

TACTICAL EMERGENCY CASUALTY CARE (TECC)

Developed by NAEMT's Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Committee, the TECC program is based on the guidelines from the Committee on Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (Co-TECC) and the Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) program. TECC uses lessons learned from our military and applies them to the civilian world of tactical medicine.

This 16-hour course covers topics designed to decrease preventable death in the tactical situation.

Topics include:

- Hemorrhage control
- Surgical airway control
- Needle decompression
- Strategies for treating wounded responders in threatening environments
- Caring for pediatric patients
- Techniques for dragging and carrying victims to safety



At the core of the TECC program are three distinct phases that have been well-proven by TCCC - trained personnel in the war against terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan. The phases are as follows:

- Direct Threat Care - Care that is rendered while under attack or in adverse conditions.
- Indirect Threat Care - Care that is rendered while the threat has been suppressed but may reemerge at any point.
- Evacuation - Care that is rendered while the casualty is being evacuated from the incident site.

TECC focuses on the medicine during these phases of care and provides guidelines for managing trauma in the civilian tactical or hazardous environment. While TECC has a tactical slant, it takes an all-hazards approach to providing care outside the normal operating conditions of most EMS agencies, such as responding to a mass casualty or active shooter incidents.



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The Class Eight Research training cadre is comprised of active duty SWAT Paramedics from fire and law enforcement agencies across Southern California and represent some of the best tactical paramedics on the west coast. Class Eight Research instructors bring years of practical and relevant tactical medicine experience to the training environment.

This TECC course is Endorsed by the American College of Surgeons, meets the guidelines established by the Committee on TECC and the updated National Tactical Emergency Medical Support Competency Domains. This course is accredited by CAPCE and recognized by NREMT. Class Eight Research is a NAEMT approved training provider and member of the Tactical Medical Solutions Associate Trainer Program. Students who successfully complete the course will receive a NAEMT TECC Certification valid for four years. Students are required to pass a written and practical skills examination in order to receive the certification.



This TECC course is intended for EMS practitioners and other prehospital providers (EMT's, paramedics, TMP's, SWAT medics, and law enforcement officers with strong medical backgrounds.) This course is based upon a nationally standardized curriculum and national emergency response model. As such, students will learn or exercise medical interventions that may be outside some students' scope of medical practice in their respective jurisdictions. Completion of this course will not authorize students to practice interventions not permitted by their local emergency medical services authority and/or local protocols.

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COURSE OUTLINE

DAY ONE:

Class orientation, Welcome, Introductions, Pre-Test
IFAK review, TQ intro
Rescue Task Force / Incident Command System (RTF / ICS)
Lecture: Intro to TECC
Lecture: Direct Threat Care
Demonstrate: Indirect Pressure & tourniquet application to class
Skills: Break into groups. Instructors will demo Lifts, Drags,
Carries. Students will apply TQ and demonstrate various LDC's

LUNCH BREAK

Lecture: Indirect Threat Care (Objectives, CCP, Airway)
Lecture: Indirect Threat Care (Respirations)
Lecture: Indirect Threat Care (Bleeding & Shock)
Skills: Airway, Respirations, Wound Packing
Station 1: Airway: NPA-CRIC
Station 2: Respirations: Needle Decompression/Occlusive Dressings
Station 3: Wound Packing
Lecture: Indirect Threat Care: IV/IO/Medications
Lecture: Splinting/Burns

DAY TWO:

Lecture: Indirect Threat Care: Wounded Hostiles/Summary
Lecture: Pediatric Care
Lecture: Evacuation/Summary
Skills: IV/IO, Junctional TQ's, Wound Management
Station 1: Rugged IV/IO
Station 2: Junctional TQ's
Station 3: Wound Management
Post Test

LUNCH BREAK

Scenario Briefing and safety check
Final Scenario Exercises

*Course outline subject to change.

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