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Who Are Athletic Trainers

HISTORY

Public safety groups have sought athletic trainer expertise for injury care and prevention for AT skill set in successfully caring for first responders.

Athletic trainers have volunteered for many years with local fire and rescue, EMS and law enforcement. They have given workshops, training in injury prevention, provided injury care and medical support for competitive activities. Publicity surrounding full-time employment of an athletic trainer for a large County police department drew the attention of both ATs and public safety.

To support these ATs the Public Safety Athletic Trainers' Society was formed in 2009. In 2014 the first Board of Directors was elected.

Athletic trainers are not currently common in public safety and the Society is looking forward to transforming first responder healthcare.

Actions necessary to increase employment for ATs are: educating public safety agencies, having persistence and gaining knowledge of the public safety environment.

It can be done and it is a rewarding setting for the experienced athletic trainer.

As the Society grows and more athletic trainers become engaged in public safety we look to improve resources for both ATs and agencies as well as continue the support the employment of athletic trainers.



MISSION

The Public Safety Athletic Trainer's Society is a professional association representing athletic trainers working in fire and rescue, EMS, law enforcement and those supporting public safety health and wellness.

The purposes of the Society are to provide support for athletic trainers working in public safety; to educate public safety entities about the benefits of the athletic trainer engaged in their workplace; and to promote the highest level of healthcare for first responders.

“Taking Care of Those who Take Care of Us”