

PRESENTATION on “Emergency Services Trauma Care” in Melbourne, Australia
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Essentially, here in Melbourne, Australia, “Emergency Services Trauma Care” is responded in these manner:

1. Ambulance Service, state wide, nation wide. Anyone needing an emergency care dials or calls 000. A central call centre will direct the call to Medical, Police, Fire Departments/Agencies. Ideally the call is attended to within 20 minutes. There are cases in which all these 3 big agencies attend an emergency call as in the case of a catastrophic vehicular accident where the medical practitioners tend to specific medical concerns; the Police may direct/control traffic; and the Fire Personnel prevent/put out fires or cut a car/vehicle to free an injured person.

2. Flying Doctor – These are medically equipped and manned helicopters/ airplanes that attend to emergencies anywhere Australia wide.

3. State Emergency Services – This Agency responds to all sorts of emergencies in addition to the Medicos, Police and Fire Fighters.

I stress that the personnel in all these services be they be paid or volunteers are trained and equipped properly. Walang naka tsinilas lang who attends an Emergency. The discipline and training of people who are in these services is quite rigorous. For example the ambulance driver is not just a driver, but is required to at least have a First Aid Training and Certified and Accredited from time to time.

Emergency Medical Services Trauma Care is a serious Business. The Government and Community need to take it very seriously. Yes, it is costly financially and all sorts of ways. The Community has to be educated in how to assist and cooperate with the Government. I am sure many of you have heard of 8 and less than 8 years old children who saved their parents or grandparents because they knew how to dial 000 in the case of Australia. Does the Philippines have an emergency number? Does Bontoc, the Cordillera for that matter have an emergency number? I notice that most people in our Gawis ay Mountain Province know how to text. Perhaps we can begin developing an emergency number and teach our people young and old to call that number in an emergency.