### NEWLY EMPLOYED IN A NEW CONTEXT, ONGOING RESEARCH IN NORTHERN SWEDEN - COLLABORATION IS NEEDED TO ADVANCE FURTHER.



# **REGION OF VÄSTERBOTTEN**



Area: 54 665 km<sup>2</sup> Population: 278 729 Population density: 14,8 inhabitants/km<sup>2</sup> Population increase by 7% (2010-2022) 15 Municipalities

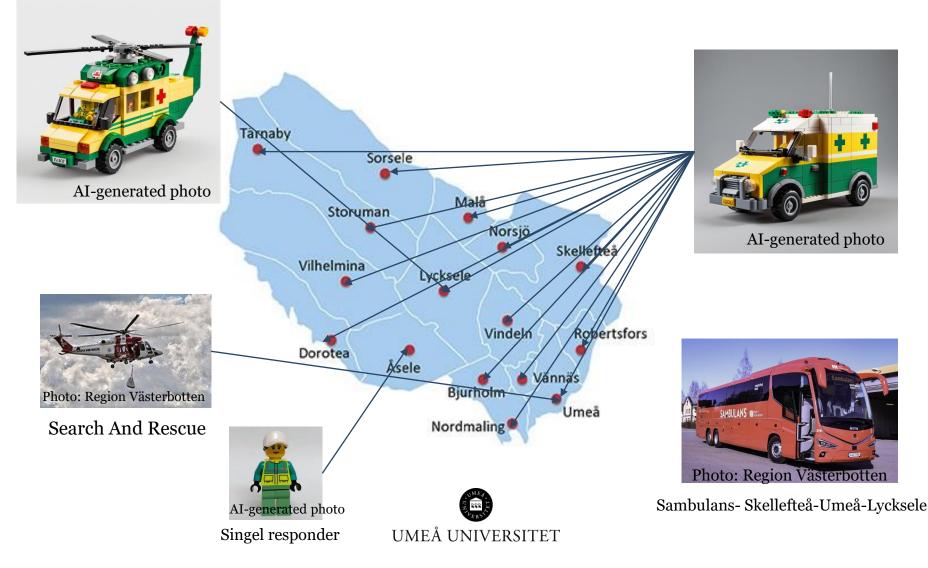
Age	0-15	16-24	25-44	45-64	>65
%	17.5	11.3	26.7	22.9	21.6

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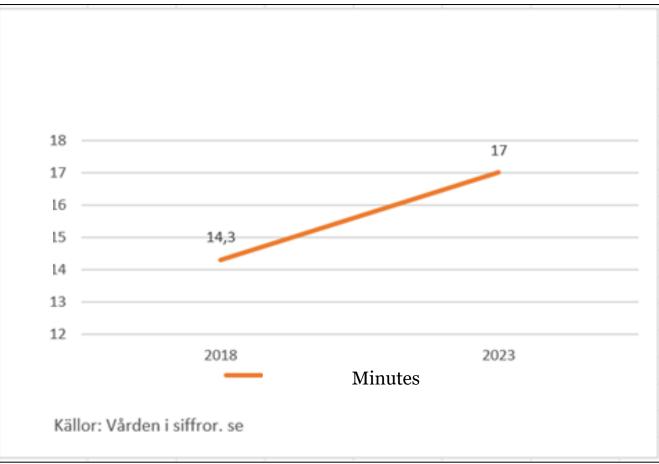


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# MEDIAN RESPONSE TIMES HAS INCREASED





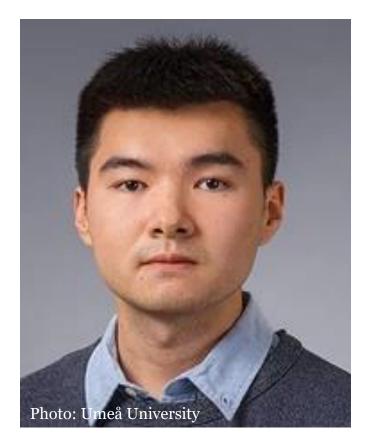
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### DATA-DRIVEN DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR THE EMS – A GENDER PERSPECTIVE

#### OVERALL AIM:

- Develop a simulation model of the EMS system by using > 30 000 (Priority 1) ambulance assignments to evaluate policies and configurations
- 2) Analysis of response times and, then trying to optimize the response time and reduce the inequities by using a dynamic algorithm to optimize ambulance allocation and minimize median response times. The approach will involve using a multivariate local search algorithm and dividing the problem space to reduce computational costs



PhD student Kean Tang



## PRELIMINARY FINDINGS PRIORITY 1 ASSIGNMENTS JUNE 2022-JUNE 2023 (N= 35 332)

The spatial distribution- the number of **assignments is unevenly distributed across** the region, with the highest number in Umeå, Skellefteå, and Lycksele (youngest people live in Umeå)

The temporal distribution of **alarms changes periodically** over the year with a peak in the winter and fluctuation in other seasons. Daily there is a **clear peak around 16:00** and a **trough around 4:00**.

**Differences in response time between municipalities** i.e., Bjurholm has longer response times than other municipalities (rural areas with no ambulance) & Lycksele has the shortest response time

The response time is longer for **older patients** (>70-79 years (majority of patients between 70-89 years)



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# HOW CAN WE USE THE FINDINGS?

- Opportunities for forecasting ambulance assignment surges and lulls for improved planning and staffing
- Opportunities to relocate ambulances based on municipalities' needs as the population changes





# **AMBULANCE ASSIGNMENTS**

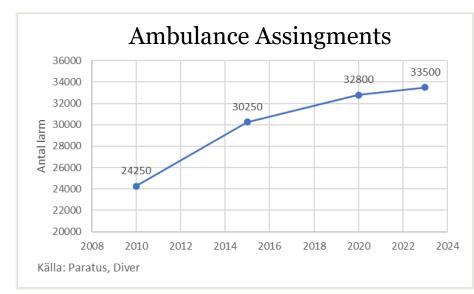
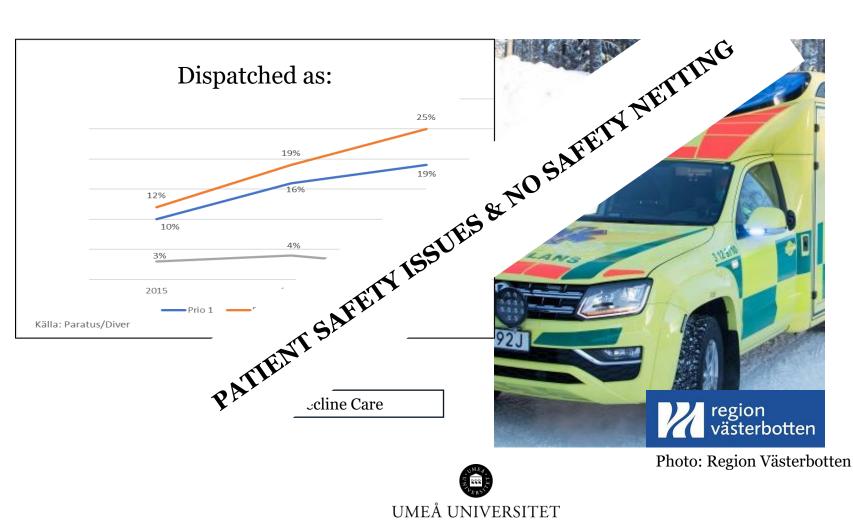




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Non-conveyance in the Ambulance Services-Support for patients and professionals



Mattias Larsson ambulance nurse accepted for PhD studies in January 2024 (Umeå University) Non-conveyed children in the ambulance service in northern Sweden



Johan Sparrevik ambulance nurse accepted for PhD studies in April 2024 (Norrbotten, Luleå University of Technology)



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# **OTHER ON-GOING RESEARCH**



#### Klara Jespen, PhD student ambulance

**nurse**, Karolinska Institutet Being new in the ambulance service- developing support for the newly employed transition into a new profession during their first year



**Christoffer Ericsson, PhD student & Paramedic,** Helsinki University *Exploring the Dynamics of Psychological Resilience in Paramedic Practitioners* 



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#### Sara Heldring, PhD student, ambulance nurse

Sophiahemmet University Evaluation of virtual reality as a pedagogical model learning to handle major incidents **TriPoD** Develop (design) and evaluate a real-time Triage, Position, and Documentation during Medical Response to Major Incidents thru Action research



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