



Guide to the Duke University EMS Records, 1995-2021

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Summary

Collection Title:

Duke University EMS records, 1995-2021

Creator:

Duke University Emergency Medical Services (Student organization)

Abstract:

Duke University Emergency Medical Services began as Duke University Rescue Squad in 1994 as a student-run medical service provider at events on campus. This collection contains proposals, photographs, newspaper clippings, handwritten notes on the history of DUEMS, and a scrapbook.

Extent:

1.5 Linear Feet

Language:

Materials in English.

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Background

Scope and Content

Collection contains proposals, photographs, newspaper clippings, handwritten notes on the history of DUEMS, and a scrapbook.

Biographical/Historical

"Duke University [Emergency Medical Services] was founded by Matt Womble, Tim Pieh, and Sacha Picard. These three students had volunteered as Emergency Medical Technicians at home and saw a need for improved EMS response at Duke. These three students began working with administrators in 1993 to form a student-run rescue squad.

Duke University Rescue Squad, as it was originally known, began serving the Duke community by providing stand-by coverage for basketball games in the spring of 1994. By 1995, Duke Rescue had expanded to responding to emergency calls. Members were dispatched by pager and responded on foot. In the same year, the first EMT-Basic class was taught on campus by Duke LifeFlight. Campus response was improved in 1996 when Duke University EMS purchased six Motorola Radios, allowing EMTs to communicate with each other, Durham Country EMS, and police officers.

In 2003, under the new name of Duke University EMS, the squad shifted from operating under Student Affairs to becoming a division of the Duke University Police Department.

After being out of service since August 2017, Duke University EMS resumed operations under Duke Life Flight's medical oversight beginning in Fall 2018, providing event medicine services for Duke Football and Basketball."

Historical note adapted from Duke University EMS website, <https://www.dukeems.org/what-we-do> (accessed September 09, 2024)

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Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Acquisition Information

The Duke University EMS records were received by the University Archives as a gift in 2024.

Processing Information

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Names and Subjects

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- Duke University Emergency Medical Services (Student organization)
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- Duke University -- Students -- Public services
- Duke University -- Students -- Societies and clubs

Collection Inventory

Patches and stickers, undated	Box 1
Clippings and note, 1995-2008, 2021	Box 1

Resident Advisor Complaint, 2002	Box 1
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Proposals, 1999-2001	Box 1
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Scope and Contents

Includes a draft of a proposal for a second vehicle or ambulance and related correspondence and "A Proposal for the Consideration of the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 Office Corps."

Photographs, 2003, undated	Box 1
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Binder, 1996-2006	Box 1
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Scope and Contents

Materials have been removed from binder and placed in an archival folder. Includes handwritten notes on the history of Duke EMS, photographs, and clippings.

Scrapbook, 1996-2015	Box 2
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Scope and Contents

Mostly consists of clippings and a certificate from the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation.