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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), paramedics,  
3 and other first responders may be exposed to unforeseen  
4 dangers when rendering medical assistance or crisis  
5 intervention; and

6           WHEREAS, These dangers may include rendering medical aid  
7 in the presence of hidden weapons to perpetrators of crime, to  
8 suspects attempting to elude police, or to patients confused  
9 or experiencing an altered state of consciousness; and

10           WHEREAS, First responders may render aid to patients under  
11 known or unknown conditions of medical trauma, shock, comas,  
12 hallucinations, emotional and psychological crisis,  
13 intoxication, or the influence of narcotics and other  
14 substances; and

15           WHEREAS, Emergency calls that begin as medical assistance  
16 or crisis intervention situations could either potentially  
17 evolve or suddenly transition into a very dangerous physical  
18 conflict, and these situations may include the presence of  
19 weapons, such as firearms, and may become violent, thereby  
20 endangering the lives of first responders, patients, and the  
21 public; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we urge the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Illinois  
4 Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, the Illinois  
5 State Police, the State's fire departments and districts, the  
6 Office of the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator, and all public  
7 safety agencies in the State to review policies and procedures  
8 pertaining to the potential dangers encountered by emergency  
9 medical technicians, paramedics, public safety  
10 telecommunicators, and other first responders involved in  
11 rendering medical assistance; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That we urge that the training of first  
13 responders include policies and procedures that will improve  
14 situational awareness and the communications of EMTs, police,  
15 dispatch, and firefighters to best preserve their safety and  
16 the safety of patients and the public from these potentially  
17 dangerous situations; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That we urge that the training of first  
19 responders include procedures and policies to help identify  
20 such potentially dangerous situations, how to properly  
21 communicate a threat with dispatch, law enforcement, and other  
22 relevant responders, and the appropriate actions,  
23 disengagement, or response needed to de-escalate dangerous  
24 situations; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That we urge the State's public safety agencies  
2 to critique their response to past experiences of emergency  
3 medical responses that evolved into violent or potentially  
4 violent incidents and to include, in their culture and  
5 procedures, open discussions about such responses and the  
6 necessary training, policies, and procedures needed to  
7 appropriately address such events in the future; and be it  
8 further

9           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
10 delivered to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and  
11 Standards Board, the Illinois Department of Public Health, the  
12 Illinois State Police, the Illinois EMS Association, the  
13 Illinois State Ambulance Association, the Office of the  
14 Illinois State Fire Marshal, and the Office of the Statewide  
15 9-1-1 Administrator.