# Videotaping Scene Cardiac Arrest Calls

Does anyone have a pin for this grenade?

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### Conflict of Interest

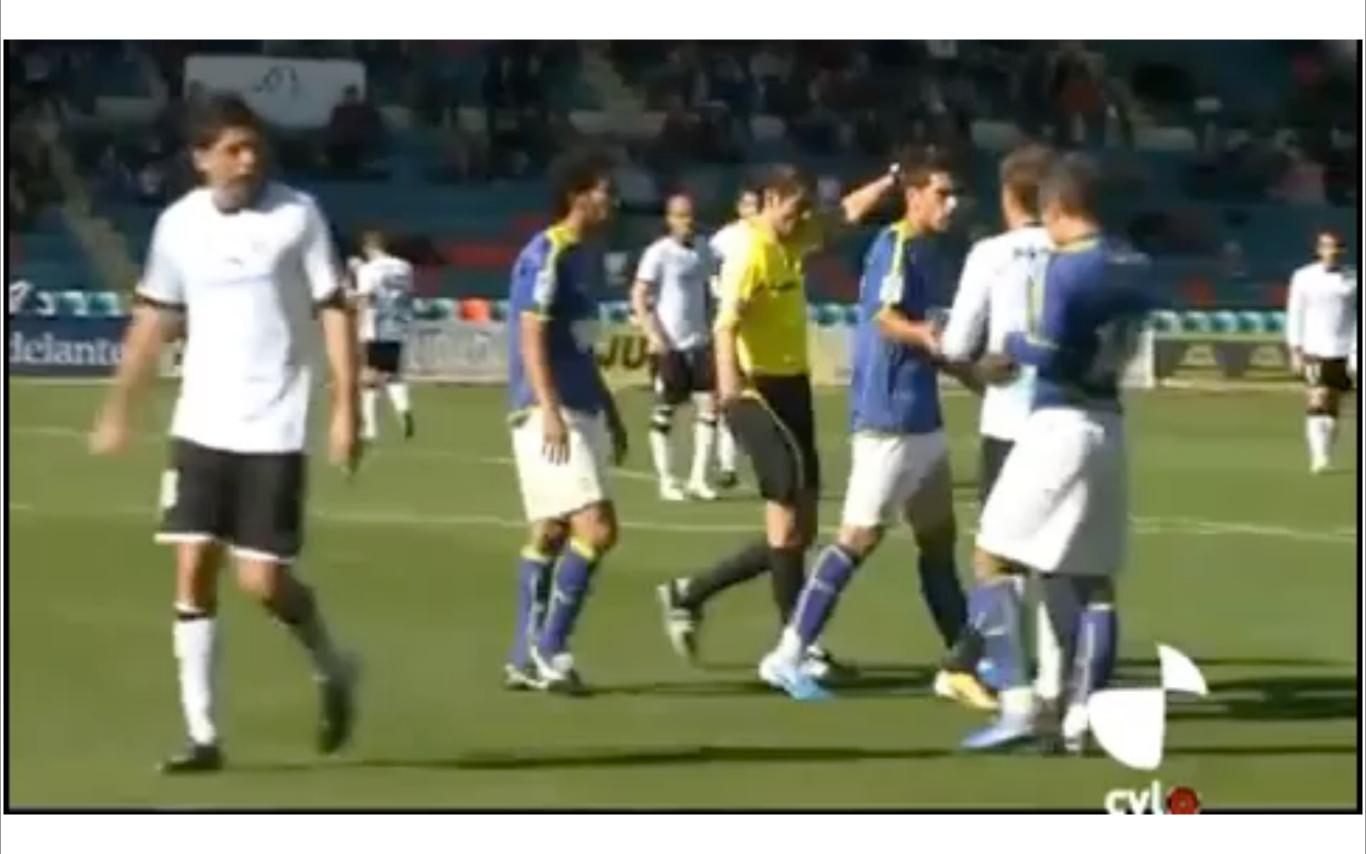
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### Goals and Objectives

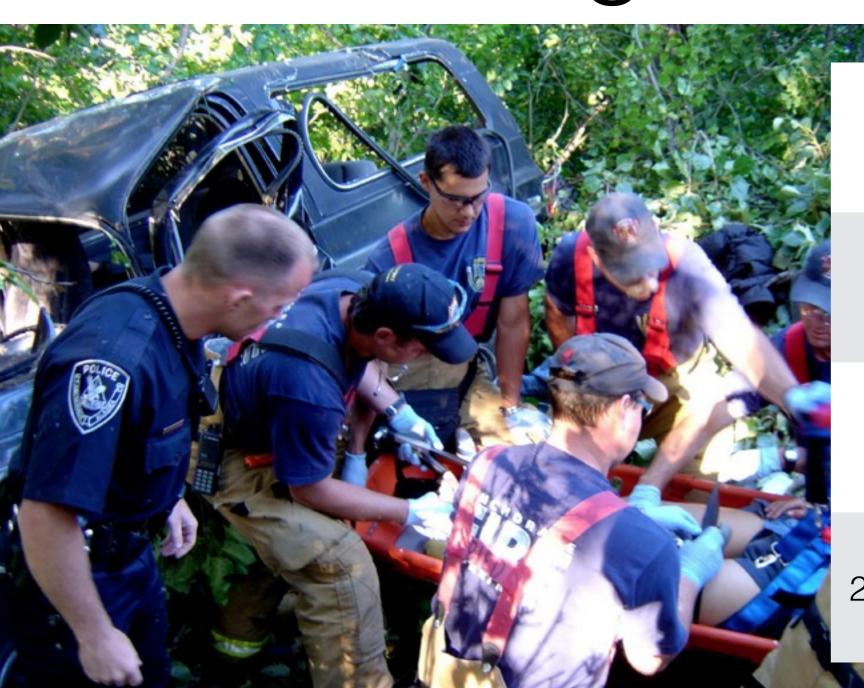
- Consider benefits of video information
- Review Anchorage Experience
- Consider ethics
- Provider Acceptance
- Is the trade off worth it?







### Anchorage Fire Dept



Population

~300,000

**EMS Calls** 

21,300

Personnel

~300

2013 OOHCA

160



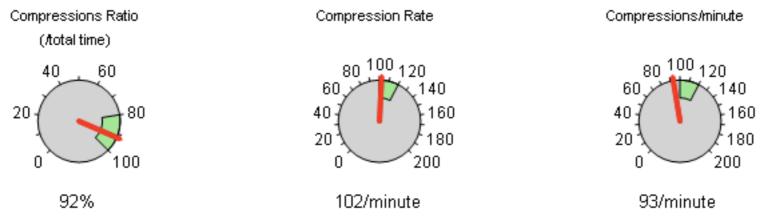
### Telecommunicator CPR



# We Can Measure Our CPR Performance









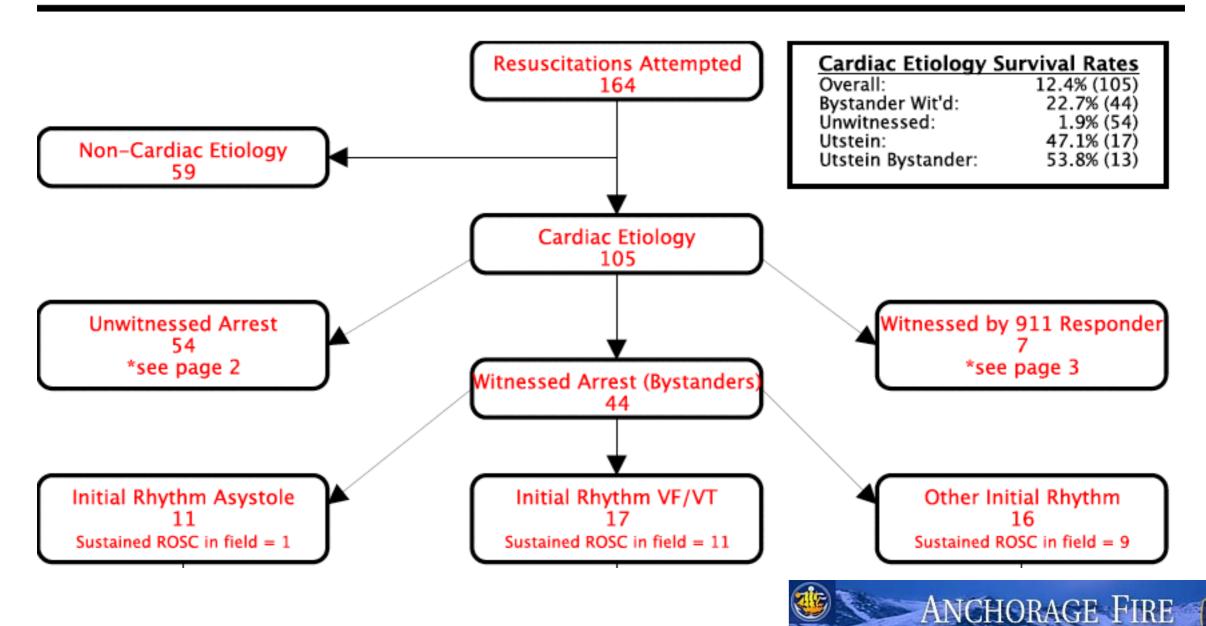
# We Can Follow Outcomes





#### **Utstein Survival Report**

Anchorage Fire Department Service Date: From 1/01/2013 Through 12/31/2013



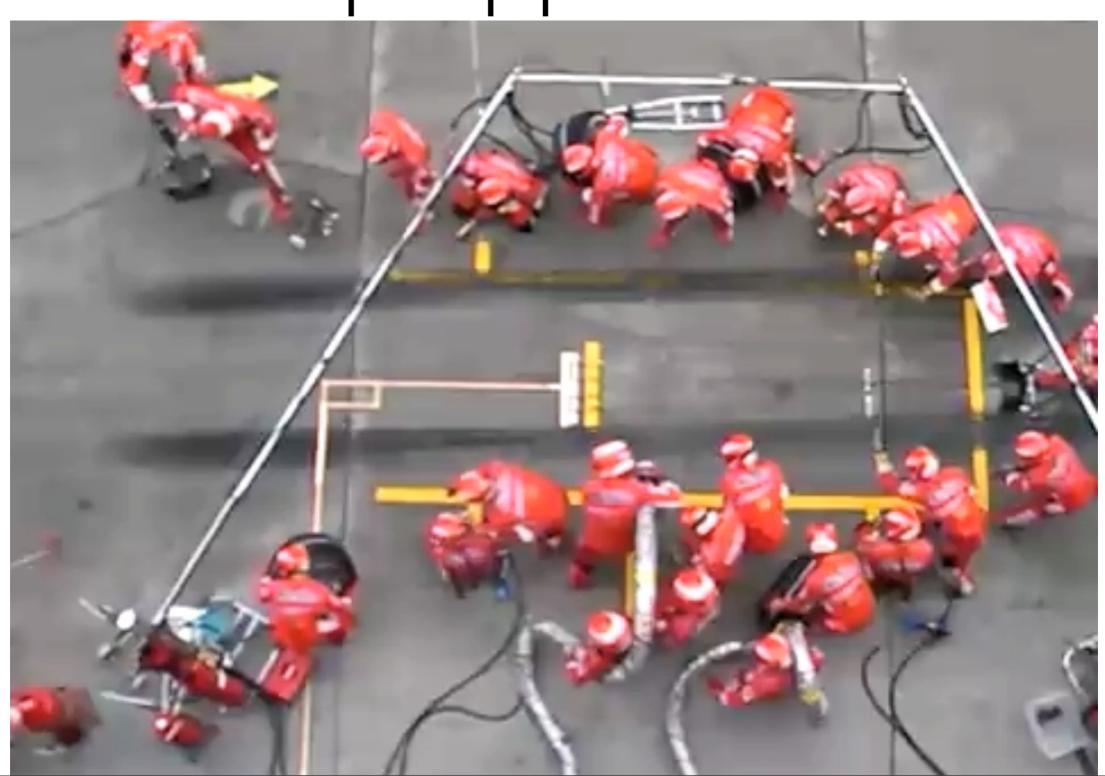
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### Still you only know what you know

- Monitor code summary showing 0 time as onset of monitoring but doesn't show latency
- How long did it take to organize the event?
- Guidelines followed?



## We Can Lecture About Pit Stop Approach



### What if you video taped the event?

### Model: Trauma

 Commonplace at many trauma centers: motion activated camera in trauma bay



### Goal

- Fly on the wall view of scene
- Better understanding of challenges
- Potential for improvement in system

### Anchorage Trial

- 8 cases
- GoPro was brought in by EMS supervisor and affixed to monitor defib, at patient's head

### Data Integrity

- MicroSD card removed from camera at the end of call and placed in a manilla envelope, sealed and signed by supervisor
- Brought directly to Medical Director who can solely review
- Reviewed and destroyed (physically, not overwritten)



### Value Equation

- Confirmation of scene dynamics
- Understanding of challenges faced in a particular resuscitation
- Crew perspective



### Challenges

- Ethics: is this an invasion of privacy?
- Consent: should you? If so, how?
- Timing: higher value if recorded from outset
- Legal issues?
- Recording of scene: what if contraband etc?
  Changes provider role..?



### Provider Perspective

- Could this be associated with discipline?
- "I don't like being video taped"
- Concern about patient perception of video

#### Lesson Learned

- Balance of value versus conflict
- Must have a thoroughly vetted process with full disclosure and buy in from providers
- ...still have to weigh in perspective of family

