

WGAW # 2183221

Rescue Squad

SERIES PITCH DECK



Logline

Saving lives is more than a hobby.

In the fictional and affluent DC suburb of Beltway, MD, young [volunteer](#) EMTs and paramedics are saving our lives for free.

EMS is the common passion for our diverse team as they find their way forward amidst other “day job” careers, intense personal relationships, and the ongoing adrenaline rush of 9-1-1 calls.



Writers

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Dr. Devin Nikki Thomas is a decorated commissioned officer in the US Public Health Service. She is also an accomplished actor and screenwriter. More by request or on IMDB.

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Jim Philips served as a volunteer EMS Chief and now has 30+ years in leadership positions across the national ambulance / emergency response community.

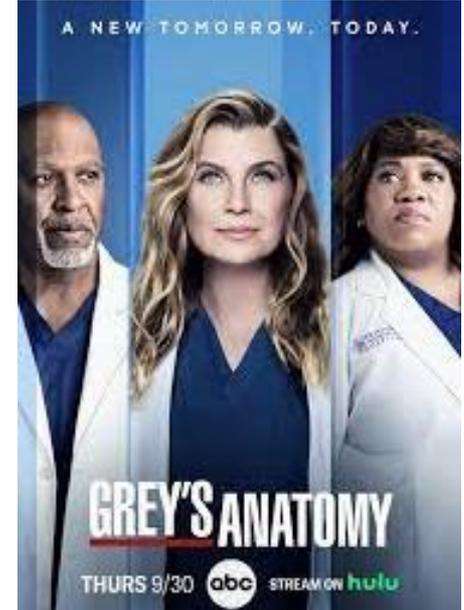
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Synopsis



Rescue Squad follows the [volunteer](#) EMS team in our fictional DC suburb of Beltway, Maryland. There is no shortage of action, heroism, tragedy, and a youthful mix of adrenaline and hormones here.

Between those 9-1-1 calls for help lies the real drama. Divisive organizational politics, local mysteries, power plays, and subterfuge lie in the background. Complex relationships are born and carried forward against the emotional intensity of co-habitation at Squad HQ, and through the repetition of crisis. Each suits up for their next ambulance call from their diverse “day job” professions and perspectives.

The series is a blended first responder, crime drama, and medical show in the suburban shadow of our nation’s capital. Proximity to the federal agencies and related storylines are integral to its location.

Pilot Story



The Beltway Rescue Squad (BRS) headquarters sits nestled on a donated seven (7) acre site in Maryland, near Washington, D.C. The land has quadrupled in value as residential growth has boomed ever closer.

BRS Board Member Watson and gruff City Councilman “Rogo” are scheming to find a covert way to move or shut down BRS so its valuable land will become available for development.

All is calm, until the Watsons are found dead. Murder? Suicide? Our BRS ensemble is drawn into the mess and the mystery.

Budding romance, fraternal banter and 9-1-1 emergency calls underscore the 24/7 nature of this business. This is a blended family, and family sometimes fights. Welcome to the BRS.



Jared Miller

SERIES REGULAR

26, the elected Captain of the Rescue Squad. He's a natural leader who is always there for his team and treats the job with an earnest passion. Is Jared the heir apparent to take over as the Chief? Many of his colleagues respect him yet think he's still too young. And they also know he has a crush on Dayna.

ACTOR INSPIRATION: Ryan Reynolds
(Talent not attached to project.)



Smith Hughes

SERIES REGULAR

30, is the coolest paramedic in the room – and the one most adept at handling calls in rougher neighborhoods. His colleagues are impressed he still finds time to volunteer as he’s working full time, has a toddler at home, and is getting a law degree from Georgetown.

ACTOR INSPIRATION: Michael B. Jordan
(Talent not attached to project.)

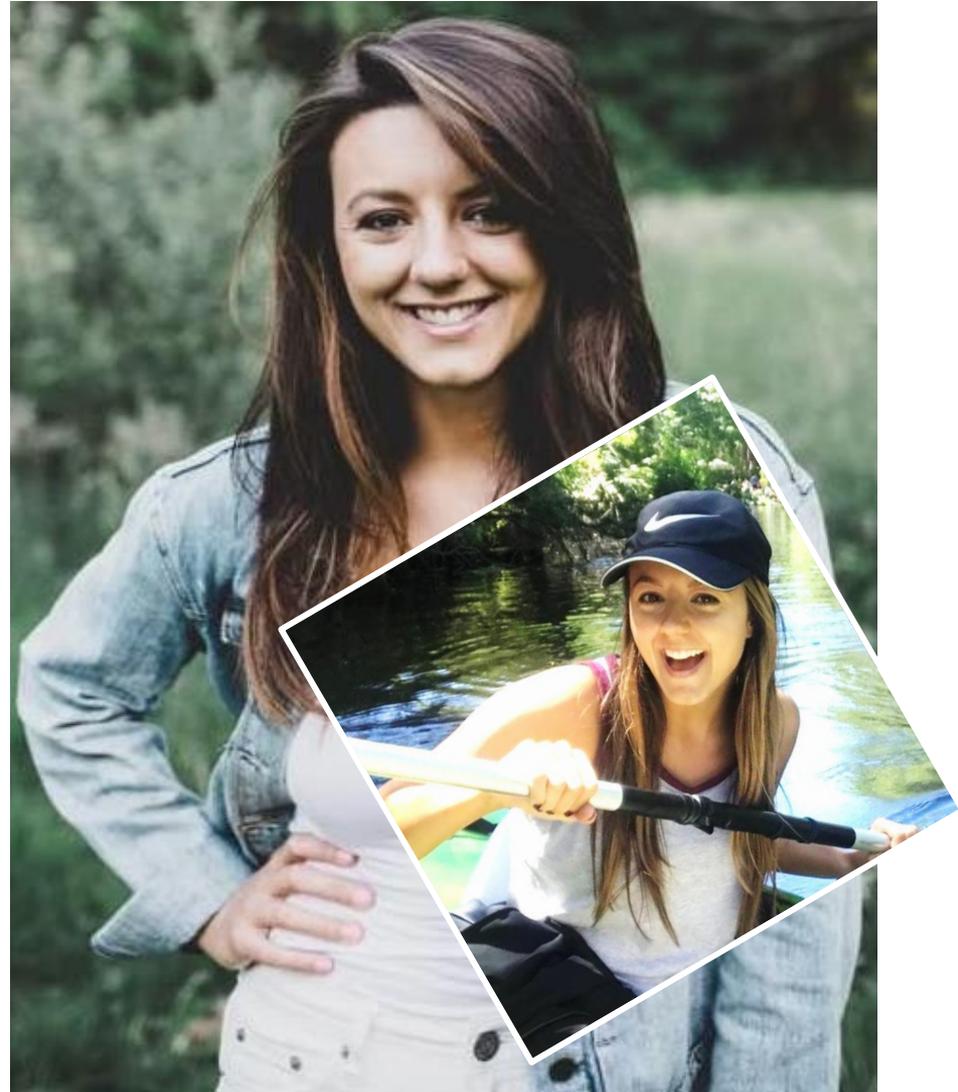
Dayna Stevenson

SERIES REGULAR

24, a compassionate caregiver from a medical family. She's just landed a FEMA day job to someday help the masses, but today, she's volunteering on the ambulance for some local one-on-one emergency experience.

Beautiful, inquisitive and confident, she's still struggling with the magnitude of it all. Her parents want her in med school. She's just not on board with that.

ACTOR INSPIRATION: Anna Kendrick (not pictured)
(Talent not attached to project.)





Kendra Gonzalez

SERIES REGULAR

22, a Junior at Univ. of Maryland. She lives for the adrenaline highs, night shifts, and street medicine.

Intense and adventurous, she is serious about EMS. Get out of her way. What could possibly be more important than what she's doing right now?

ACTOR INSPIRATION: Carmela Zumbado
(Talent not attached to project.)



“TJ”

Timothy Maddox

SERIES REGULAR

35, twice divorced and going for three. He’s “Mr. Inappropriate”, but somehow endearing. An EMT by night, and auto mechanic by day, he sees himself as the expert on all things with wheels. He prefers driving to treating patients.

You’ll find him in the garage tinkering with the ambulances or his Harley. His personal life is a train wreck, so he spends many nights at headquarters waiting for....well, a train wreck.

ACTOR INSPIRATION: Eric Christian Olsen
(Talent not attached to project.)



"Hacker" Javier Flores

SERIES REGULAR

29, is the Squad's resident computer and radio communications nerd. Socially awkward. He dresses like a slob yet is quick with a joke and when responding to a call, there's no one faster on navigation, background data, or even the dark web.

ACTOR INSPIRATION: Xolo Mariduena (Cobra Kai)
(Talent not attached to project.)



LeAnne Reynoso

SERIES REGULAR

21, just out of college and part of a wealthy Beltway family, LeAnne's a new volunteer EMT seeking a sense of purpose not tied to her looks or her money.

Smart, playful, yet somewhat sheltered, she has plenty of free time for the Rescue Squad – and lots to learn. Finding a paid job isn't a priority right now.

ACTOR INSPIRATION: Young Paris Hilton
(Talent not attached to project.)



“Stormy” Stacy Calloway

RECURRING

58, the lead nurse at Beltway Hospital ER. She’s always there to help patients and both celebrate the Rescue Squad’s success and clean up their messes.

ACTOR INSPIRATION: Queen Latifah
(Talent not attached to project.)



Chief Crown

aka “Capt. CLOWN”

RECURRING

55, newly appointed Beltway Police Chief.

Sarcastic and looks down at the Rescue Squad as a bunch of amateurs. Always looking for an angle to promote the police. Not the smartest guy in the room. Heavy handed and often a bully. Others jokingly call him CAPTAIN CLOWN!

ACTOR INSPIRATION: Woody Harrelson
(Talent not attached to project.)



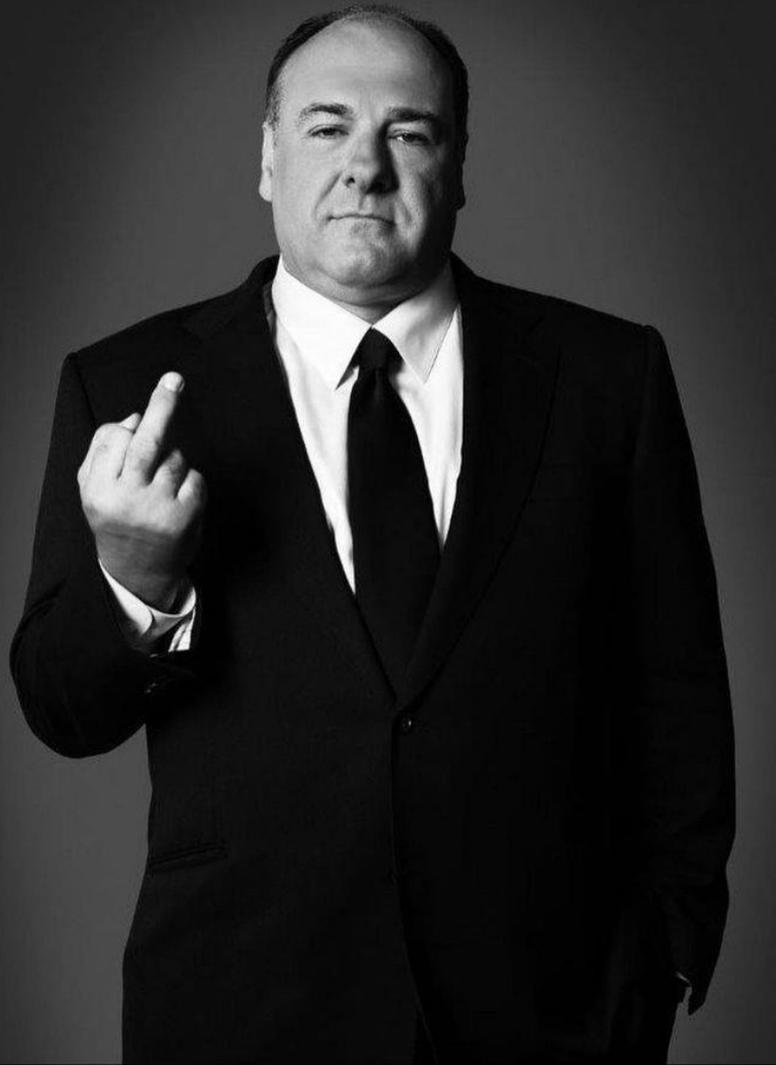
“Lambeaux”

Sgt. Charlie Lambeaux

RECURRING

31, Beltway Police Sergeant Lambeaux brings a strong sense of justice only matched by his stronger sense of humor. He’s got an outsized physical presence (former college football player) and deftly balances politics and policing.

Actor Inspiration: Richard T. Jones
(Talent not attached to project.)



“Rogo”

Louis Rogonski

RECURRING

48, a gruff City Councilman from Beltway, Maryland who is not a fan of the Rescue Squad.

Privately, he'd love to clear the BRS land for profit; and publicly he voices that all emergency services should be merged under his “City Council” control.

His populist style has earned him a local following. He's up for re-election. Yet is he about to face his own scandal?

ACTOR INSPIRATION: James Gandolfini
(Talent not attached to project.)



“Ernie”

Ernest Henley

RECURRING

42, Chief of the Rescue Squad yet is rarely seen. He was once a local first responder legend, though word has it his skills and attention are declining.

Ernie can still turn on the charisma though he’s missed shifts and filed sloppy reports. Is he drinking again? New squad members see him as “the man without a plan”.

Actor Inspiration: Adam Sandler
(Talent not attached to project.)

The Beltway Rescue Squad HQ (Architectural rendering)

- HQ is the BRS hub for operational, residential, and social activity.
- It's that special "third place" – not home, not the office – open 24/7, where ideas, conflicts, and passions play out...and where life saving skills are learned and honed.



Value Points

- Genre remains strong with loyal viewers
- Expansive storylines within the Rescue Squad and easy character connectivity to “day job” and federal agency story arcs
- Scalable and adaptable for EMS / medical and / or crime related drama, action, humor, relationship intimacy
- Creator / writer Jim Philips is a former *volunteer* EMS Chief with 30+ years in the national ambulance / EMS community
- Excellent product placement opportunities
- Tentpole potential as a franchise hub for future Beltway PD, Beltway Hospital or related spin-off dramas



EPISODE CONCEPTS

EPISODE 1: Pilot: Intro to BRS and the Watson deaths.

EPISODE 2: A construction accident traps several victims. Ms. Belkin is transported home. The BRS babysits an ailing witness in custody. LeAnne gets her EMT certification. Kendra's risk-taking pays off with an amazing save. TJ can't get unit 72 back on the road. Norman annoys everyone. Smith mentors LeAnne.

EPISODE 3: The Watson death investigation takes strange turns as more evidence is discovered. Greg makes an off-duty water rescue. TJ's 3rd wife kicks him out. An entire family is injured in a severe RV crash. Jared and Dayna team up to coach Kendra toward better decisions. Ernie takes a leave of absence, leaving Jared in charge. LeAnne tries more subtly to get closer to Jared.

EPISODE 4: Jared works to plan a live-action mass casualty drill with neighboring agencies. Jennifer breaks in a few new volunteers. Kendra's heated affair with Noyes begins to get more complicated. Becca from AMR visits and decides to join BRS. Rhonda and Hacker notice each other. TJ is trying to live at HQ while he looks for a new place. Owl does driver training.

EPISODE 5: Mrs. Belkin goes to the hospital again and passes away. Jared struggles to run all aspects of BRS while Ernie is out, learns to begin delegating. Smith, Dayna step up to help. Chief Crown makes life difficult for Jared. The Kendra-Noyes affair blows up. Jared and Smith meet with detectives regarding the Watson case. Jennifer, LeAnne, and Owl handle a disturbing domestic violence call. TJ falls off a ladder fixing a garage door. The BRS Halloween party helps lighten the stress. Hacker helps shut down an identity theft ring. Stormy throws lightning bolts at crews not following ER procedure.

EPISODE 6: Rogo succeeds in cutting the BRS budget. A violent offender in the ER breaks free, injuring a security guard and others, steals a car and leads police on a wild destructive chase through Beltway. All BRS units respond to the carnage along the pursuit route. LeAnne asks Jared to be her "plus 1" to a wedding.

EPISODE 7: Jennifer begins a junior member program with high school students. Ernie returns, seemingly more sober. A concrete mixer crashes into a liquor store. The BRS team aids in the search for a missing child. Rhonda cooks Thanksgiving dinner for BRS members without local family. BRS learns it will inherit money from Mrs. Belkin.

FUTURE SEASONS

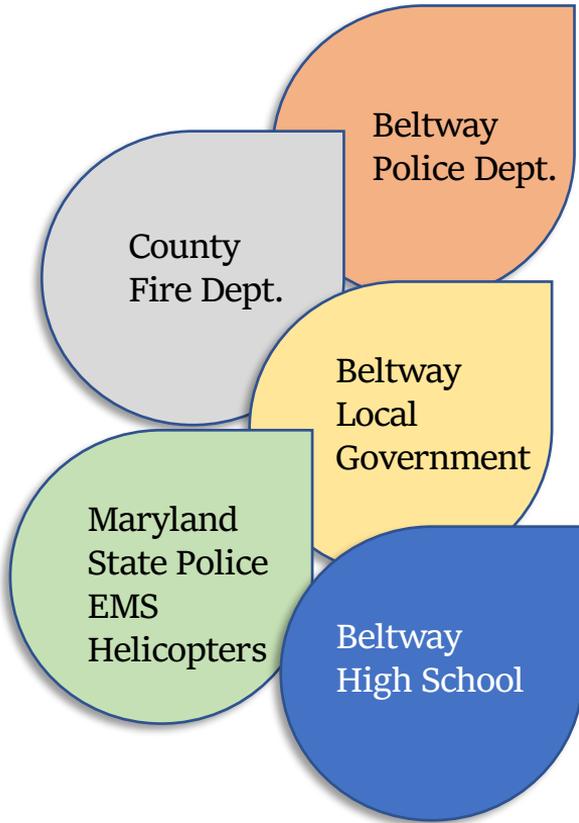
SEASON 2

Jared takes over as Chief — not as easy as it looks. He also gets a new day job with more income, responsibility. He and Dayna give a relationship a try after she breaks it off with Rick. BRS gets new toys and tech thanks to Mrs. Belkin's gift. Norman -- always annoying -- actually wins some folks over when he succeeds in getting grant money for the Squad. The high school squad member program ramps to full speed. TJ vows to never have a serious relationship again. LeAnne surprises everyone with how fast her skills develop, and her detailed memory. A squad member is killed in the line of duty, with all kinds of ramifications. Brian Watson moves into his parents' home after their deaths and then joins the Rescue Squad – and soon becomes a romantic interest for LeAnne. The shortage of volunteers leads to discussions and conflict about adding a minimal paid staff. Rogo and/or Chief Crown will have their storylines closed. New “villains” will challenge the Squad, but the original evil-doers will be caught — held accountable for their ways. And, people keep calling 9-1-1 for help.

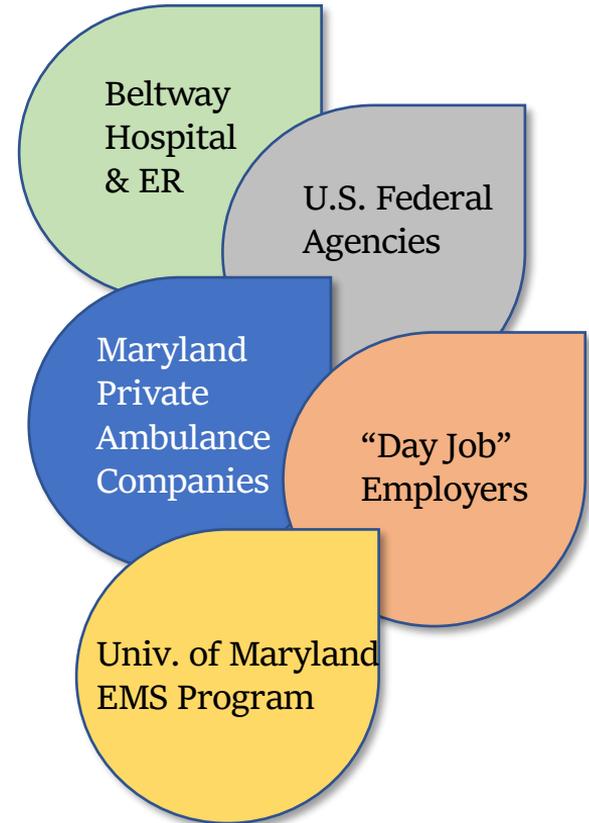
SEASON 3

Kendra heads to the Police Academy, Smith graduates law school and has choices to make about what type of law he wants to practice. BRS gets a new ambulance. Jared faces tough choices between his day job and heavy responsibilities at BRS – something's got to change. Dayna's father – an orthopedic surgeon – is attacked by a disgruntled patient, forcing him into an early retirement. Both her parents ramp up pressure for her to go to medical school. TJ tries working as a bartender to meet more women – an experiment that fails. Rhonda tries her hand as a wedding planner. Owl, Jennifer get seats on the Board of Directors. And, the emergency calls keep coming....

The World of the Beltway Rescue Squad



Rescue Squad team members will interact with all of these other agencies and locales



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Full pilot script available

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