

## **Police Ambulances to be e-linked with Abu Dhabi Hospitals**

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ABU DHABI - Starting next year, the ambulance division of Abu Dhabi Police will be electronically linked with all hospitals in the emirate, Colonel Othman Yousouf Al Tamami, Director of Emergency and Public Safety Department, has said.

The service will ensure quick electronic reporting on any accident victim, beginning from the accident spot until arrival in a hospital. "The case will be closely monitored through the e-link system. The system is capable of demonstrating the condition of the patient right from being shuttled by the ambulance. The condition of the patient will be observed by the emergency section at the hospitals. The hospital concerned will be well prepared and ready for the treatment as soon as the patient arrives," Al Tamami said.

The rescue teams of the Abu Dhabi police have made substantial improvement which resulted in the death rate in accidents coming down drastically.

"While the death rate in accidents dropped from 7.5 per cent in 2001 to 2.80 per cent till October this year. This has been possible due to the efforts of the rescue teams which, in most cases, reach the mishap scenes in less than 10 minutes. The establishment of Emergency and Public Safety Department has also helped a lot. Consistent training of the personnel has also helped," he said.

The department is keen on cooperating with international specialised institutions in organising workshops and participating in related events. A meeting with the UN medical committee for disasters and crises is scheduled in Abu Dhabi in January next year.

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