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Excellence
in EMS

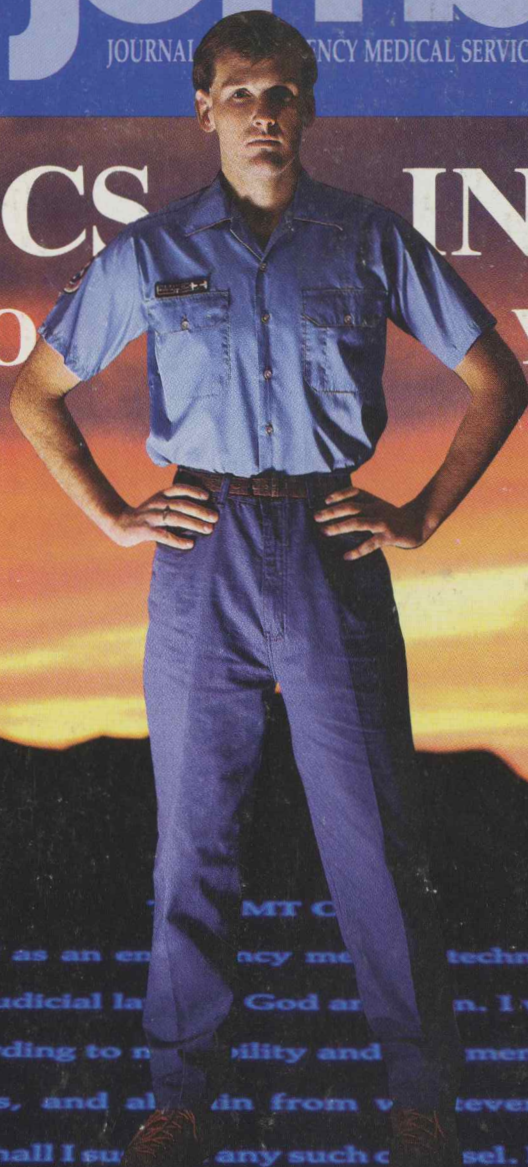
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Total
Patient Care

ETHICS IN EMS

WHERE DO YOU STAND?



Be it pledged as an emergency medical technician, I will honor the physical and judicial laws of God and man. I will follow the regulations which, according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of patients, and abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, nor shall I succumb to any such temptation. Into whatever homes I enter, I will go into them for the benefit of only the sick and injured, never revealing what I see or hear in the lives of men unless required by law.

I shall also share my medical knowledge with those who may benefit from what I have learned. I will serve unselfishly and continuously in order to help make a better world for all mankind.

While I continue to keep this oath unviolated, may it be granted to me to enjoy life, and the practice of the art, respected by all men, in all times. Should I trespass or violate this oath, may the reverse be my lot. So help me God.

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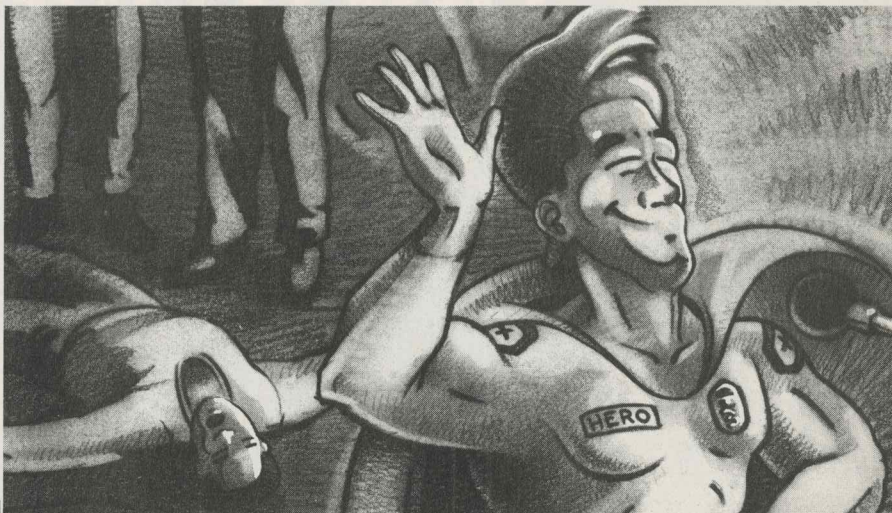
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