Theme: Innovation Beyond Boundaries

Abstract: RescueRoute

AI-Powered Smart Traffic Signal System for Ambulances

Introduction

Urban traffic congestion often delays ambulances, leading to critical time loss in medical emergencies.

Every second counts in saving a patient's life, yet ambulances often face delays at traffic signals. A major

issue is that drivers at traffic signals may not realize an ambulance is behind them, while those at the

back honk, creating confusion. However, due to red signals, vehicles remain stuck, and even if some drivers

notice the ambulance, they hesitate to break traffic rules, causing further delays. When the opposite lane

has a green signal, vehicles continue moving, increasing accident risks. Current systems lack real-time

automated solutions, causing further delays in emergency response.

Objectives

This project aims to develop RescueRoute, an AI-driven smart traffic system that:

• Automatically detects ambulances using siren and honking intensity analysis.

• **Dynamically switches signals** to create a clear path.

• Reduces intersection accidents by controlling opposite-lane traffic.

• Enhances emergency response times with minimal infrastructure modifications.

Proposed Solution

RescueRoute integrates AI, IoT, and sound recognition to enable an automated traffic control system. The

system analyzes ambulance sirens and honking patterns, confirming an emergency. It then switches the

traffic signal to green for the ambulance's lane while stopping traffic in conflicting directions, ensuring safe

passage.

By leveraging real-time AI processing and IoT sensors, RescueRoute establishes seamless ambulance-to-

signal communication, eliminating manual intervention. The system enhances urban emergency response

efficiency, reduces travel time, and prevents traffic congestion-related fatalities.

Conclusion & Impact

This AI-powered solution will revolutionize emergency traffic management, ensuring ambulances reach their

destinations without delays or accidents. Implementing RescueRoute in smart cities can optimize urban

traffic flow, improve emergency response times, and save more lives.