



# News Release

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The Odessa Fire Department (OFD) is teaching the world how it's done, at least when it comes to the use of ultrasound machines in ambulances.

OFD Emergency Medical Technicians Rusty Criswell and John Bailey recently returned from Brazil, where they trained other emergency medical responders and physicians how to use ultrasound machines in a prehospital setting.

The Odessa Fire Department is the pioneer for using ultrasounds in ambulances for pre-hospital care. In the past eight years the OFD has become a model for other EMS systems. They are part of a national study for sonogram usage in the field.

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