

Ambulance simulator for paramedic training

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Abstract—In case of an emergency an ambulance team needs to reach the destination swiftly and safely and in many cases needs to return to the hospital with a patient at a matching pace. The ambulance crew needs two kinds of skills: driving skills and emergency treatment skills. Driving skills can be improved through training in closed track. The missing factor in the track training is the traffic – it is not feasible to have dozens of cars to simulate the traffic conditions that an ambulance driver will on an average emergency call. Emergency treatment skills are part of paramedic training but putting them in practice in a moving ambulance is quite different from training in the class. Both of the mentioned issues can be addressed in simulator training. A simulation platform was developed for this purpose. The platform can be used both for driver and emergency treatment training. The training system consists of a motion platform that is used to simulate the movement of the ambulance and ambulance driving simulation software that controls the motion platform. The simulator enables driver and paramedic training in a safe environment with realistic feel of the ambulance movement.

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I. INTRODUCTION (*HEADING 1*)

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$$a + b = \gamma \quad (1)$$

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TABLE I. TABLE STYLES

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