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Continuous improvements

By Olav Østebø

When several research projects over the years show good results from our own EMS service it is of utmost importance to remain modest, be able to cooperate closely with the other elements in the Chain of Survival and always strive for improvement. These are basic requirements for us to make further developments and achieve better results. I believe that capability of continuous improvements is paramount.

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Bystander CPR

By Thomas Lindner

The future will see that every citizen is performing CPR when needed. Not to do so will become strange...

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