

The Impact of Paramedic Contributions on Emergency Preparedness, Readiness, and Safety Behavior in Daily Life: A Longitudinal, Evidence-Driven Integrative Review

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Abstract

Emergency preparedness and daily-life readiness have become critical public health priorities as communities face increasing risks such as cardiac emergencies, trauma, disasters, and seasonal outbreaks. Paramedics, traditionally viewed as prehospital emergency responders, now play a broader role in community education, risk communication, early hazard detection, and strengthening public safety behavior. This integrative review synthesizes longitudinal and cross-sectional evidence published between 2010 and 2025 on the impact of paramedic contributions to everyday emergency preparedness and safety readiness. Findings demonstrate that paramedic-led awareness initiatives significantly improve community knowledge, response confidence, and the adoption of preventive behaviors. Community paramedicine programs were shown to reduce emergency response times, increase bystander intervention, enhance chronic disease monitoring, and support preparedness for cardiac arrest, bleeding, respiratory compromise, and trauma events. Paramedic engagement in schools, workplaces, and public health campaigns also increased first-aid uptake, reduced misinformation, and improved resilience during disasters. Evidence indicates that integrating paramedics into preparedness systems strengthens population-level readiness and creates measurable long-term improvements in survival rates, hazard recognition, and risk-reduction behaviors. The review concludes that paramedic-led models are key enablers for building safer, more resilient communities.

Keywords: Paramedics, Emergency Preparedness, Community Paramedicine, Readiness, Safety Behavior, Public Health Resilience, Prehospital Care, Community Awareness.

Introduction

Emergency preparedness has emerged as a core public health priority as populations around the world face increasing exposure to acute medical crises, trauma events, and disaster-related risks. Traditionally, emergency medical services (EMS) centered on rapid response and transport during life-threatening events. However, modern health systems increasingly recognize that preparedness and readiness begin long before an emergency call—within homes, workplaces, schools, and communities. As a result, paramedics now play a critical role beyond prehospital intervention, contributing to public education,

risk mitigation, early recognition of emergencies, and shaping community safety behaviors (Bigham et al., 2019; O'Meara et al., 2022).

Daily-life emergencies such as cardiac arrest, respiratory distress, bleeding injuries, anaphylaxis, diabetic crises, and road-traffic incidents remain major global causes of preventable morbidity and mortality. Studies have demonstrated that community readiness—defined as the ability of ordinary people to recognize an emergency and respond effectively—significantly improves patient outcomes (Perkins et al., 2021). Paramedics are uniquely positioned to influence these behaviors due to their authority, clinical expertise, and strong public trust. Their interactions with households, schools, industrial sites, elderly care facilities, and vulnerable populations equip them to shape preparedness programs that address real-world risks (Chan et al., 2020).

Community paramedicine has expanded internationally as a model that integrates paramedics into preventive and educational roles. Evidence shows that paramedic-led awareness campaigns, first-aid training, home-safety assessments, chronic disease monitoring, and risk communication strategies increase the adoption of preparedness behaviors (Brydges et al., 2019). These interventions have also proven effective in reducing avoidable EMS calls, enhancing early recognition of emergencies, and strengthening the public's psychological readiness to act (Woollard et al., 2017).

Despite growing interest in paramedic contributions, there remains a need to consolidate the evidence regarding their long-term, population-level impact on daily-life readiness. This review addresses the gap by integrating longitudinal and cross-sectional research to evaluate how paramedics influence community preparedness, safety behaviors, and response capabilities. It examines paramedic roles across education, outreach, chronic condition support, emergency scenario training, and resilience-building activities.

By synthesizing global findings, this review provides a comprehensive understanding of how paramedic-led initiatives reshape public health preparedness frameworks. It further highlights opportunities for strengthening community resilience, policy integration, and sustainable preparedness programs aligned with evolving EMS models.

Methodology

This study follows the methodology of an integrative review, allowing synthesis of diverse study designs, including cross-sectional research, longitudinal studies, randomized interventions, and qualitative evidence. The integrative review framework (Whittemore & Knafl, 2005) was used to examine how paramedic contributions influence emergency preparedness, daily-life readiness, and community safety behavior.

A systematic search was conducted across PubMed, Scopus, Web of Science, CINAHL, and Google Scholar. Keywords included: paramedics, community paramedicine, emergency preparedness, safety behavior, public readiness, first-aid education, prehospital prevention, community resilience, and daily-life emergencies. Literature published between 2010 and 2025 was included.

Inclusion Criteria

- Studies evaluating the impact of paramedic-led education, outreach, or preparedness programs
- Studies assessing public readiness, safety behavior, early emergency recognition, or bystander response
- Longitudinal, cohort, randomized, or mixed-method studies
- Publications in English

Exclusion Criteria

- Studies focusing only on clinical interventions unrelated to preparedness
- Commentaries without empirical evidence

Data Extraction & Synthesis

Key variables extracted included: type of paramedic intervention, population characteristics, preparedness outcomes, safety behavior indicators, risk reduction outcomes, and long-term impacts. A narrative synthesis approach was applied to compare evidence across study types, supported by thematic integration.

This methodology enabled a comprehensive examination of the multi-dimensional role of paramedics in shaping public preparedness.

Literature Review

Emergency preparedness and daily-life readiness reflect the capacity of individuals and communities to anticipate, recognize, and effectively respond to urgent medical events. Over the past decade, the role of paramedics has expanded beyond prehospital clinical intervention to include public education, risk communication, community engagement, and preventive outreach. This literature review synthesizes empirical studies on how paramedic contributions shape preparedness knowledge, safety behavior, and everyday response readiness across diverse populations.



Figure 1. Conceptual Pathway of Paramedic Contributions to Community Preparedness

A growing body of evidence emphasizes paramedics' role as frontline educators in first-aid skills, hazard recognition, and emergency response. Studies indicate that paramedic-led education significantly improves community knowledge regarding common emergencies such as cardiac arrest, anaphylaxis, trauma, bleeding, and respiratory compromise (Brydges et al., 2019). Compared with traditional classroom training, programs delivered by EMS personnel demonstrate higher retention of skills, greater confidence levels, and improved willingness to perform bystander CPR and bleeding control (Perkins et al., 2021).

Paramedics also serve as credible messengers who enhance public trust, leading to better engagement in preparedness initiatives and greater adherence to safety recommendations (Chan et al., 2020). Research from community paramedicine models in Canada, the UK, and Australia shows that populations exposed to paramedic outreach programs demonstrate higher levels of perceived readiness and reduced fear of responding to emergencies (O'Meara et al., 2022). Educational outreach in schools and workplaces further strengthens preparedness by embedding safety behavior in daily routines, particularly among youth and employees in high-risk occupations.

Community paramedicine programs represent a major evolution in EMS practice, extending paramedic roles into preventive and longitudinal community care. Studies show that home-based safety assessments conducted by paramedics reduce household hazards, improve medication adherence, and promote early recognition of medical deterioration (Bigham et al., 2019). These programs also enhance preparedness for chronic disease crises, reducing avoidable EMS calls and improving readiness for conditions such as hypoglycemia, asthma attacks, COPD exacerbations, and hypertensive emergencies. Evidence from longitudinal evaluations in the United States and Europe suggests that households receiving repeated paramedic visits demonstrate improved risk-reduction behaviors, such as secure medication storage, proper use of inhalers and emergency medications, and better maintenance of first-aid kits (Woollard et al., 2017). These findings demonstrate that paramedic involvement contributes not only to acute emergency care but also to sustainable improvements in everyday safety and preparedness. Preparedness cannot be achieved solely through knowledge; it requires changes in public behavior. Multiple studies highlight the influence of paramedic-led campaigns on shaping community safety

behavior. Public CPR events, Stop-the-Bleed training, and AED familiarization sessions conducted by paramedics significantly increase bystander intervention rates during out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and trauma incidents (Perkins et al., 2021).

Evidence demonstrates that when paramedics lead these sessions, participants show higher self-efficacy and lower hesitation to act, especially in emotionally charged emergencies (Brydges et al., 2019). Workplace-based paramedic programs also strengthen safety culture, reducing response delays and improving coordination during crisis events. This literature underscores the behavioral impact of paramedics as catalysts for community empowerment.

Disaster preparedness studies consistently show that paramedics contribute to community resilience during natural disasters, pandemics, and mass-casualty events. During COVID-19, for example, paramedics played essential roles in public communication, triage, vaccination, and mobile health outreach. Their involvement improved public adherence to preventive measures, reduced misinformation, and strengthened preparedness for respiratory emergencies (Chan et al., 2020).

Research from wildfire, flood, and earthquake-prone regions suggests that paramedic-led drills and risk awareness campaigns enhance public evacuation readiness, improve communication flow, and support psychological preparedness for crises (O'Meara et al., 2022). These interventions are associated with stronger community resilience scores and reduced casualties in later events.

Digital transformation has enhanced paramedics' ability to promote daily-life safety behaviors. Studies analyzing mobile applications led or endorsed by EMS systems show improved public awareness of AED locations, faster reporting of emergencies, and increased willingness to engage in tele-assistance-supported CPR (Bigham et al., 2019).

Telemedicine initiatives within community paramedicine also support chronic disease preparedness by enabling early detection of physiological deterioration. These digital tools reinforce the role of paramedics as ongoing contributors to risk management and preparedness frameworks, extending their influence into daily digital habits of the population.

Long-term studies reveal that repeated interactions with paramedics—through home visits, community sessions, school programs, and chronic disease monitoring—produce measurable and sustained improvements in preparedness. A 5-year cohort study in rural communities found that exposure to paramedic-led preventive programs led to a 30% increase in household readiness scores, a 25% rise in bystander CPR rates, and a 40% reduction in preventable EMS calls (O'Meara et al., 2022).

Table 1. Extracted Themes from the Literature on Paramedic Contributions to Preparedness

Theme	Key Findings	Representative Evidence
Paramedic-led education	Increases knowledge retention, confidence, and willingness to act	Brydges et al. (2019); Perkins et al. (2021)
Home-based community paramedicine	Improves chronic disease readiness and reduces household risks	Bigham et al. (2019); Woollard et al. (2017)
Safety behavior change	Enhances bystander CPR, bleeding control, and hazard response	Perkins et al. (2021)
Disaster preparedness	Strengthens communication, evacuation readiness, and resilience	Chan et al. (2020); O'Meara et al. (2022)
Technological enablement	Improves reporting, AED access, and remote triage readiness	Bigham et al. (2019)
Longitudinal effects	Demonstrates sustained improvements in preparedness behaviors	O'Meara et al. (2022)

These findings demonstrate the cumulative impact of paramedic involvement, showing that preparedness is not a one-time achievement but a behavioral state reinforced by continuous engagement.

Evidence Synthesis & Extracted Indicators

This section synthesizes the empirical findings from the reviewed literature to present a consolidated understanding of how paramedic contributions influence emergency preparedness, readiness, and safety behavior in daily life. The synthesis integrates outcomes from cross-sectional, longitudinal, and mixed-method studies, focusing on measurable indicators such as knowledge acquisition, behavior change,

response capability, risk reduction, and community resilience. The evidence demonstrates that paramedics exert a multi-layered, long-term impact that extends from individual behavior to system-level public health outcomes.



Figure 2. Impact Pathway Model of Paramedic Contributions to Emergency Preparedness

5.1 Impact on Knowledge and Awareness Indicators

Across multiple studies, paramedic-led educational interventions significantly increased public awareness of emergency signs, early recognition behaviors, and appropriate response steps. Knowledge gains were consistent across both adult and youth populations, with improvements ranging from 20% to 60% in post-training assessments (Brydges et al., 2019).

Key indicators included:

- Ability to identify early symptoms of cardiac arrest, stroke, respiratory distress, and anaphylaxis.
- Understanding how to activate EMS systems efficiently.
- Familiarity with AED use, first-aid steps, and bleeding-control techniques.

Several longitudinal studies showed that these knowledge gains remained stable for at least one year, especially when paramedics provided follow-up sessions (O'Meara et al., 2022). The consistent retention of preparedness knowledge highlights the unique role of paramedics as trusted educators who enhance long-term public readiness.

5.2 Behavioral Readiness and Bystander Response

Preparedness extends beyond knowledge; it requires behavioral willingness and confidence. Multiple studies emphasize that paramedic-led training yields substantial increases in behavioral readiness indicators. For example, bystander CPR willingness rose by 30–45% after community sessions conducted by paramedics (Perkins et al., 2021).

Key behavioral indicators included:

- Increased likelihood of initiating CPR or bleeding control.
- Reduced fear of “doing harm” during emergencies.
- Increased confidence in handling emotionally intense scenes.

Workplace readiness programs led by paramedics improved evacuation adherence, hazard reporting, and emergency drill performance. Schools exposed to paramedic-led preparedness programs demonstrated higher first-aid practice and faster emergency reporting behavior (Chan et al., 2020).

Overall, the evidence affirms that paramedics trigger measurable improvements in community-level safety behaviors critical for survival outcomes.

5.3 Reduction of Avoidable Emergencies and Improved Chronic Condition Readiness

A major component of paramedic contributions lies in preventive community paramedicine, which aims to reduce avoidable EMS calls, hospitalizations, and uncontrolled chronic crises. Longitudinal research shows significant reductions (20–40%) in preventable emergency calls following sustained paramedic home visits (Bigam et al., 2019; Woollard et al., 2017).

Indicators demonstrating improved chronic condition readiness included:

- Better medication adherence and safe storage.
- Self-monitoring of chronic symptoms.
- Ability to identify early signs of disease deterioration.

- Increased use of preventive tools such as rescue inhalers, glucose kits, and EpiPens.

These indicators highlight how paramedics enhance daily-life preparedness, especially among vulnerable populations such as the elderly, individuals with chronic diseases, and those living in remote communities.

5.4 System-Level Outcomes: Emergency Response Efficiency

Paramedic involvement in community preparedness also leads to improvements at the EMS-system level. Studies show that communities with strong paramedic outreach programs exhibit:

- Faster EMS activation times by 15–30%.
- More accurate reporting of emergency details during calls.
- Increased early initiation of first-aid before EMS arrival.

These system-level improvements reflect strengthened integration between the community and EMS networks. The improved flow of information and early assistance results in measurable reductions in morbidity and mortality across cardiac arrest, trauma, and respiratory emergencies (Perkins et al., 2021).

5.5 Disaster Preparedness and Community Resilience Indicators

Paramedics play a central role in community resilience, particularly in regions prone to natural disasters or mass-casualty events. Studies demonstrate strong improvements in community resilience scores following paramedic-led preparedness initiatives (Chan et al., 2020).

Key indicators include:

- Increased evacuation readiness and compliance.
- Improved understanding of risk communication.
- Higher adherence to public health mitigation strategies (e.g., during COVID-19).
- Reduced anxiety and improved psychological readiness.

These indicators align with global resilience frameworks that emphasize community engagement, trust-building, and consistent communication—areas where paramedics excel due to their frequent public interaction and credibility.

5.6 Technological Readiness and Digital Preparedness

The integration of digital tools, including mobile apps, telemedicine, and AED-location platforms, has boosted public preparedness. Studies show that paramedic-endorsed digital tools increase correct emergency reporting, improve AED access, and enable remote-guided CPR (Bigham et al., 2019).

Indicators include:

- Increased downloads and use of emergency-response apps.
- Higher participation in tele-triage programs.
- Improved identification of AED locations and willingness to retrieve them.

Digital readiness strengthens public capacity to respond effectively, especially in urban areas where technological solutions complement traditional emergency behaviors.

5.7 Longitudinal Impact: Sustainability of Preparedness

The most compelling evidence arises from multi-year evaluations of community paramedicine. Communities engaged with long-term paramedic interventions demonstrate sustained improvements in readiness up to **5–7 years** post-implementation (O'Meara et al., 2022).

Key sustainability indicators include:

- Stable or rising bystander intervention rates.
- Continued reduction in preventable EMS calls.
- Persistent improvements in chronic disease self-management.
- Long-term adherence to risk-mitigation behaviors.

Table 2. Extracted Indicators of Paramedic Impact on Emergency Preparedness and Readiness

Domain	Indicator	Impact Summary	Representative Evidence
Knowledge & Awareness	Recognition of emergency signs, EMS activation skills	20–60% increase in awareness and recognition ability	Brydges et al. (2019); O'Meara et al. (2022)
Behavioral Readiness	Willingness to perform CPR/first-aid	30–45% increase in action readiness	Perkins et al. (2021)

Chronic Condition Preparedness	Self-monitoring and early detection	Reduced preventable EMS calls by 20–40%	Bigham et al. (2019); Woollard et al. (2017)
System Efficiency	Faster EMS activation and improved communication	15–30% improvement in response timelines	Perkins et al. (2021)
Disaster Preparedness	Evacuation readiness and public health adherence	Improved resilience scores and compliance	Chan et al. (2020)
Technological Preparedness	Use of emergency apps and tele-guided CPR	Increased reporting accuracy and AED use	Bigham et al. (2019)
Longitudinal Outcomes	Sustained behavioral change	5–7 years of improved readiness indicators	O’Meara et al. (2022)

These findings confirm that paramedic contributions produce durable readiness outcomes—not temporary spikes—highlighting their value within public health preparedness systems.

Discussion

The findings of this integrative review highlight the increasingly pivotal role that paramedics play in shaping emergency preparedness, readiness, and safety behavior in everyday community contexts. While paramedics have traditionally been viewed as acute responders, the accumulated evidence demonstrates that their contributions extend far beyond on-scene clinical care. Through educational outreach, home-based preventive services, community paramedicine programs, technological integration, and disaster-preparedness activities, paramedics influence a wide range of preparedness determinants that collectively enhance population resilience.

One of the strongest themes emerging from the literature is the transformative impact of paramedic-led education. Compared to other forms of first-aid and emergency-awareness training, the involvement of paramedics appears to generate higher engagement, greater trust, and improved knowledge retention among community members. These findings are consistent with social cognitive theories, which assert that perceived credibility of the instructor directly affects confidence and behavioral adoption (Bandura, 2018). Paramedics, as high-trust health professionals, therefore occupy a unique position in improving the public’s willingness to engage in emergency response actions such as CPR, bleeding control, and rapid EMS activation.

Another key insight concerns the influence of community paramedicine on readiness for chronic disease-related emergencies. Longitudinal evidence shows that paramedic home visits result in sustained reductions in preventable EMS calls and improved chronic disease self-management. These findings indicate that preparedness is not solely related to acute emergencies; rather, it also encompasses a preventive dimension rooted in everyday health behaviors. By supporting individuals with chronic illnesses, paramedics effectively reduce the likelihood of crises that require urgent intervention. This dual role—addressing both acute and preventive needs—positions paramedics as essential contributors to holistic community readiness.

Behavioral readiness emerges as a significant outcome influenced by paramedic-driven programs. The reviewed studies consistently demonstrate that exposure to paramedic-led training improves psychological readiness, reduces hesitation during high-stress events, and promotes safer behaviors in both domestic and public environments. This shift from passive awareness to active behavior is critical because it directly influences survival outcomes in emergencies where seconds matter. The increase in bystander CPR, AED usage, and bleeding control observed in multiple studies underscores the real-world significance of paramedic-led empowerment.

From a systems perspective, the review highlights several ways in which paramedic engagement enhances the efficiency of emergency response networks. Communities that regularly interact with paramedics exhibit faster EMS activation times, more accurate emergency reporting, and improved cooperation during crises. These findings reveal an often-overlooked benefit of paramedic outreach: the strengthening of the interface between the public and EMS systems. When community members understand how and when to seek help, the overall emergency response chain becomes more efficient and effective, ultimately improving clinical outcomes.

The review also underscores the important role paramedics play in disaster preparedness and community resilience. In mass-casualty events, pandemics, and natural disasters, paramedics act not

only as responders but as public educators, communicators, and stabilizers. Their participation in drills, risk-communication campaigns, and public health interventions enhances community-wide readiness and reduces anxiety associated with emergencies. The evidence suggests that paramedic involvement is particularly effective in populations with limited access to healthcare resources, where trust and accessibility are crucial for public compliance and preparedness.

Technological integration represents another emerging dimension in which paramedics are shaping preparedness landscapes. Mobile applications, digital triage tools, telemedicine partnerships, and AED-location platforms have expanded the reach of paramedic expertise beyond physical boundaries. By endorsing and helping implement these tools, paramedics make preparedness more accessible and consistent with modern digital behaviors. These innovations reinforce daily-life readiness by enabling faster reporting, better navigation of resources, and remote guidance in life-threatening situations.

A critical finding throughout the literature is the sustainability of the improvements driven by paramedic involvement. Unlike many public health initiatives that diminish over time, paramedic-led programs appear to generate lasting effects due to repeated community interactions, longitudinal follow-up, and the integration of training within everyday life contexts. Indicators such as stable bystander CPR rates and persistent reductions in preventable emergencies suggest that paramedics help embed preparedness into community culture, not just individual behavior.

However, despite the compelling evidence, several gaps remain. Few studies evaluate the cost-effectiveness of community paramedicine programs, and limited research addresses the long-term scalability of paramedic-led preparedness initiatives across diverse regions. Additionally, more comparative studies are needed to understand how paramedic roles differ in urban versus rural settings, and how socioeconomic factors influence preparedness outcomes. Future research should also explore how advanced technologies—such as AI-driven triage, wearable sensors, and remote monitoring—can further enhance paramedic contributions to emergency preparedness.

Overall, this integrative review demonstrates that paramedics are essential agents in cultivating emergency-ready communities. Their contributions influence knowledge, behavior, systems efficiency, disaster resilience, and long-term health preparedness. As the demands on healthcare systems evolve, the strategic integration of paramedics into public health and community preparedness frameworks represents a critical pathway toward building stronger, safer, and more resilient societies.

Conclusion

This integrative review demonstrates that paramedics play a vital and multi-dimensional role in strengthening emergency preparedness, readiness, and safety behavior in daily life. Their contributions extend well beyond the boundaries of traditional prehospital care, influencing public knowledge, behavioral readiness, chronic condition management, and community resilience. Across a wide range of studies, paramedic-led interventions consistently improved recognition of emergency signs, increased confidence in performing life-saving actions, and reduced preventable emergencies—highlighting the centrality of paramedics in shaping safer and more responsive communities.

The evidence further shows that the impact of paramedics is both immediate and sustained. Educational programs and preventive home visits yield measurable improvements in bystander response, EMS activation times, self-management of chronic illnesses, and household safety behaviors. These benefits accumulate over time, reinforcing preparedness as a long-term cultural practice rather than a short-term intervention. In the context of disasters and public health crises, paramedics also enhance communication, risk awareness, evacuation readiness, and adherence to health protective measures, thereby contributing significantly to community-wide resilience.

As healthcare systems continue to evolve and confront rising emergency demands, integrating paramedics more deeply into public health and community-preparedness frameworks represents a strategic opportunity. However, the review also highlights the need for further research on cost-effectiveness, scalability, and differentiated impacts across diverse populations. Addressing these gaps will help optimize paramedic roles and guide policy development.

Overall, the findings affirm that paramedics are indispensable agents of preparedness whose influence spans education, prevention, rapid response, and long-term resilience—ultimately advancing the goal of safer, more prepared, and emergency-ready communities.

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