

They administered dopamine drips and CPR while zipping down Centre Avenue. They interpreted EKGs on the fly in the back of a modified Ford Econoline. Doctors had never seen patients come into the ER like that. By 1975, the Freedom House Ambulance Service, the brainchild of Pitt's Peter Safar and The Maurice Falk Medical Fund's Phillip Hallen, was a model for the nation, and folks in Pittsburgh's Hill District learned to tell the emergency dispatcher, "Now don't you send us the police. You send us those Freedom Boys." Watch for an in-depth look at Freedom House in a future issue. (And let us know if you can identify these fellows.)

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