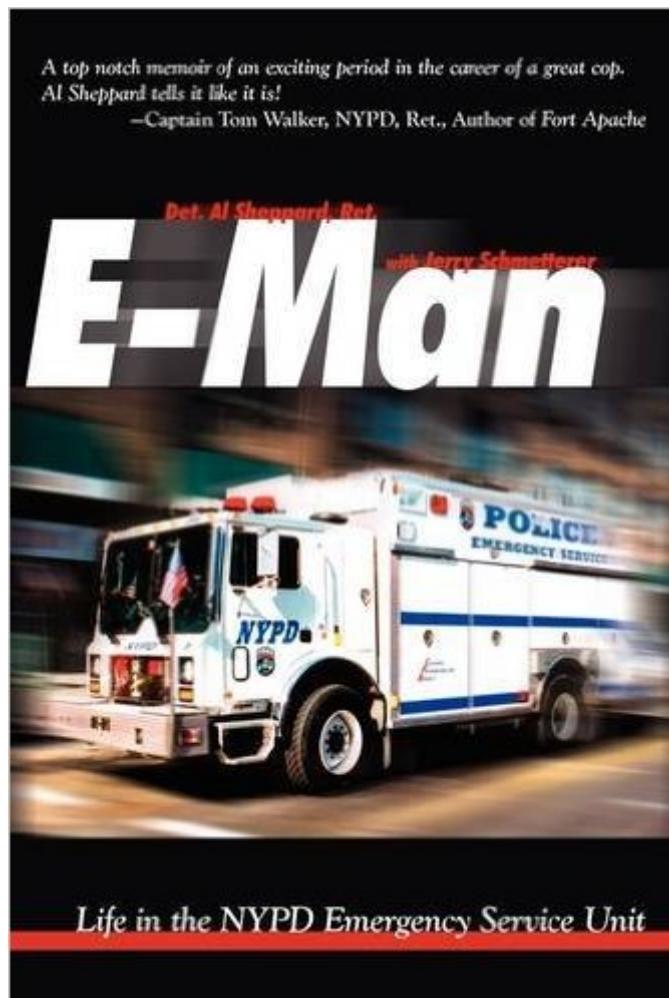


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# E-Man: Life In The NYPD Emergency Service Unit



## Synopsis

Al Sheppard was on the front lines of the most difficult job in police work. E-Men risk their lives every day in many different ways. They are great cops, and Al's memoir is right on the mark. Detective Sgt. Joseph Coffey, NYPD, Ret., Author of *The Coffey Files* Sheppard served in the NYPD during the urban warfare years and received his *Baptism of Fire* at the Williamsburg Siege. He was a decorated hero of the NYPD and member of the elite Emergency Service Unit (ESU). In his book *E-Man*, Al takes the reader on a non-stop roller coaster ride of emotions as he reveals life on the streets through the eyes of a combatant during the turbulent times and the work of the Emergency Service Unit—the same unit that the police call when they need help. Detective Lt. Vern Gelbreth, NYPD, Homicide Commander Al Sheppard is the REAL DEAL, and *E-Man* chronicles his years in the NYPD's Emergency Service Unit with heart-pounding excitement. Sheppard was on the front lines during the era of Vietnam, Black Power, and the Urban Drug Wars, and he survived it all to tell the tale in a book rich with insider's detail and a wry sense of humor. *E-Man* is the best New York cop book to come down the pike since *The French Connection*. T.J. English, Author of *Paddy Whacked* and *The Westies* *E-Man* is the breathtaking and sometimes heartbreakng memoir of one of New York's legendary emergency service cops. For 10 years Al Sheppard sped through the crowded New York streets to come to the aid of civilians and other police officers, always putting their needs ahead of his. *E-Man* is a story of adventure, courage and love.

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## Customer Reviews

As the son of a NYPD officer whose first assignment was Emergency Services, I found this reasonably entertaining and interesting. These war stories are probably just not my cup of tea, but I could relate to this one.

I enjoyed learning about this Police sub-specialty. Mr. Sheppard provides an insight into the hows, whats and whys of the NYPD ESU. I would have liked to learn more about the backgrounds of the men in the unit but the book tells a great story of his rise from police officer through the challenges of his new assignments, jobs, and retirement. A fun read.

When you have a wanna-be jumper on top of a bridge; roof; window; under subway track; hostage situation; or backing up fellow officers where heavy weapons are needed, E-Men: NYPD Emergency Service Unit are called to respond. Al Sheppard was such an E-Man. His day to day stories of rescuing civilians and assisting his fellow officers are not your Hollywood and TV make believe stories. Al Sheppard is the real McCoy. After serving his country in Vietnam, he knew his job was not finished. He wanted to do more for his country and community. He joined the NYPD patrolling the violent streets of another war; a war that as of today has yet to end. Want to know what it takes to be an E-Man? Then vicariously go on patrol with Al Sheppard by reading his book. You will feel as if you are with him, protecting and serving, as one of New York's Finest and E-Man.-Joe Sanchez PiconAuthor with Mo Dhania of "Latin Blues" & True Blue: A tale of the enemy within

True accounts of the people that do the dirty work. As the author says " when people are in trouble they call the cops, when cops are in trouble they call ESU. Well written by a man who has been there.

I purchased this book because I thought it would be an interesting read. However, I found throughout the novel E Man , all he did throughout the book, was to that continued to praise himself and the men he worked with.. I did not appreciate the way he described the work of other groups such as the FDNY, FBI, DOD and everyone else. At one point in the book, he actually states that they would or should look and learn from NYPD ESU as if they themselves and no others set the standards for rescue operations.

The book is decent with many interesting stories of life on the streets of NYC. However, the book takes place in the mid 70s when much was different than after 9/11. The book is not for the weak stomached, as there are many graphic depictions of death and suffering.

I picked this up some time ago. Al Sheppard's memoir is written in a fashion like he's sitting in front of you telling a story. If you're into the subject material, you'll be hooked on this quick read.

What else can I say. This author tells of an amazing career or portions of one. Very well written and had me glued to it. I could picture what he was describing and just could not put it down.

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