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Tactical Emergency Casualty Care – Train-the-Trainer

FORMAT
8-hour or 16-hour

AUDIENCE
Agency instructors
and providers

PREREQUISITE
Offered with Rescue
Task Force Train-
the-Trainer

INVESTMENT
\$9,999 or \$19,999

Course Overview

This curriculum is based on the Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) framework created by the Committee for Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (C-TECC). It introduces evidence-based, life-saving techniques and strategies for providing trauma and medical care in hostile environments, including battlefield and civilian settings. By blending military, law-enforcement, and EMS best practices, the course strengthens a provider's ability to identify and treat life threats in any setting.

The principles taught in this course reflect decades of United States military research focused on reducing preventable deaths on the battlefield. Many of those lessons apply directly to civilian medicine. The course organizes the primary causes of preventable death through the MARCH framework:

- Massive hemorrhage
- Airway complications
- Respiratory complications
- Circulation compromise
- Hypothermia

TECC addresses three phases of care in a hostile environment. Direct-threat care occurs while under attack or where an imminent hostile threat remains. Indirect-threat care occurs after the threat is suppressed, while recognizing that a threat may emerge or reemerge. The evacuation phase covers movement and care as the injured are removed from the threat area.

Core Training Content

Participants learn and practice fundamental tactical-medicine concepts, including:

- Rapid assessment of the trauma patient
- Massive-hemorrhage control using tourniquets, hemostatic agents, and wound packing
- Basic airway management, including nasopharyngeal airways
- Prevention and treatment of respiratory emergencies, including tension pneumothorax
- Bomb-blast and burn injuries and their treatment
- Prevention of hypothermia

- Drags, carries, and other methods for rapidly moving wounded personnel to safety
- Use of casualty collection points
- Pediatric trauma care

Practical Training Stations

Students complete practical stations that reinforce the lecture material and require application of the skills in a training environment:

- Patient assessment
- Basic airway management, including recovery position and nasopharyngeal airway
- Tourniquet application
- Wound packing
- Pressure dressings
- Chest seals
- Marking of the dead
- Patient drags and carries

Provider and Agency Pathway

Threat Suppression is an approved C-TECC training provider. The course is available as an eight-hour or 16-hour program. Prior medical training is not required to attend or successfully complete the course. Upon successful completion, participants may become TECC instructors if their agency becomes an approved TECC provider through C-TECC. Information about agency-provider requirements is available at www.c-tecc.org. TECC certification remains within the individual agency; the agency serves as the certifying body and may issue certificates using the approved TECC logo.

Supporting Resources

At course completion, the host client receives the following supporting resources:

- 250-slide Tactical Emergency Casualty Care PowerPoint package, including voice-over and non-voice-over versions
- TECC training materials and guidelines
- Position statements and resource articles
- Skill checkoff sheets
- Direct-threat, indirect-threat, and bleeding-control resources
- Airway-management resources
- Training resources, videos, and PowerPoints

Course Objectives

Objectives are dependent on the skill level of the participants. At the conclusion of the program, attendees will be able to:

- Describe wounding patterns associated with mass shootings, mass stabbings, vehicle-as-a-weapon events, explosive events, and chemical-weapon attacks.
- Explain the history of Tactical Combat Casualty Care and Tactical Emergency Casualty Care.
- Discuss current debate regarding triage, triage methods, and patient outcomes.
- Conduct a tactical patient assessment.
- Apply the MARCH framework.
- Explain how tourniquets work and why many improvised tourniquets fail.
- Demonstrate pediatric tourniquet use.

- Demonstrate wound-packing techniques.
- Explain how hemostatic agents work.
- Manage a patient's airway within the provider's scope of practice.
- Discuss the controversy surrounding sedation-facilitated airway management in the polymorphic trauma patient.
- Differentiate Hot Zone, Warm Zone, and Cold Zone care.
- Select and apply appropriate methods for tactically evacuating a casualty.
- Evaluate casualty collection points, including the advantages and disadvantages of using them.
- Discuss medical best practices, including controversies involving IV access, advanced airway management, needle decompression, and related interventions.
- Conduct practical evolutions that apply skills learned during the lecture.

Host Requirements

The host agency is responsible for providing the following:

- Classroom, computer, projector, and audio
- Suitable training location for practical exercises
- Issued tactical medical equipment, ballistic protective equipment, and gas masks
- All medical training equipment and wound-packing props
- A minimum of two mannequins

Course Administration

Prerequisite	Because of high demand, this course is offered only in conjunction with the Rescue Task Force Train-the-Trainer package.
Time required	Eight hours or 16 hours, depending on the medical-training level of the participants.
Class size	Capped at 30 students.
Cost	\$9,999.00 for the eight-hour course or \$19,999.00 for the 16-hour course.
Included	Site license for the host agency.

About Threat Suppression

Threat Suppression, Incorporated provides operational training and preparedness support for public-safety and organizational leaders. For course scheduling, agency-provider questions, or a site-specific training discussion, contact 800.231.9106 or info@ThreatSuppression.com.