

Hello everybody, my name is Alec Girtten and I am running for Assistant Director of Training. I am currently a sophomore studying Microbiology and Philosophy. I have been an active member in MERT since fall of my freshman year, and I am currently a Crew Chief, a certified lab instructor for the EMT class, and the Vehicle Officer.

Being vehicle officer for the past year has allowed me to see up close how the executive board works. Together with Marie and Greta, I helped to accomplish projects such as getting the vehicle new decals, and outlining the process to certify vehicle 800 as an Emergency Ambulance Service Vehicle (EASV). I have also worked closely with Andrew Tomich to locate, check, inventory, and distribute a map of locations for all of the Automated Emergency Defibrillators (AEDs) on the River Campus. From these projects, I have learned how to take a leadership role on a major project, interface with university staff and administration, work collaboratively on a project, and compromise when things don't go exactly the right way.

If elected to the ADOT position, I will use these skills to continue to develop the training program within MERT. As the first Crew Chief to clear under the new 802 program, I saw firsthand the great work that the last training department did. I would like to continue this progress by working on improving the following areas. First, in conjunction with the next Director of Training, I will continue to improve the 802 program by exposing our 802s to as many medical and trauma situations, either simulated or real, to develop their skills. This will ensure that all of our crew chiefs will only deliver the highest quality of care to our patients in any sort emergency. I would also like to work on updating our Field Training Officer (FTO) program to better define what the crew chiefs in these roles do to help improve our organization. In addition, I will continue to train our 803s in different and more innovative ways. I think that now it is especially important to keep our 803s' skills sharp and up to date, as some have more than a month in between shifts. Another idea that I would like to work on in cooperation with the next Assistant Director of Operations is to restructure our vehicle training program, so that when 802s clear and start driving as 801s, they are able to respond appropriately and safely to all calls. Finally, I would like to get the general membership more involved in the training process. This involvement would include having members help to complete projects in conjunction with the training department, such as: planning the MCI, coordinating training events, and certifying more members to teach CPR and become certified lab instructors. I would also like to have the membership directly advise me and my Director of Training on what they would like us to teach them, so they can continue to deliver the highest quality of care possible.

Since almost the beginning of my college career I have tried my best to be a hard working member of MERT. I have shown my dedication to improving the organization by always picking up shifts, working hard to improve my own skills as an EMT, and working on projects to better MERT as an EMS agency. I hope that you will vote for me for your next ADOT. Thank you all for your consideration, and I look forward to working with you over the next year!