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Concerning project "Green Wave"

I have participated in the project group concerning Green Wave on behalf of the Danish Emergency Services' Professional Club in Copenhagen (the professional association for ambulance, fire and rescue personnel employed by Falck in Copenhagen City) and the Danish Emergency Services Union.

In my experience, the introduction of this project on a national basis will be a contributory factor in reducing the number of accidents involving emergency vehicles and in increasing safety of those colleagues who necessarily have to stand up in the stretcher room in order to treat patients, and for this reason cannot use a seat belt.

In many cases, braking hard and braking to reduce speed can be avoided.

Transport of the patient will also become more gentle and quiet, as patients too are influenced in a negative way by the daily traffic inconveniences which ambulances are exposed to today.

It is generally known that the faster a patient arrives at the hospital and receives medical treatment, the faster the patient will recover and be discharged from the hospital. Therefore, Green Wave will help us arriving at the place where the patient is as well as bringing the patient to the hospital more rapidly.

If the Green Wave system is introduced nationwide, it will be possible to save both time and money, and we will avoid a great deal of the accidents we are involved in when passing a red light the way we do today. Making such a manoeuvre is not without risk, especially with the dense traffic we experience today. Furthermore, the system will be of great use, when we transfer severe casualties between different parts of the country which we often do, as one of the country's absolute best hospitals is situated in Copenhagen.

A system like the one Green Wave is based on has for many years been sought after by colleagues who are exposed to a high degree of stress in connection with turning out, especially with the traffic pattern we have today.

I am looking forward to a significantly improved work environment for my colleagues, as well as a considerably improved treatment of patients and a more rapid effort in benefit of the patients.

Yours sincerely

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