



LIFE & SIRENS

BEHIND AND ON THE SCENE

Would You Rather: EMS Edition

- Be stuck in an elevator with a patient who has a **GI bleed**, or one with **bed bugs who is yelling at you**?
- Find out a call was recorded on a **Ring camera**, or realize you left your **body cam on in the bathroom**?
- Go on a **pediatric arrest** where the parents are yelling, or a **nursing home arrest** where no one knows the patient?
- Have a partner who takes **every refusal personally**, or one who tries to **get a refusal on every patient**?
- Have a partner who **won't stop talking**, or one who **refuses to speak the entire shift** (even when needed)?
- **Narrate every step of every call** for an entire 24-hour shift, or have a **high school student ride along** every shift for the rest of the year?
- Get toned out for a **man down at a gas station**, or an **unknown medical at Waffle House** (both at 2 AM)?
- Have a bystander **film your entire scene**, or have a **supervisor silently watching** from the corner without your knowledge?
- **Intubate in a pitch-black trailer with roaches**, or **decompress a chest in front of the patient's entire family**?
- Run every call with your **ex as your partner**, or be **permanently assigned to the slowest station** in your system?
- Be the only paramedic on a **multi-casualty scene**, or the only one who knows how to **work a monitor during a double cardiac arrest**?
- Wear an **unwashed uniform shirt** for three shifts, or ride passenger with someone **who won't stop singing**?
- Relive your **worst rookie mistake**, or have your most **awkward patient interaction go viral**?
- Do **CPR in a hoarder's house**, or in the back of an ambulance with **SO driving and 8 firefighters inside**?
- **Forget your jump bag** at the station, or have **no caffeine for an entire shift**?
- Would you rather have your **ECG printer jam during a STEMI** or your IV pump fail during a levo drip?
- Would you rather lose your **trauma shears** on scene or accidentally bring home the **station's narc key**?
- Would you rather work a code with the fire crew that **never stops yelling**, or the one that just **stares at you and doesn't lift a finger**?
- Would you rather be called "**ambulance driver**" all shift, or have every single patient ask, "**Is this ride is free?**"
- Would you rather accidentally activate the **air horn at a funeral**, or hit the **PA system while singing to the radio**?
- Would you rather wear **boots two sizes too small**, or duty **pants that won't stop falling down**?