Athletic trainers (ATs) are health care professionals with a unique skill set designed to reduce risk and enhance wellness in active patient populations. While not traditional athletes, public safety workers face physically demanding environments, and in some cases, their lives and the lives of others are at stake. It is imperative that these individuals have the necessary health care services to perform their duties. ATs work with various public safety agencies including fire, rescue, emergency medical services and law enforcement to improve health and safety on the job. In the realm of public safety, ATs combine preventative strategies, emergency care and rehabilitation to ensure that public safety workers can perform at optimal levels. ATs apply their research skills to better understand the risks of these patients through injury tracking and documentation, as well as how to reduce risk with evidence based policies and procedures. ATs in the public safety setting typically work within a cost containment model and use their administrative skills to navigate insurance, workers compensation and reduce health care costs. ATs working in public safety is still novel in many parts of the country. Agencies that wish to employ an AT can hire an AT directly for full time or part time services. Area hospitals and physical therapy clinics may also provide athletic training services to government agencies through community outreach programs. ATs in the public safety setting provide immediate access to health care, facilitate necessary referrals for specialized care, return patients to a complete return to duty and advocate for the patient's best care.