

So you want to be an EMS worker?

OSF HealthCare facilitates opportunities to become a lifesaver

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During National Emergency Medical Services Week, officials are getting the word out about the need for ambulance workers.

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There's no college degree requirement, but plenty of initial and continuing education is part of the job. Plus, you become familiar with medical best practices, all stored on a smartphone app you can access quickly in the field.

There's no debating that the job is stressful, but it's rewarding and usually well-paying.

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Les Mennenga [MEN-uh-guh], OSF HealthCare EMS educator

"We're going to be on calls where it's potentially a person's worst day of their life. We have an opportunity to make a difference. We may see something that's traumatic. We need to understand who we can turn to talk about that." (:17)

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If you're interested in this line of work, Mennenga suggests contacting your local EMS agency or volunteer fire department. Before enrolling in a class, try observing one or doing an ambulance ride-along.