



## TACTICAL CASUALTY CARE

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### I. AUTHORITY:

*California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.116, 1797.220, and 1798. California EMS Authority #370 – California Tactical Casualty Care Training Guidelines: Tactical First Aid/Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) First Responder Operations (FRO), Tactical Lifesaver/Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) Technician*

### II. APPLICATION:

This policy describes the minimum training guidelines for Tactical First Aid/TEMS FRO and Tactical Lifesaver/TEMS Technician approved courses.

There are three course levels for tactical casualty care training programs. Tactical First Aid (TEMS FRO) and Tactical Lifesaver (TEMS Technician) courses must be approved by Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS). Tactical Medic (Tactical TEMS Specialist) courses must be State EMSA approved and Certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) as defined by California Penal Code 13512.1.

### III. DEFINITIONS:

**Tactical Casualty Care (TCC):** The delivery of specialized adjunct tactical emergency medical services to casualties of active shooter and terrorism events by first responders from an established EMS system. Tactical Casualty Care EMS providers respond as a medical support service provider to law enforcement incidents and provide tactical medical care to casualties in an area where there is minimal to no direct or immediate safety threat.

**Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) Personnel:** Physicians, physician's assistants, paramedics, nurses or Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) trained in tactical medicine who provide medical care during a tactical response utilizing their authorized scope of practice.

**Tactical Medicine for Special Operations:** The delivery of specialized tactical emergency medical services to casualties of any active law enforcement incident by law enforcement personnel assigned to a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) operations team. Tactical Medicine for Special Operations first responders respond as an integral part of a SWAT operation team and may provide field tactical medical care to casualties in an area where there is a direct and immediate safety threat.

**Tactical First Aid/TEMS FRO Training Program:** A course designed to provide first responders with basic tactical casualty care techniques and a broad overview of law enforcement tactical operations and first responder rescue operations methodologies.

**Tactical Lifesaver/TEMS Technician Training Program:** A course intended for public safety personnel, EMT's, AEMT's, paramedics, and other individuals (such as physicians or nurses) with minimal to no knowledge or experience in Tactical Casualty Care techniques that may either volunteer or be employed to perform medical support in an area deemed safe, or of minimal safety risk, during an active shooter or terrorism incident.

**Tactical Medicine Training Program:** A POST-certified and EMSA-approved, specific, operational training program for tactical medicine providers and operators that trains EMS personnel to safely deliver medical care during a law enforcement response.



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### IV. GUIDELINES:

#### A. POLICY:

1. Tactical First Aid/TEMS FRO Course Training Requirements
  - a. A minimum of four (4) hours training is required, eight (8) hours of training is recommended.
  - b. The course shall include learning domain curriculum content identified in EMSA #370: Tactical Casualty Care- Tactical First Aid/Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) First Responder Operational (FRO) Training Standards Guidelines.
2. Tactical Lifesaver/TEMS Technician Course Training Requirements
  - a. A minimum of forty (40) hours is required.
  - b. The course shall include learning domain curriculum content identified in EMSA #370: Tactical Casualty Care- Tactical First Aid/Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) First Responder Operational (FRO) Training Standards Guidelines.
  - c. Although the Tactical Lifesaver/TEMS Technician course includes comparable curriculum as the Tactical Medicine for Special Operations alternative 40 hour course, it is not POST certified and is not considered an equivalent course for attendance in lieu of the Tactical Medicine for Special Operations courses required to operate as a Tactical Medic or Tactical TEMS Specialist integrated into a SWAT operations team.
3. Approval to offer Tactical First Aid/TEMS FRO and Tactical Lifesaver/TEMS technician:
  - a. Eligibility for approval of Tactical First Aid/TEMS FRO and Tactical Lifesaver/TEMS technician programs shall be limited to approved OCEMS EMT and Paramedic Training Programs.
  - b. Approved EMT and Paramedic training programs wishing to instruct Tactical First Aid/TEMS FRO and/or Tactical Lifesaver/TEMS technician programs outside of standard curriculum, for continuing education credits, shall submit the California TCC Training Program/Course Approval Application Form and supporting documents. The following shall be submitted as part of the application process:
    - i. Name of the sponsoring institution, organization, or agency;
    - ii. Detailed course outline that meets or exceeds the course content identified in the EMSA #370: Tactical Casualty Care- Tactical First Aid/Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) First Responder Operational (FRO) Training Standards Guidelines.
    - iii. Final written examination with pre-established scoring standards; and
    - iv. Skill competency testing criteria, with pre-established scoring standards; and
    - v. Name and qualifications of instructor(s).
    - vi. Sample course completion record
  - c. Tactical First Aid/TEMS FRO and Tactical Lifesaver/TEMS technician programs are valid for four (4) years from the date of approval. OCEMS may audit, evaluate, or review the program(s) at any time

