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SUGANYA WATTANACHOT : A STUDY OF TRAFFIC VICTIM RESCUE
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Providing first aid for victims of traffic accidents can reduce danger, lessen the severity of subsequent disabilities, and may be vital to the victims' survival. Objectives of the study were to study : 1) The opinion of police related to rescuing victims of traffic accidents. 2) Knowledge and process of police related to rescuing victims of traffic accidents. 3) Coordination and referral of victims of traffic accidents. by police. 4) Problems and barriers to rescuing victims of traffic accidents. Questionnaires were send to 36 police officers, 3 from each of the 12 provincial police stations in Uthaitani Province with experience providing first aid to traffic victims . The data collection tools was on open-ended questionnaires. The period of study was 3 months. Of the 36 questionnaires distributed, 34 replies were received. Data were sorted and analyzed on a percentage basis.

The study showed that the majority of the police officers, 73.5 percent, have a positive opinion about the rendering of assistance to victims, but 67.6 percent felt unprepared regarding the necessary equipment, tools and the proper know-how for a rescue situation. 55.9 percent experienced obstacles and problems in the rescue operation due to lack of assistance lack of good coordination, poor communication, and crowding by passers-by who did not help or helped in the wrong way.

The researcher suggests that victims must be helped by a number of related services. Training support should be provided for police officers. The public should be educated and encouraged to render assistance in the rescue of accident victims. The development of the nation's human resources in becoming responsible for the rescue of the accident victims should establish a basis for effective and efficient rescue operations in the future.