medical/legal and ethical issues which is intended to improve the health of EMS personnel, patients, and the community.</td>
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National Registry of EMTs

- Independent certifying body
- Certification at the four levels
- Alignment with military training?
Practical Integration Issues

- Mismatches in scopes of practice
- Mismatches in training focus
- Mismatches in functional expectations
  - “Motor pool”
  - Civilian EMS delivery models
- REPLICA
Federal Interagency Committee on EMS

- Support for transition
- Complementary to efforts from WH

Strategic Plan Partners include:

- U.S. Dept. of Transportation
- U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security
- U.S. Dept. of Defense
- U.S. Federal Communications Commission
The Way Forward

- Transition and integration
- What is the role of the medic?
- Complete curriculum crosswalking
- Advocate for REPLICA
- Joint training and exercising
- Bridge courses
- MOU
- NDAA