

Special Event Management

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A Career in EMS?

- University at Albany, BA 1999
- EMT - Fall, 1996
- EMT-Paramedic - Spring, 2000
- HVCC Paramedic Faculty - Fall, 2002
- EMS Advisor, University at Albany - Fall, 2004
- HVCC Clinical Coordinator - Fall, 2005

11 Years of EMS Experience

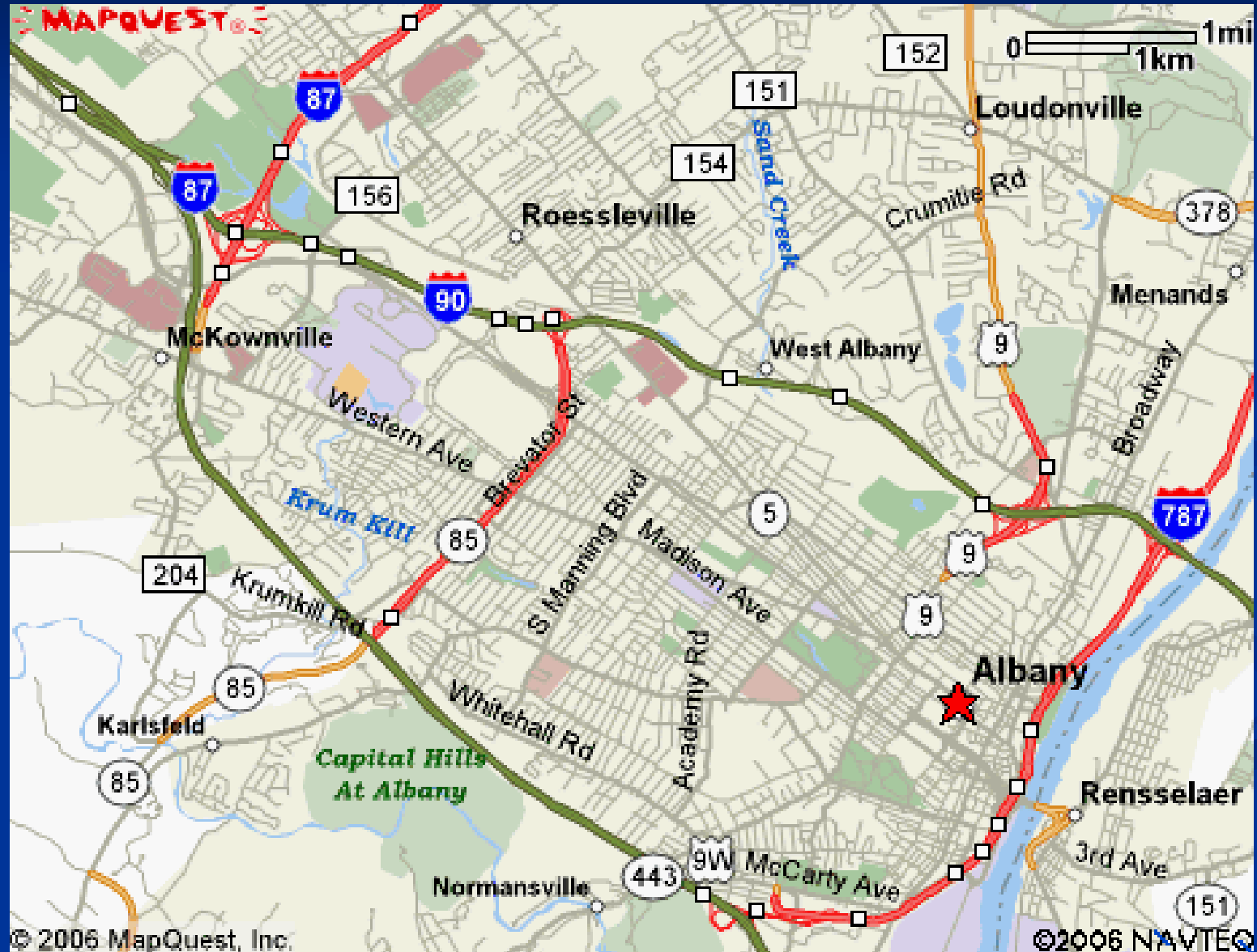
- Volunteer & Career
- Ambulance & 1st Response
- Urban, Suburban, & Rural
- Field & Administrative
- QI/Education/BOD/Operations
- Special Events & Concerts



University at Albany, SUNY



UAlbany Location



UAlbany Stats

- Over 17,000 students
- About 3,500 employees
- 35 Police Officers, 30 Security Officers
- “#1 Party School” myth
- 4 Towers
- 6 “Quads” . . . ?!?
- ETOH?



Five Quad Volunteer Ambulance Service



FQVAS Stats

- Cover students, faculty, staff & friends there of for a 5 mile radius of the uptown campus
- 2 BLS Ambulances
- ~60 Members
- 24/7 staffing of 1 rig during dorm use
- ~ 700 calls annually
- All volunteer
- Split ALS coverage

The Fountain



Fountain Day



- Signifies the start of spring
- Campus-sponsored event
- HUGE turnout
- Rain or shine (or snow)
- Culminates in turning on of the UAlbany fountain
- Traditionally lasts a few hours

When Things Go Wrong . . .



FD 2004 – Absolute Mayhem

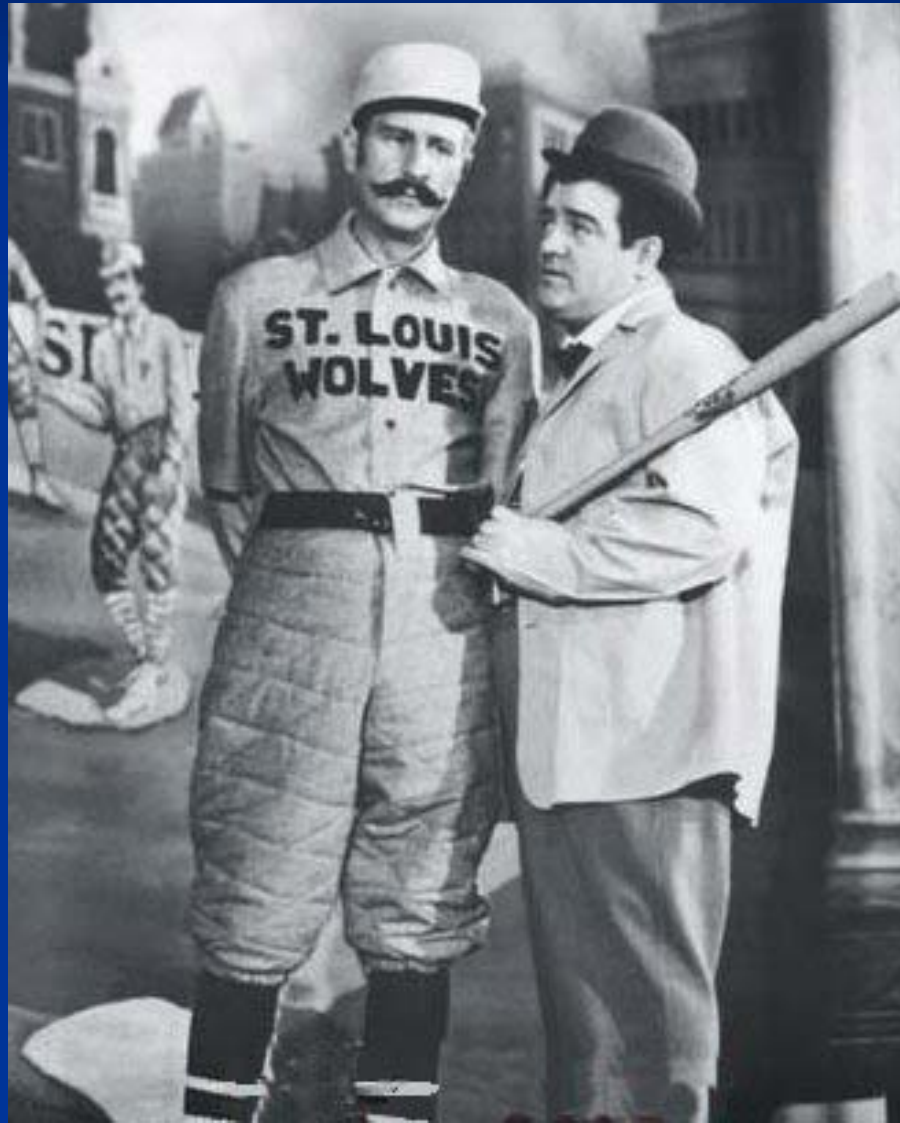


- Larger than expected numbers
- SA groups did not share plans with EMS/PD
- Alcohol and marijuana was present
- Mayhem ensued, EMS resources were overwhelmed - an MCI was declared.

FD 2004 MCI Stats

- Six mutual aid agencies had to be called for help.
- 16 patients were transported in the period of a couple hours – some unconscious.
- Over 30 more were treated for minor to moderate injuries.
- As crowd of 7000 got rougher, people were unable to escape injury.
- PD & EMS were overwhelmed.
- One student arrested for slashing an ambulance tire!
- Negative media coverage - Lessons were learned.

Communication is Our Biggest Weakness



Planning for Collegiate Special Events

- Start **EARLY!!!**
- Some things to think about:
 - Involve adjacent agencies & groups (campus, state, region, etc.)
 - EMS Staffing
 - 1st Aid Tent & Supplies
 - Mutual Aid & MCI Plan
 - University support & resources (PR, Judicial, etc.)
 - **RELIABLE** Communications

Adjacent Agencies

- ALS
- Police
- Student Association
- Bus Services
- Building Access



EMS Staffing

- Ambulances
- Walk-Around Crews
- Command Structure
 - Normal Operations
 - MCI
- Dispatchers
- Cover your district!



Uniform Choice

- Unique
- Bright
- Easily Identified
- Cheap
- Souvenirs
- Free Advertising



1st Aid Station



- Have an MD available
- Allows greater flow of minor patients
- Telephone
- Sun-screen
- Water & Ice
- Overstock supplies
- More treated, less transported!

Mutual Aid & MCI Plans



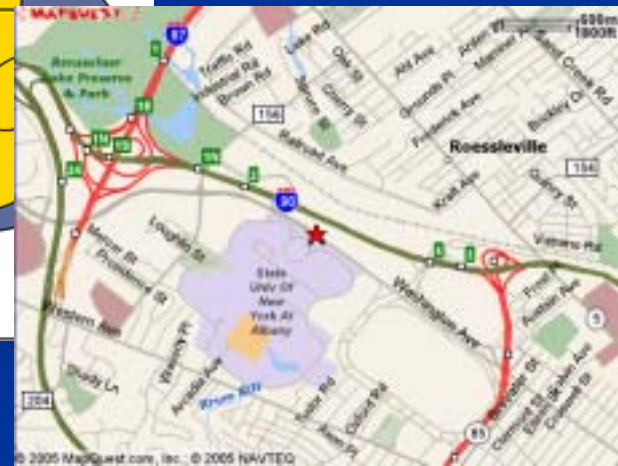
- Small, medium, & large events – defined.
- Make it structured, but flexible.
- Dispatchers need a copy.
- Assign MCI roles BEFORE one happens!

University Support

- Invite the faculty & staff to attend.
- Have instant judicial referrals
- Food, games, music – distractions from drinking!



Communication is KEY!



Fountain Day 2005



FD 2005 Stats

- Unified command post
- Dedicated radios
- 1 first aid station, with MD, RN & EMTs
- 2 event-dedicated rigs
- 3 walk-around crews
- 4 command staff
- 6000 people
- Extra PD for entry & exit of area
- No alcohol
- 28 treated & released
- 2 transported
- No arrests
- Similar numbers, but no MCI!
- THE SIX P's!!!

Review

- Plan early
- Be flexible
- Increase community awareness
- Better to over-prepare than under. . .



Thanks!





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