

"So God Made an EMT"

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And on the ninth day, God looked down on the world he worked hard to create and said, "I have doctors and nurses in hospitals and clinics. Now I need a caregiver in the field."

So God made an EMT.

God said, "It must be someone who gets up early in the morning, checks their truck off, scarfs down breakfast, run a cardiac arrest, run two hospital transfers, skips lunch, finish paperwork, run another transfer, command a horrible car wreck, restock, clean truck, run three sick calls and hopes for at least four hours sleep before the end of their shift."

So God made an EMT.

God said, "It must be someone who can work continuous CPR on an infant knowing they have died, and while holding back tears console the family and tell responders on scene, 'Good teamwork everyone. Maybe next time.' "

So God made an EMT.

God said, "It must be someone who can manage a patient's airway while upside down in a wrecked vehicle. Someone who can calm a ten year old girl and her parents, while splinting her fractured arm. It must be someone who can aggressively recognize and treat medical emergencies, yet has the compassion to hold an elderly lady's hand who fell at nursing home telling her, 'I am here for you. Everything will be OK.' "

So God made an EMT.

God said, "It must be someone who is selfless. Someone who will respond to an emergency without a second thought. Someone who can handle the blood, the guts, the vomit, the broken bones and give one hundred percent to all their patients. It must be someone who believes in teamwork and respects all services involved. It must be someone who performs acts of heroism, yet never calls them self a hero. It must be someone who praises victory, yet not ashamed to admit defeat. It must be someone who can look the Grim Reaper right in the eye and say, 'Not this time.' "

So God made an EMT.

God said, "It must be someone who is loyal to their community. Someone who will put their life on the line with the hope of saving a complete stranger. Someone who cares more about the lives they save than the money they make in a year. Someone who will educate themselves, and willing to share their knowledge with others. Someone who will remain professional and caring, no matter how minor or major the emergency may be. Someone who can bring their coworkers together as a family and see them as fellow brothers and sisters."

"Someone who will reply with a smile on their face and a tear in their eye when their child says they want to spend their life 'doing what you do.' "

So God made an EMT.