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Documentary on Darien EMS-Post 53 and Q&A with Filmmakers on Tuesday

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Darien Library will host a screening of the new documentary *High School 9-1-1* followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers at 4 and 6:30 p.m., this Tuesday, Dec. 20.

High School 9-1-1 chronicles a year in the life of the only ambulance service in Darien, Connecticut that just happens to be run by high school teenagers?! This one-of-a-kind organization services 20,000 residents 365 days a year, 24/7 and responds to over 1,500 emergency calls annually.

— [an announcement](#) from *Darien Library*

The foundation of Darien EMS–Post 53 is the empowerment of young people through adult and peer mentorship. “Posties” are taught a multitude of managerial, critical thinking and emergency medical skills and then given the responsibility to implement what they have learned by actually running their own EMS organization.

About the filmmakers

Tim Warren was a member of Darien EMS–Post 53 from 1982 to 1985 and served as the organization’s VP of Operations his senior year of high school. Today, Tim runs his own production company that produces narrative films, documentaries and reality programming.

He's spent the last two decades as an Executive Producer/Show Runner on shows like *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* and *Bar Rescue*. He's also a multi-camera director having twice been nominated by The Director’s Guild of America for his work on SPIKE’s *Ink Master* and *Pros vs. Joes*.

While he didn’t go into the medical field, the life skills Tim learned in Post 53 — making quick decisions under extreme stress, working with others and just plain not giving up — have been invaluable to him. He

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hopes you enjoy the film and to quote Post 53's Founder, Bud Doble, "Assume Nothing."

Kelli Joan Bennett first learned about Darien EMS–Post 53 when Tim pitched her the concept for *High School 9-1-1*. Her reaction was disbelief and horror. "Teenagers? Run the town's EMS? They're the EMTs? They drive the ambulance? Don't ever let me get hurt in Darien, Connecticut!"

Kelli was founding partner of Scriptapalooza, Inc., a company that has launched countless writers' careers and has been featured in Entrepreneur Business Start-Ups, Vanity Fair, Entertainment Weekly, and Variety.

Under her new banner, Think Outside The Box Inside The Box Media, she produced and starred in *Collusions*, a cerebral crime mystery movie with Tom Everett Scott.

Up next, Kelli is the writer/director/star of *Death Over 3 Bottles of Wine*. If she ever gets hurt in Darien, Kelli would be lucky to have the teens of Post 53 come to her rescue.