**Code 3: Is The Risk Worth The Reward?**

**Breakout Session 60 minutes**

**NCCR Category: Culture of Safety/Ambulance Safety/Crew Resource Management**

**Overview: If you have spent any amount of time in the EMS industry, you likely remember the days of going Code 3 to everything. While Code 3 runs are becoming less common, they are still prevalent in many systems. We will look at research surrounding emergent responses and talk about the risk they pose to providers, patients and the public. We will talk about the reasons for these responses and discuss whether they are even warranted in current models. Perhaps the time has come for the Code 3 response to go the way of Mast Pants.**

**Objectives:**

1. The student will identify the risks of Code 3 responses.
2. The student will explain how Code 3 responses increase risks for providers, patients and the public.
3. The student will list solutions that can be implemented at the agency level to improve provider safety in regards to emergent responses.

**Outline: Target Audience-All emergency personnel, Admin Staff**

**Intro:** A quick rundown of topics to be covered.

**Concepts**

1. Defining the Code 3 Response
   1. Research regarding risk.
   2. Review of literature regarding ambulance crashes.
   3. Discuss reasons for code 3 responses.
2. Let’s do the Math
   1. How much quicker do we get there?
   2. When does 3-5 minutes truly make a difference?
   3. Why do we go emergent?
3. The Numbers of Code 3 Response
   1. How often do we run Code 3? Poll everywhere live in the course.
   2. How often does the literature say we run code 3?
   3. How often is a Code 3 response truly warranted?
   4. How many in attendance have been in an accident in an emergency vehicle. Poll anywhere live in class.
4. Looking Forward
   1. What changes need to come?
   2. What barriers stand in the way of those changes?
   3. What other research do we need to pursue?
   4. What changes can you make in your agency tomorrow?
   5. Should we eliminate Code 3 Response?
   6. Can we develop a risk analysis algorithm that can be rapidly deployed to make the decision?
   7. Current tools to improve driving safety.
5. Talk About How Creating a Culture of Safety is Essential To Maintaining Safety For Providers
6. Discuss Solutions That Can Be Implemented At The Agency Level To Improve Team Safety
7. Summary
   1. Safety isn’t just something we talk about at staff meetings, it has to be practiced daily.
   2. Appropriate response modes are vital to team safety.
   3. Be Safe Out There. I go home, you go home, and the whole team goes home! Every call, every day, everyone on the team!!!!