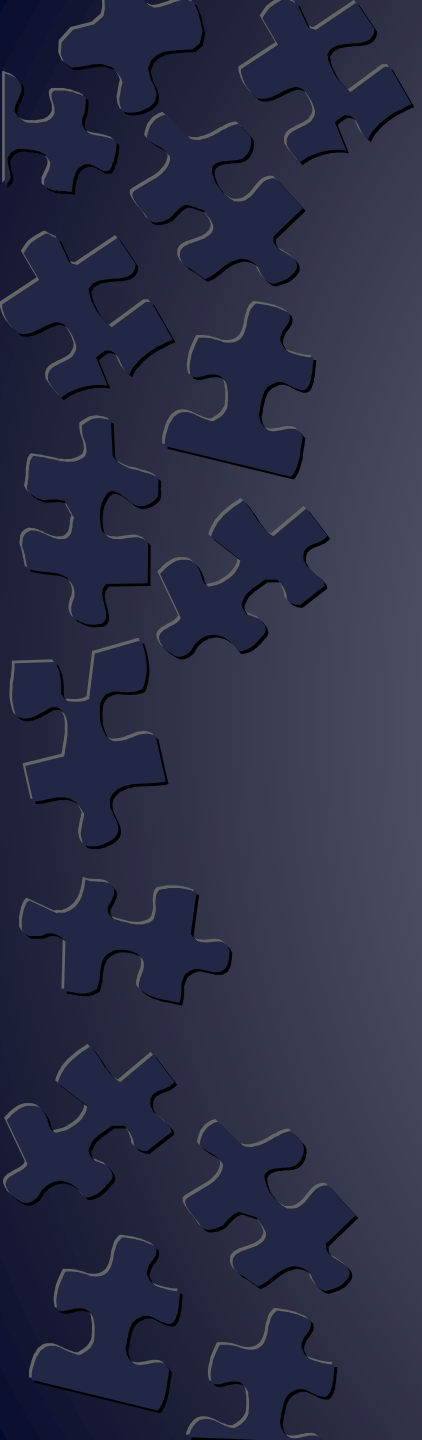


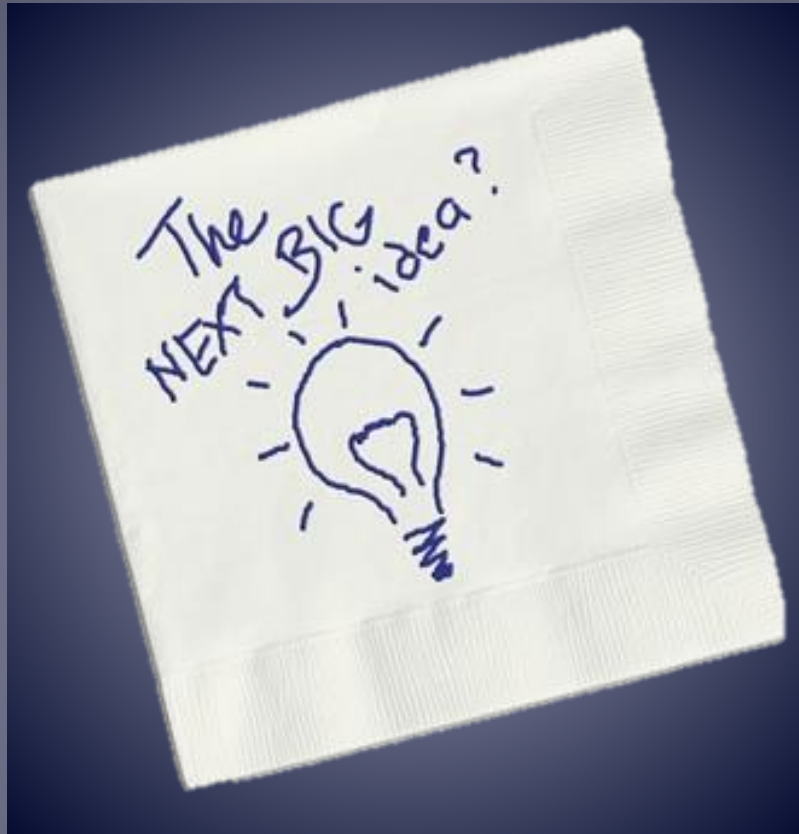


Situational Awareness - Scene Not Safe:

What Did I Sign Up For?

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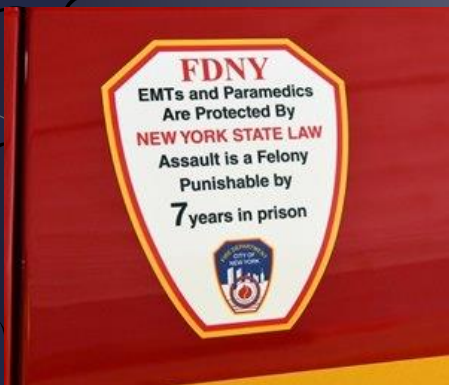
Theory of the Case



Intoxicated man injures paramedic, urinates in police car

**Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program
Changing How EMS Responds to Behavioral
Health Crises**

**EMTs and Paramedics Still Processing Vegas
Shooting Response as 1-Year Anniversary
Approaches**



**Paramedics Are Exposed To and
Sometimes Subject To Violence**



Societal Factors Influencing Violence

- Alcohol
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Illness
- Racism / Sectarianism
- Poverty
- Radical Ideologies
- Access to Weapons



Key Questions

Are we adequately preparing our workforce to understand and assess the risk factors for violence?

Can our practitioners effectively de-escalate, evade and/or minimize violent encounters?

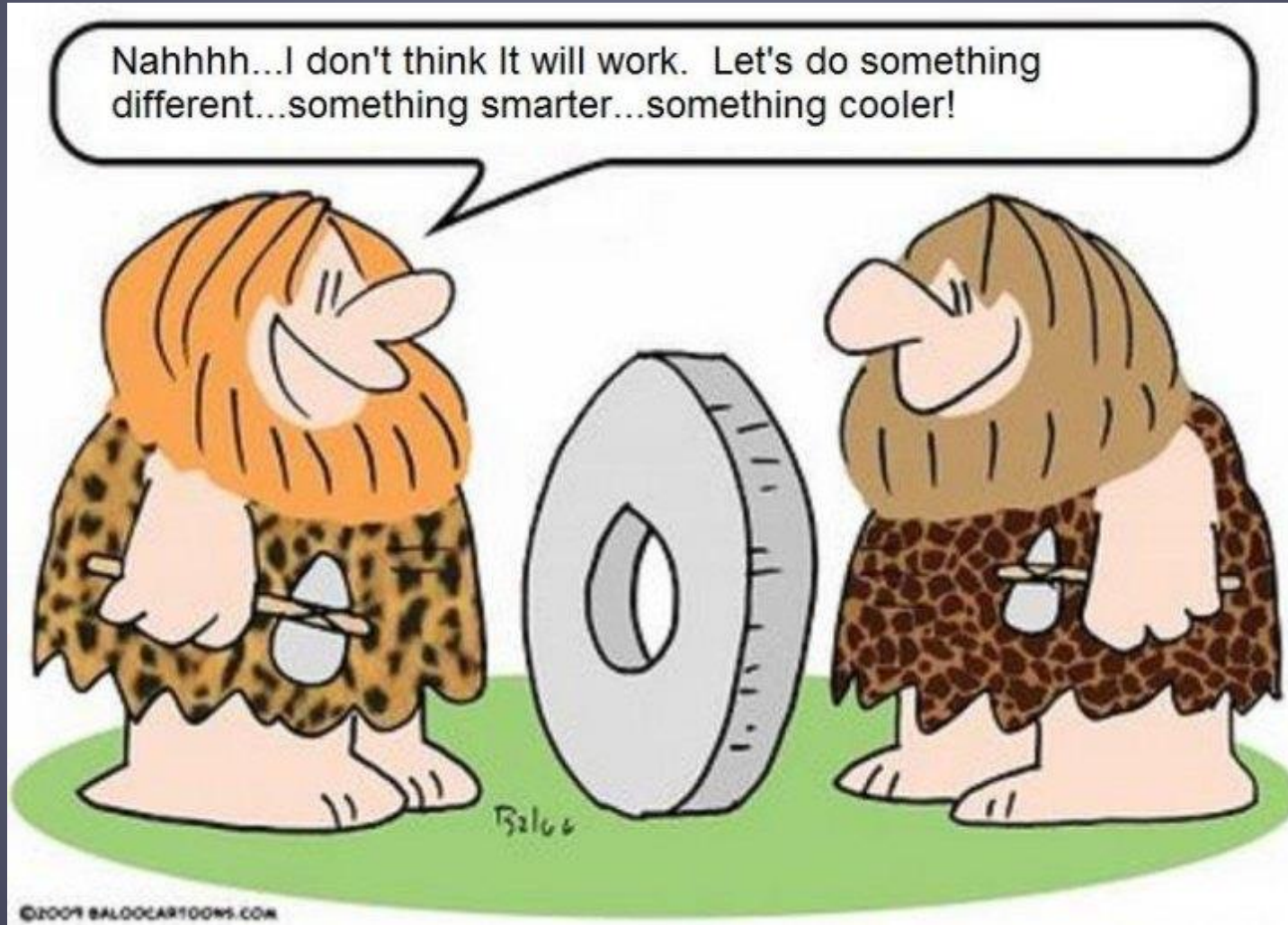
What are we doing to enhance awareness of the long term effects of repetitive stress and build resiliency?

How do we integrate these concerns in a coherent way?

Multiple Approaches Needed

- Awareness of local conditions that could lead to violence and other social issues
- Increased behavioral health assessment & treatment skills
- Improved substance abuse assessment & treatment by paramedis
- Training in de-escalation, evasion and escape
- Awareness of cumulative stress through resiliency training.

The Good News – It Already Exists



Existing Programs & Standards

- Community Paramedic Curriculum (Mental Health and Social Services)
- Mental Health First Aid
- SAMHSA Online Courses
- Escaping Violent Encounters for Healthcare Professionals (EVE4HP)
- NAEMT EMS Safety & Tactical Emergency Care Course
- NFPA 3000 Active Shooter Response Standard
- Evolving Wellness and Resiliency Programs

Project Goal

Assemble a continuing education "Street Safety" academy that leverages a briefing of local conditions combined with a blended approach of currently available online and in-person coursework to improve the skills, defensive capabilities and resilience of paramedics that concludes with appropriate case studies.

Next Steps

- Develop Partnerships
- Assemble Curriculum
- Obtain local law enforcement and social service partners
- Conduct trial academy
- Report Results

Questions?



- › Just pick a random direction as a destination and then act like your sure it's the right one because that's leadership!
- *Rex Dangervest*