

TRB EMS Subcommittee ANB10(5)

# EMS Safety Summit 2012 Safety Systems, Strategies and Solutions

**Innovative Vehicle designs –  
technical aspects**  
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## Outline

- Sprinter Ambulances Provide Safer Environment/Retain Automotive Safety Features
- Forward Facing Seats Critical
- Reach Patients from Belted Position
- Leadership, Communicate, Culture, Vehicle, Accountability
- Science & Data Based



## Safest Vehicles Available



## Interiors Based on European and Canadian Specs Which Meet Gov't Safety Standards



## Communicate



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# Communicate

**THINK IT CAN'T HAPPEN TO YOU?**

**8 MILLION ACCIDENTS IN ABOUT 5 MINUTES 1% OF FLIGHT BREAKS**

**THINK AGAIN.**

**THINK IT CAN'T HAPPEN AGAIN?**

**DRIVE AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT IT DOES**

Everyone goes home at the end of the shift.

**STOP AT ALL INTERSECTIONS**

Any Questions?

Everyone goes home at the end of the shift.

**SAFETY**

The profession of CareFlite is unique in that the highest regard for the safety of patients, the community and ourselves, the customer and the public is our primary focus. We believe that safety is the most important factor in our business.

At CareFlite, we are committed to safety. We have implemented a comprehensive safety program that includes:

- Rigorous hiring and training processes
- Ongoing safety training and education
- Regular safety audits and inspections
- A strong safety culture that is ingrained in every employee

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# Accountability

Systems Like Road Safety Provide Data & Basis for Holding People Accountable



# Summary

Lesson 1:

“Being responsible sometimes means pissing people off... By procrastinating on the difficult choices, by trying not to get anyone mad, and by treating everyone equally "nicely" regardless of their contributions, you'll simply ensure that the only people you'll wind up angering are the most creative and productive people in the organization.”

A Leadership Primer from General (Ret.) Colin Powell, Former Secretary of State

