

**THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF THE NSW
AMBULANCE SERVICE**

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Proposal - Probationer Officers must ride as 3rd Officer on ambulance for first 8 weeks of their probation periods. In this time they can be shown and taught skills by one Qualified Officer, whilst the other can drive. At the moment there is only two officers, the training Officer has to teach and treat and drive as this can be very dangerous in certain jobs if the patient needs intensive care and treatment. As probationers cannot drive under "lights and sirens" for a period of time it becomes a concern when the patient needs urgent transport to hospital as well as care, the Training Officer is put in a very difficult situation. If there was 3 officers One qualified could drive and the other treat the patient.

"On job training" is good and practical in some professions, but I feel this is not a good one, the first day you could be faced with many "life-threatening situations" many probationers are not trained properly as there is not time to. It's rush rush rush.