19:00 to 19:30 - Violence Against Paramedics in Australia and the United States
Dr. Brian Maguire

In Australia, the rate of occupational injuries among paramedics is eight times higher than the national average for all workers. In the United States the rate of occupational injuries for paramedics is seven times higher than the national average for all workers.

Reducing the risk of assaults against paramedics may save lives, prevent injuries, reduce agency costs, reduce paramedic turnover, improve morale and ultimately improve patient care and the delivery of ambulance services.

Bio: A former NYC paramedic, Dr. Brian J. Maguire is a professor at the Central Queensland University, School of Medical and Applied Sciences in Australia. He is a 2009 Senior Fulbright Scholar and one of the leading researchers in the area of EMS occupational safety. Brian is the coordinator for the online bachelor's degree program in EMS occupational health and safety at CQU; it is the first program of its kind in the world.

19:30 to 20:00 - EMS in Australia – a comparison of operational and educational models
Lisa Hurring

Australia’s eight ambulance services operate in ways that have some similarities and some significant differences to U.S. models. This discussion will focus on contemporary operational and educational models and how those models are evolving in Australia.

Bio: Lisa Hurring is a lecturer in the Central Queensland University Paramedic Science program. Currently pursuing her master’s degree, her research in clinical education is supported by a Research Fellowship from Health Workforce Australia. She has over a decade of clinical experience as a paramedic in both urban and remote locations in Queensland.

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