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Delhi Police being trained to save lives

In an initiative to turn Delhi Police PCR staff into potential life savers, specialists from the AIIMS Trauma Centre, in collaboration with SaveLife Foundation (SLF), are organising a series of Basic Life Support (BLS) training sessions for the first responders.

PCR vans are almost always the first at the scene of road accidents and also act as the largest ambulance service in the city. AIIMS Trauma Centre found that more emergency victims are brought in by PCR vans than by any other means. Realizing that well-trained PCR staff can significantly enhance the chances of a victim's survival, SaveLife Foundation (SLF) partnered with AIIMS Trauma Centre and Delhi Police to train PCR personnel in Basic Life Support (BLS) skills. The training sessions focus on how to sustain and safely transport a critically injured victim with skill and confidence. Trauma specialists from the Jai Prakash Narayan Apex Trauma Centre provide in-depth and hands-on explanations of life-saving techniques. The training sessions will mean a greater chance at survival for nearly anyone injured in a Delhi road accident.

“We thank Delhi Police for its enthusiasm in providing PCR staff with this critical training”, said Piyush Tewari, the Founder of SaveLife Foundation. Through this partnership, SLF, AIIMS, and Delhi Police plan to train all PCR staff before The Commonwealth Games 2010.

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About SaveLife Foundation (SLF)

SaveLife Foundation (SLF) is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation registered as a public charitable trust under Section 12A of the Income Tax Act. Founded in February 2008, the objective of SLF is to engage the community to collectively respond to road accident emergencies. Since its inception, SLF has been working with top trauma specialists in the country to develop and deliver a training program focused on imparting Basic Life Support skills to members of the community, including Police and other emergency responders. SLF provides this training free of cost.

The Life Savers Program

Life Savers is a 3-hour Basic Life Support (BLS) course, including Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), conducted in collaboration with the **Jai Prakash Narayan Apex Trauma Centre (also known as AIIMS Trauma Centre)**. The program is aimed at providing the skill and confidence required to save someone's life in an emergency. The message conveyed by the program is basic and repetitive so that participants become thorough in the skill-set being taught. The program targets Police emergency responders, school & college students, young professionals, and commercial vehicle drivers.

At present the program is conducted only in the Delhi/NCR area but will soon be expanded to other parts of the country.