Division 1: Introduction to Advanced Prehospital Care
Chapter 1, Part 1 Introduction to Advanced Prehospital Care

Introduction
EMS has made significant advances over the last 30 years.
The role of the paramedic has advanced accordingly.
Congratulations on your decision to become an EMT-Paramedic!

The paramedic of today provides comprehensive, ________________, and efficient prehospital emergency care.

Description of the Profession
• The paramedic is the ________________ level of prehospital care provider.
• The primary task of a paramedic is to provide emergency medical services in an out-of-______________ setting.
• All paramedics must be ________________, registered, or otherwise credentialed.

The paramedic of the 21st century is a highly trained health care professional.

Paramedics must possess knowledge, skills, and ________________ consistent with the expectations of the public and the profession.

The paramedic must ALWAYS be an ________________ for the patient.

Roles
• Paramedics will continue to fill the well-defined and traditional role of ________________ response.
• Emerging roles include public ________________, health promotion, and participation in illness prevention programs.

KEY POINT
○ The ability to make ________________ judgments in a timely manner can mean the difference between life and death for the patient.

Paramedic Characteristics
As a paramedic you should:
• Have excellent ________________ .
• Be able to ________________ decisions.
• Be a ________________ leader.
• Be able to function ________________ .

Parameter: A True Health Professional
• EMS is young as a profession.
• Paramedics are a ________________ part of the health care system.
• Consider the completion of your paramedic course as the beginning.

Special Note
○ You must always strive to earn your status as a health care professional!

Public ________________ is also an important part of the paramedic’s job.

The current paramedic curriculum provides for a much improved understanding of illness & ________________ processes.

KEY POINT
○ An essential aspect of a health professional is acceptance and adherence to a code of ________________ and etiquette.

Expanded Scope of Practice
• Paramedics are now stepping into non-traditional roles such as:
  ○ Critical Care ________________
  ○ ________________ Care
  ○ ________________ Medicine
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Critical-care transport provides for the safe transfer of critically ill or injured patients between health care facilities.

**Primary Care**
- Many patients receive primary care outside the _________________________ at far less cost.
- In some cases, paramedics, in close contact with _________________________ direction, can provide care at the scene without transport to the hospital.

**Industrial Medicine**
The industrial paramedic provides several important services in addition to _________________________ care.