PRO SPORTS EMS, LLC.
“Where Pro Sports meets EMS on the cutting edge”

23 Years of Pro Sports EMS

- The “Sports Medics” concept started in 1990 when Loyola Marymount University basketball player Hank Gathers collapsed and died while playing in a basketball game. Since that time we’ve provided coverage for the NHL, NBA, AFL, WNBA, Top Rank Boxing, and Pro Rodeo.

- The Pro Sports EMS team is currently made up of 8 Phoenix Fire Department paramedics. We specialize in working with and developing programs for professional sports ATC’s and team physicians. We have been developing, managing, and coordinating EMS programs for professional sports franchises since 1992. We currently manage and provide the EMS care for the NHL Phoenix Coyotes, Fiesta Bowl, Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl, and BCS Championship game when it’s played in Arizona.

- In 2007 we began providing EMS training programs for the Professional Hockey Athletic Trainers Society (PHATS).

- In 2009 following an NHL EMS training session an NHL trainer asked the question; Where do you feel as ATC’s we are the most vulnerable EMS wise? Our answer was: “At 35000 feet between cities on your team’s charter aircraft”. We went on to say that ATC’s are approached on a daily basis by their teams players, coaches, and staff for everything from aches and pains to the flu, or from a chest cold to possible chest pain. We understood in the event of a true medical emergency while at 35000 feet everyone will be coming to their ATC for help *(in the NHL, NBA, and MLB the team physicians rarely travel with the team)* Are ATC’s prepared to answer that call for help in an emergency situation at 35000 feet? In reality it will be between the ATC and the flight attendant as to who provides emergency care. My money was on the teams ATC to handle this critical situation. The question was how were they going to be prepared to answer the call at 35000 feet come “EMS Game Time”. The answer we believed was to create an Emergency MEDKIT for ATC’s which would provide advanced EMS protocols for them. *(Medical Direction from a Board Certified ER Physician is also a critical component)*

- The Emergency MEDKIT era was started. Our Pro Sports EMS team began to look at the most common EMS situations we see as paramedics on a regular basis. We looked at risk vs. benefit, and ease of use with overall effectiveness. We recognized 5 disease profiles our ATC’s might encounter, and developed step by step treatment protocols with associated treatment options. We felt in a true medical emergency where 911 resources were unavailable or delayed, the ATC’s could work under the medical direction of their teams physician on their team members. In June 2010 at the PHATS annual meeting in Florida we presented the ATC Emergency MEDKIT to PHATS for discussion and review. In Aug 2010 we offered a MEDKIT pilot program to the Phoenix Coyotes, Los Angeles Kings, and San Jose Sharks, and all 3 teams selected to participate in the MEDKIT pilot program. In 2011 we offered the program to all PHATS members and to date 23 of 27 NHL teams have MEDKIT providers on staff, and over 50 ATC’s have become MEDKIT Providers. We also have MEDKIT providers in the NHL’s minor league system, and some in college. In February 2013 we provided the MEDKIT course to Head Trainer Sue Falsone and the Los Angeles Dodgers training staff. At this point we’ve had interest from other MLB and NBA ATC’s as well. Our next MEDKIT course is scheduled for February 2014.

- In 2011 we created the Pro Sports EMS Mobile App. Our App is free and provides our MEDKIT providers with easy access to the MEDKIT’s protocols right on their mobile device. We also realized ATC’s can’t keep track of all of the ER’s, Trauma Centers, and 24hr pharmacies located close to the arenas, stadiums, and ballparks they visit, so we created MEDMAP for the App as well. MEDMAP provides the name, mapping, and contact information to the medical facilities closest to each teams venue. MEDMAP provides information for all teams in the NHL, NFL, NBA, MLB, and for all Division 1 College Bowl Game locations as well. The App was created especially for ATC’s and their medical staffs. The Pro Sports EMS App is currently only available on apple devices.

- In 2012 we partnered with Rapid Deployment Products and created the Pro Sports EMS Sports Board. We realized the standard backboard was only 6’0 long and was not designed for the professional and college athletes who were larger than the board they were routinely being placed on. In addition the standard board was not rated for the weight of large athletes, so we needed one with a heavier capacity. The Pro Sports EMS Sports Board is 7’0 feet long, 20” wide, and rated for 1000 pounds while only weighing 21 lbs. In 2012 our Sports Board was selected as an innovation award winner at the EMS Expo. To date we have Sports Boards being used in the US and Canada in both professional and college sports venues.
Our mission is to continue offering the very best in EMS training and equipment to assist pro sports medical teams in being their very best in Pro Sports EMS.