# Circulation of Emergency Vehicles: Installation of Smart Traffic Lights on Avenues

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## The city of Paraná



340,861 inhabitants

One vehicle every 3.5 inhabitants

100,000 vehicles

#### Introduction to the Problem



- High traffic volumen on avenues
- Loss of time





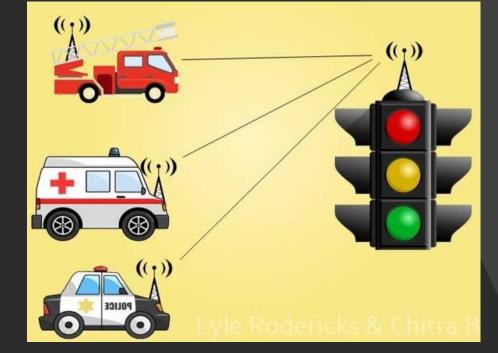
#### Purpose of the Presentation

Discuss the problem of inefficient circulation of emergency vehicles on avenues

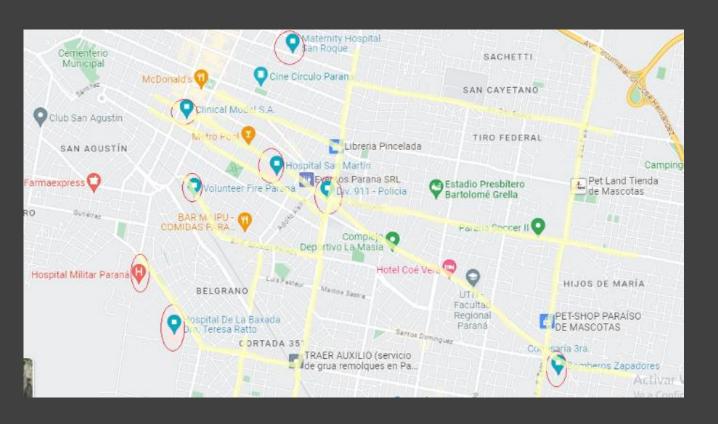
Present an idea of how to address it by means of smart traffic lights on avenues







### Description of the Context

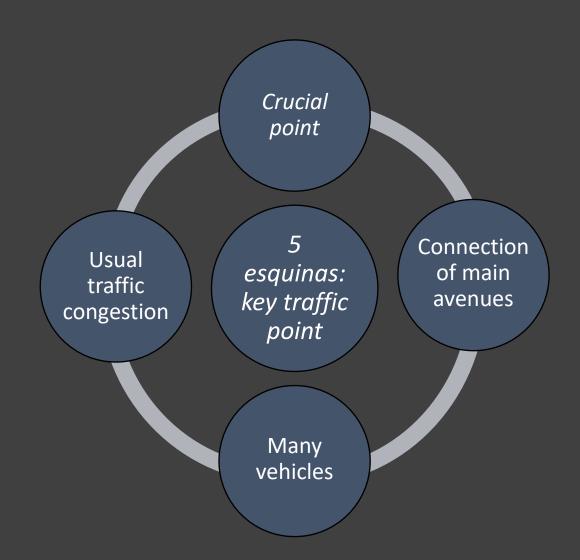


In Paraná
there are
many
emergency
services

These are the main routes of emergency vehicles

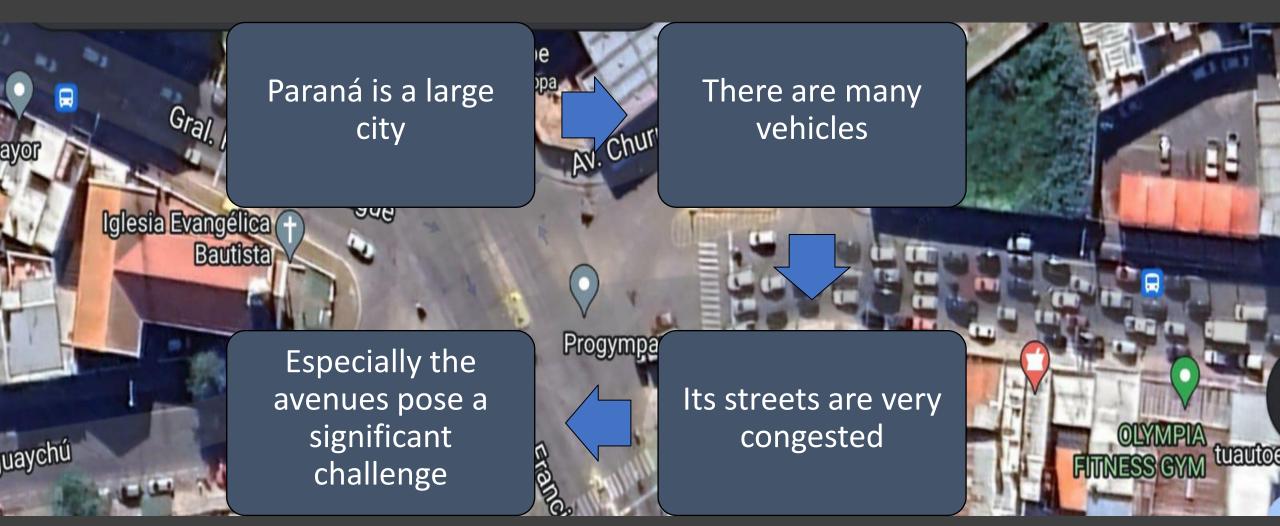
These are the locations of emergency services

### Description of the Context





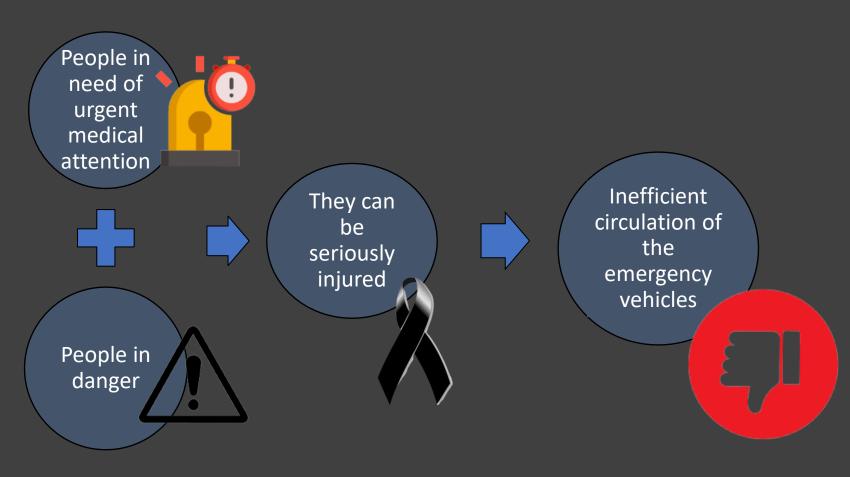
#### Problem Statement



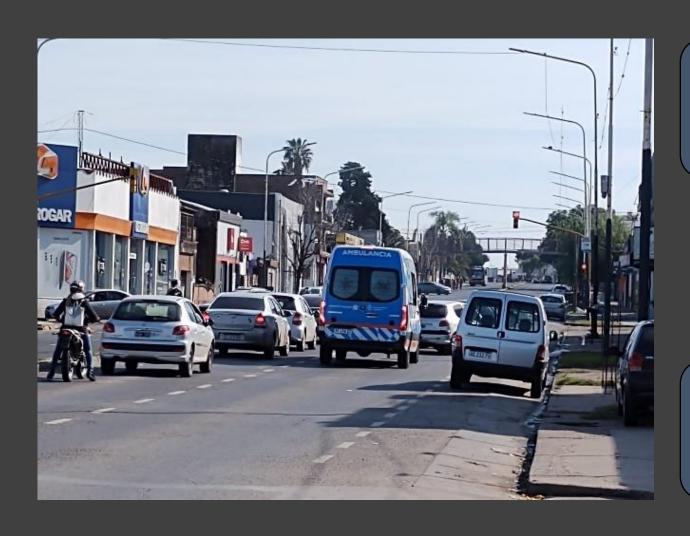
#### Problem Statement

Emergency vehicles circulate quickly

If they do not reach their destination in time, there may be serious consequences



# Description of scenes that help picture the problematic

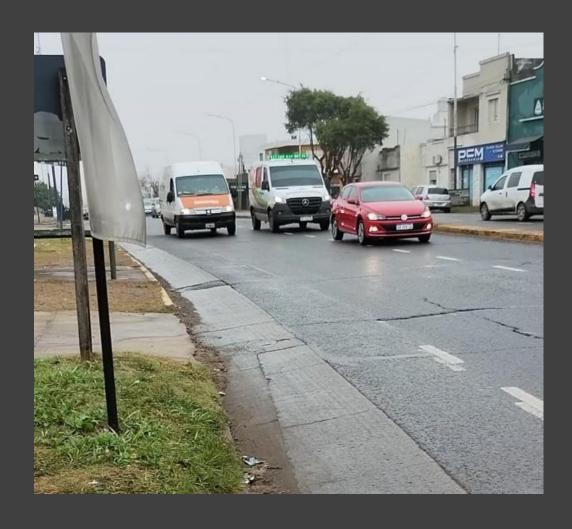


This photo shows an ambulance circulating along Almafuerte Av.

There is an ambulance circulating quickly. It may be because there is an emergency.

The ambulance must stop because vehicles do not yield to it.

# Description of scenes that help picture the problematic



This photo shows cars circulating along Almafuerte Av.

In the middle is an ambulance. It has its sirens on

The ambulance must manoeuvre dangerously to overtake the vehicles.

## Analysis of causes



Lack of proper planning and coordination



Lack of awareness







The poor condition of the roads



## Description of the Consequences



Delays in response times





Spread of fire









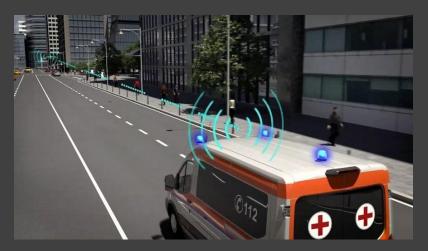
Risk to emergency workers



### Problem Approach

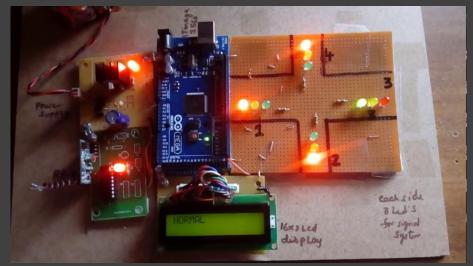
Implementation of intelligent traffic lights connected to the emergency services



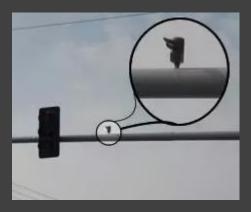


Installation of advanced sensors in emergency vehicles

### Problem Approach









These sensors detect the proximity of emergency vehicles.



The traffic light would receive information about the location and speed of the emergency vehicle.



The traffic light calculates the optimal time to change to green.

# Weak points









Cost of sensor installation



Configuration of the communication network between sensors



Periodic maintenance and technology upgrades

## Strengths





Saves lives and reduces damages



Boosts traffic flow and lowers pollution







Boosts emergency safety and response

#### Conclusion

#### Problems:

- Traffic challenges
- Poor road conditions
- Etc.

Delays in response times



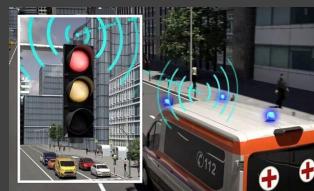


#### Project:

- Intelligent traffic lights
- Advanced sensors

- Improving safety
- Optimizing traffic flow



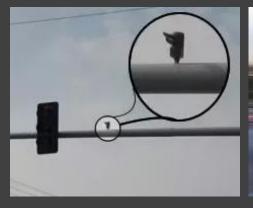


#### Strengths and weakpoints:

- Sensor installation
- Communication network
- Periodic maintenance











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