
Administration of Commissioner Service

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Commissioner Lifesaving

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What is Commissioner Lifesaving?

Scouting paramedic

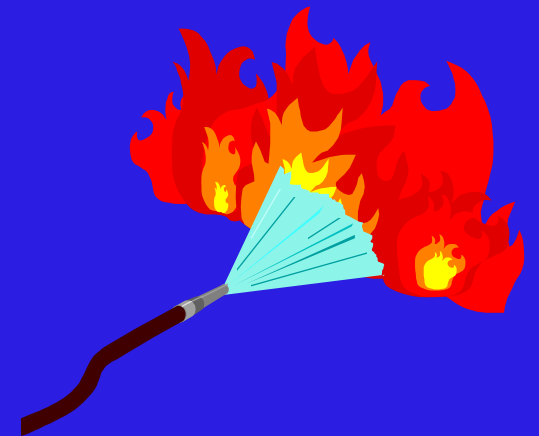
Urgent cases

Loss of adult leadership

No unit program

Conflict among leaders and/or institution

Dead units



Watch the Vital Signs

What are the good signs?

What are the bad signs?

What is life-threatening?

Some Vital Signs for Units

Youth dropping out
No youth recruiting
or poor recruiting
methods
No adult leader
No planned
program
No youth leaders
No discipline

Unit stops meeting
Charter lapse/drop
COR unhappy with
the unit
Only 1 active adult
No parents
involved / conflicts
Poor/inconsistent
communication

What Are Some Hurry Cases?

Unit not meeting

No leader

No committee

No new members

Conflict with chartered organization

New untrained leader

Weak leadership



What Does the UC Need to Know

Some basic questions to be answered

What are the problems?

What are possible solutions?

What do we do first?

Who do we involve?

How do we know when unit is saved?

What is “plan B”?

UC Must Go Into Action Fast

Don't wait

Consult ADC or DC

Ask the six basic questions

Be enthusiastic. Care.

Apply “first aid”

Apply “second aid”

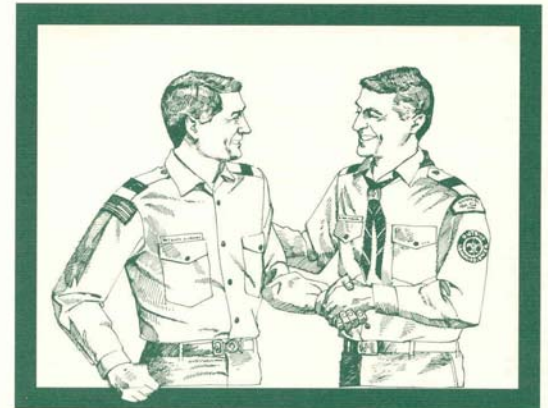
Generate teamwork

Replacing a leader is delicate

Continue Normal Care

**Don't stop routine care
Use the crisis to resolve
other problems. You have
their attention!**

Use *Commissioner Helps*



**COMMISSIONER
HELPS FOR PACKS,
TROOPS, AND CREWS**



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Lifesaving Team Structure

Ad hoc, or organized

Bring appropriate skills to bear on the problem

Adapt to individual problems

Solo Lifesaving Commissioner

Good commissioner is one!

Teams may help

**Start with administrative
commissioners**

Dead units do not serve kids

Units require prompt, intensive, persistent care

***Commissioner Fieldbook* provides help**

The Larger Lifesaving Team

Individuals can save lives, ***but***
(paramedic) teams are often better

Insure basic commissioner structure is in
place before starting teams

Individual commissioners should be trained

Two kinds of teams:

Ad hoc or temporary

Permanent

The Temporary Specialist Team

DC selects 2+ people: ***Who are the best to work with this unit in this situation?***

Could be: UC, ADC, another unit's leader.
Anyone who can help

Team head:

UC in some circumstances

Someone else in other situations

A Permanent Team?

Operates the district's intensive care program

DC appoints members

ADC team chief (main Scouting job)

UC assistants (main Scouting job)

Other Scouters as needed

Units assigned to team by DC

Reassigned to regular UC when healthy

The Decision

Based on Key 3 philosophy

Some want a permanent team

Some don't

More important — a commitment ***Stop the drops***

Give special help to units with critical needs

Have a plan of action

District commissioners are critical



Questions?

