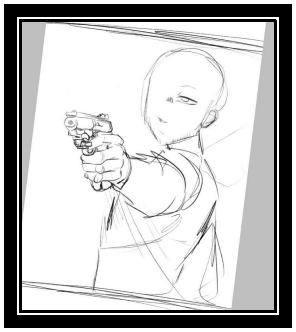
GANG SHOOTOUT
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Operator: This is 9-1-1. What is your emergency?

Caller: There are two gangs right in front of my house, and they're shooting at each other. One bullet came right through my front window. There's glass everywhere. Send help immediately!

Operator: Is anyone hurt?

Caller: Yes! One guy is lying in the street and he's bleeding all over the place. Another guy is in my bushes, and he's not moving. I think he's dead. Please, send someone fast!

Operator: I'll dispatch a social worker team immediately.

Caller: No, no, no! Send the police!

Operator: I can't do that.

Caller: What do you mean, you can't do that?

Operator: Well, the protocol states I must send two social workers. I'll dispatch them, and they should be there in about 15 minutes.

(20 minutes later.)

Operator: This is 9-1-1. What is your emergency?

Caller: I called earlier about the gang shootout in front of my house.

Operator: Did the social workers get there?

Caller: Yes, they did. One was shot in her arm and stomach, and twice in the head.

Operator: Is the other one safe?

Caller: No, she was shot in the heart.

Operator: Is she alive?

Caller: No, you idiot. And now seven gang members are seriously wounded or dead right in front of my house. A couple are on my lawn. And one's on my front porch!

Operator: All right, then. I'll send two *senior* social workers.

Caller: No! Send the police!

Operator: I'm not allowed to violate protocol. Please stay calm. And stay in your house. The senior social workers should be there in about 20 minutes.

(25 minutes later.)

Operator: This is 9-1-1. What is your emergency?

Caller: I called earlier about the gang fight.

Operator: Did the senior social workers get there?

Caller: They certainly did.

Operator: So, what happened?

Caller: Both gangs opened fire on them, before they even got out of their car.

Operator: Any injuries?

Caller: They're both dead. I counted at least 56 shots fired at the car. The social workers didn't have a chance. And then the gangs set their car on fire. It's still burning. Flames are shooting way up in the sky. There's lots of black smoke. I'm afraid the car will explode.

Operator: If that's the case, protocol allows me to dispatch police to the scene. I'll send a squad car with two policemen.

Caller: I don't think that's necessary, operater. The gangs stopped shooting at each other about ten minutes ago, and all the gang members are gone now. Everything is quiet, except for the wounded guys who are moaning and crying for help. Please send some ambulances and about a dozen cars from the morgue.

Operator: I've already done that. These kinds of incidents always seem to end the same way. Thanks for calling 9-1-1. Please stay on the line for a brief survey about the 9-1-1 service you received. It'll only take a few minutes.