

Medical Team Specialist Course

Urban Search and Rescue Program

Medical Team Training

February 17 - 20, 2026

Event Action Plan



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Welcome to the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Medical Team Specialist Course (FEMA Course Code 9P3131), February 17 - 20, 2026. This class is being hosted at the South Carolina State Fire Academy and US&R Training Facility located in Columbia, SC.

The ILT component of course 9P3131 while not presented by the FEMA Program Office has been recognized and granted Equivalency status FEMA EQ#2026-002. Course participants include members of local, state, and federal National Response Plan members. Course delivery is presented through a partnership with Disaster Medical Solutions and MSOC.

The current blended Medical Team Specialist (MTS) Course is 59.0 hours in length; 13.0 hours of Computer-Based Training (FEMA 9P3130 CBT), which all of you must complete prior to attending the 46.0 hours of Instructor Led Training (FEMA (9P3131 ILT). The face-to-face portion of the course is 4 days in length. Remember to bring a copy of your CBT Certificate to class on day one. FEMA's current curriculum is designed to fulfill the initial training requirements for Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Medical Specialist and Medical Team Managers.

The Medical Team Specialist Course is designed to provide participants with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to confidently perform medical assessment and care at a structural collapse and other disasters due to natural or terrorist incidents. This course exposes the student to the injury types consistent with the structural collapse and traumatic incidents. A heavy focus is placed on providing care in a confined space and other austere environments.

During hands-on sessions you will demonstrate your technical skills, knowledge, abilities, and confidence gained from instruction with multiple exercises of skills and scenarios throughout the week. The week ends with a Capstone live night field exercise. These sessions require proper equipment and is strenuous in nature. Rain or shine, exercises will be performed in confined space training props replicating the various austere environments found in a real disaster.

We hope you enjoy the week and encourage you to build a network of fellow medical responders who you may call upon sometime in the future. The schedule will give you a good idea on what to expect on day one. Remember, travel days are February 16th and 21st. There are no make-up days for attendance and participation 100% mandatory.

Please follow us on-line for more information and always feel free to contact us.

Stay safe and have fun,

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Table with 4 columns: INCIDENT BRIEFING, 1. INCIDENT NAME USAR MTS Medical Team Specialist Training, 2. DATE PREPARED 12/12/2025, 3. TIME PREPARED 0900

- 1. Welcome to the 2026 US&R Medical Team Specialist Training course...
2. Please read through this entire IAP carefully...
3. There will be daily incident briefings...
4. Joe Hernandez is the course coordinator...
5. 100% attendance at all sessions...
6. Safety is our number one priority...
7. The course duration is approximately 46 hours...
8. Given the intensity and duration...
9. Maintain a zero tolerance policy...
10. The US&R Medical Team Training course...
11. The delivery of the Medical Team Specialist Training course...
12. Instructor cadre will demonstrate current technologies...

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INCIDENT BRIEFING

2. DATE PREPARED
4/1/2022

3. TIME PREPARED
0915



Facility: South Carolina State Fire Academy Training Facility / 141 Monticello Trail, Columbia, SC 29203 / 803-896-9800
Classroom: Days 1 and 2 Lectures in Main Bldg., FA
Skills Training: Days 1, 2 and 3 in US&R Collapse Simulators / Confined Space Venue
Scenarios: Days 3 and 4 - in US&R Collapse Venue / Technical Rescue Venue
Field Exercise: Day 4 -Night Exercise in Heavy Collapse Venue

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2. DATE PREPARED
7/1/2022

3. TIME PREPARED
0915



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Entrance / Administration / Cafeteria and Dorms / Classrooms / US&R Training Site



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Overview Medical Specialist Class:

The Medical Specialist class being conducted for this event is 46 hours (4 days) in length, ten plus hours each day with one late night session.

This course while not presented by the FEMA Office is structured using FEMA standards and current curriculum to meet or exceed equivalency and the initial training requirements for FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team Medical Specialist/ Medical Team Managers. The course is approved and meets all of the FEMA requirements for Medical Team Training Program Office EQ #2026-002.

Team deployments, medical operations, safety, medical and rescue techniques are addressed.

This course is designed to provide the participants with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform medical assessment and care at a structural collapse disaster scene due to natural disasters or terrorist incidents. The participants will be exposed to the injury types consistent with structural collapsed incidents.

A *heavy focus* is placed on providing medical care in a confined space.

Course Topics:

- Public Health and Environmental Issues
- Injuries Specific to Entrapment and Structural Collapse Environments
- Pediatric Care and Field Clinical Exams
- Crush Syndrome, Confined Space Medicine, Field Amputations & Modern Interventions
- Confined Space Maneuvers, Immobilization, and Extrication Techniques
- Patient Triage, Evaluation, and Treatment of Partially Accessible Patient
- Patient Care, Monitoring, and Packaging Applications
- Improvised Explosive Device and Blast Injuries
- Practical Field Exercise in a Live Concrete Collapse Environment
- Search Canine Veterinary Advanced Care

**Curriculum follows guidelines set forth in the FEMA US&R Medical Team Specialist Training Program, PHTLS, and TECC Manuals*

Required Equipment:

The course requires that course participants *arrive* with specific equipment on hand:

**There will be no time to acquire these items once class begins.*

- Helmet (must be ANSI rated Z89.1-type 1) (USAR type helmet recommended)
- Safety Toe Boots (must be ANSI rated) (no open shoes in classroom)
- Eye Protection (must be ANSI Z-87.1), Ear Plugs, and N-95 Dust Mask (10)
- Hydration System if desired, Sunscreen, and Bug Repellent
- Helmet and Hand Lights (2 sets)
- Work Gloves and Knee Pads (Elbow Pads are optional)
- Standard Work Duty Clothing (including long sleeve shirts or BDU top)
- N-95 *M a s k* or similar (12)
- Rain Gear suitable for USAR/TRT operations is optional (class is conducted rain or shine)

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INCIDENT OBJECTIVES
1. INCIDENT NAME: USAR MTS Medical Team Specialist Training
2. DATE PREPARED 1: 12/12/2025
3. TIME PREPARED: 0930
4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME): February 17 - 20, 2026 / 17th and 18th 0800 - 1830 hrs / 19th 0800 - 2030 hrs / 20th 0800 - 2300 hrs
5. GENERAL CONTROL OBJECTIVES FOR THE EVENT (INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES): Provide the highest level of student and instructor safety, including COVID guidelines and precautions. Deliver the Medical Team Training curriculum as previously noted and in a professional manner. Follow and teach principles of occupational health and safety; avoid injuries. Follow the ICS during drills and also in the event of an on-site emergency, know who you report to. Maintain Situational Awareness and operational security. Maintain a ready response team for on-site medical emergencies until relieved by the field response team. Maintain PAR levels throughout the classroom and practical portions of the program. Provide all students with ground rules and site-specific ground rules. Daily sign in sheet must be signed each day by instructors and students. Students must successfully complete all required practical skills and scenarios. Complete evaluations of all activities.
6. WEATHER FORECAST FOR OPERATIONAL PERIOD: Day temperatures history average in the mid to upper 60's with night temperature history average in the low 50's. No significant severe storms fore-casted. There are no expected Showers. Bring Rain Gear! Watch the Weather Prior to Leaving. Stay in contact with weather information just prior to departing for training location. Participants to have cold gear readily available throughout course, including rain gear and change of under clothing at all times!
7. GENERAL SAFETY MESSAGE: Safety is the top priority for this week. Participants will follow course rules and regulations and those of the facilities. Participants will comply with instructions regarding PPE while on or near the rubble pile or any other part of the training facility. US&R evacuation signals will be used during outside operations. Know them! In the event of severe weather, students will follow instructions from the instructor cadre, cease operations and assemble in the pre arranged staging point,. All students / instructors will shelter in place if warranted until the all clear is given. Lightning detector on-site. We will follow NFPA 1584 guidelines for rehabilitation and medical monitoring during practical portions of this course. Notify course instructors if you or your partner develops signs/symptoms of heat stress or cardiac ischemia. All occupational injuries are reportable.
8. ATTACHMENTS (* IF ATTACHED): ORGANIZATION LIST (ICS 203) [X], MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206) [X], EVAC & MCI Plan [X], ASSIGNMENT LIST (ICS 204) [X], INCIDENT MAP [X], 205-T [X], COMMUNICATION PLAN (ICS 205) [], INCIDENT BRIEFING (ICS 201) [X], Safety message [X]
9. PREPARED BY: Joe Hernandez (Coordinator)
10. APPROVED BY: Troy Bonfield(Course Lead)
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ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST		1. INCIDENT NAME USAR MTS Medical Team Training	2. DATE PREPARED 12/12/2025	3. TIME PREPARED 0945
POSITION	NAME	4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME)		
5. INCIDENT COMMANDER AND STAFF		Duration of course		
INCIDENT COMMANDER	Vinny Johnson	9. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF		
DEPUTY	Matt Haywood	MEDICAL DIRECTORS	Dr. Yee / Dr. Holley	
SAFETY OFFICER	Miguel Ferrer	COURSE VETERINARIAN	Dr. Jennifer Brown	
LIAISON OFFICER	Chad Beam	a. BRANCH I - DIVISION/GROUPS		
6. AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES		LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Troy Bonfield	
AGENCY	NAME	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Jeff Rusak	
		DIVISION/GROUP	Red Team	
SC-TF1	Chad Beam, TFL	DIVISION/GROUP	Squad 1 -	
	SCUS&R HQ 803-528-0291	STUDENTS		
CA-TF2	Dave Bain, Canada TF2	LEAD INSTRUCTOR		
DMS	Joe Hernandez, Coord (305) 986-0525	ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR		
Logistics		b. BRANCH II - DIVISION/GROUPS		
7. OPERATIONS SECTION		LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Ahmed Abousaleh	
CHIEF	Joe Hernandez	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Andrew Grandin	
DEPUTY	Juan Henriquez	DIVISION/GROUP	White Team	
RESOURCE K9 UNIT	Carson Chinn GSAR	DIVISION/GROUP	Squad 2 -	
SITUATION UNIT	SC-TF1	STUDENTS		
SIMULATION UNIT		LEAD INSTRUCTOR		
RESCUE SPEC		ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR	Dexter Schiers	
		c. BRANCH III - DIVISION/GROUPS		
	US&R SPEC - 1	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Miguel Ferrer	
	US&R SPEC - 2	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Dave Dutrow	
	US&R SPEC - 3	DIVISION/GROUP	Blue Team	
	US&R SPEC - 4	DIVISION/GROUP	Squad 3 -	
8. LOGISTICS SECTION		STUDENTS		
CHIEF	Matt Haywood	LEAD INSTRUCTOR		
		ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR		
SUPPLY UNIT	DMS Equipment Trailer			
MONITOR SUPPORT	ZOLL / Athena GTX	SME INSTRUCTOR	Carson Chinn	
SIM SUPPORT	Rescue Essentials	SME INSTRUCTOR		
SIM SUPPORT	North American Rescue	SME INSTRUCTOR		
TRIAGE SUPPORT	Everything Tactical-EV Lights	SME INSTRUCTOR		
		SME INSTRUCTOR		
		SME INSTRUCTOR		
		COURSE COORDINATOR	Joe Hernandez	
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ICS 204

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1. BRANCH US&R		2. DIVISION/GROUP Medical		ASSIGNMENT LIST					
3. INCIDENT NAME USAR Medical Team Specialist Training			4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD – DATE/TIME February 17 - 20, 2026 Agency Host- South Carolina State Fire Academy / SCTF1						
5. TASK FORCE MANAGERS									
COURSE COORDINATOR	Joe Hernandez		LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Dave Dutrow					
MEDICAL TEAM MGR	Allen Yee, MD		LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Andrew Grandin					
MEDICAL TEAM MGR	Joseph Holley, MD		SME INSTRUCTOR	Carson Chinn					
VETERINARIAN MGR	Jennifer Brown, DVM		SME INSTRUCTOR						
LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Troy Bonfield		SME INSTRUCTOR						
LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Ahmed Abousaleh		SME INSTRUCTOR						
LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Matt Haywood		SME INSTRUCTOR						
LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Miguel Ferrer		COURSE COORDINATOR	Vincent Johnson					
LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Jeff Rusak		COURSE ADMINISTRATOR	Juan Henriquez					
6. RESOURCES ASSIGNED THIS PERIOD									
TF RESOURCE DESIGNATOR	LEADER NAME		NUMBER PERSONS	TRANS. NEEDED	AM PICK UP PT./TIME	PM DROP OFF PT./TIME			
Squad A Red TEAM	Troy Bonfield		12	no	n/a	n/a			
Squad B White Team	Ahmed Abousaleh		12	no	n/a	n/a			
Squad C Blue Team	Miguel ferrer		12	no	n/a	n/a			
<p>Each team leader is responsible for maintaining PAR levels throughout the class.</p> <p>Each team leader is responsible to coordinate Emergency Medical Care of Ill or Injured victim until relieved by Drs. Yee / Holley and or the fire / medic response team from Columbia FD and/or Richland County/Columbia SC EMS.</p> <p>Each team leader is responsible for accountability of equipment issued to their squads.</p> <p>Course medical director and majority of staff are medical licensed providers by the host State.</p>									
<p>Uniform of the day: BDU pants with team shirt or BDU blouse, long sleeves must be worn during practical portions. Safety Helmet, safety boots, gloves, eye, ear protection along with dust masks will be utilized during practical portions of the training, Knee and elbow pads optional, however encouraged. A hydration system is recommended.</p>									
9. TF TEAM COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY									
FUNCTION		FREQ.	SYSTEM	CHAN	FUNCTION		FREQ.	SYSTEM	CHAN
COMMAND	LOCAL				LOGISTICS	LOCAL			
COMMAND	RPT				LOGISTICS	RPT			
GROUP/SQUAD TACTICAL					EMERGENCY MEDICAL				
PREPARED BY Joe Hernandez, Course Coordinator				APPROVED BY Troy Bonfield (Course Lead)			DATE 12/12/2025	TIME 0950	

MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206)

1. Incident Name:	2. Operational Period:	Date From: 2/17/2026 Time From: 0730	Date To: 2/20/2026 Time To: 2000
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3. Medical Aid Stations:			
Name	Location	Contact Number(s)/Frequency	Paramedics on Site?
US&R HQ	SCFA Bldg 22	803-528-0291	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. Transportation (indicate air or ground):			
Ambulance Service	Location	Contact Number(s)/Frequency	Level of Service
Richland County EMS (ground)	Local Service Area	9-1-1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALS <input type="checkbox"/> BLS
Lifenet (air)	Local Service Area	9-1-1 1-800-327-2611	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALS <input type="checkbox"/> BLS
			<input type="checkbox"/> ALS <input type="checkbox"/> BLS
			<input type="checkbox"/> ALS <input type="checkbox"/> BLS

5. Hospitals:							
Hospital Name	Address, Latitude & Longitude if Helipad	Contact Number(s)/Frequency	Travel Time		Trauma Center	Burn Center	Helipad
			Air	Ground			
Prisma Health-Richland	5 Richland Medical Park Dr., Columbia SC 29203	803-434-7000	<10m	<20m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Level: 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Prisma Health-Baptist	Taylor at Marion Street, Columbia SC 29220	803-296-5010		<25m	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Level: ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Providence North East	120 Gateway Corporate Pkwy, Columbia SC 29203	803-865-4500		<25m	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Level: ____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Lexington Medical Center	2720 Sunset Blvd, West Columbia SC 29169	803-791-2000	<15m	<25m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Level: 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Still Burn Center	3875 J. Dewey Gray Cr, Augusta, GA 30909	855-863-9595	<40m	<90m	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Level: ____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

6. Special Medical Emergency Procedures: AEDs are located throughout the site. Contact 9-1-1 and then site safety for any emergency.
<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if aviation assets are utilized for rescue. If assets are used, coordinate with Air Operations.

7. Prepared by (Medical Unit Leader):	Name: _____	Signature: _____
8. Approved by (Safety Officer):	Name: _____	Signature: _____



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In the event of a Multi-Casualty Incident, an instructor will stop all course operations until the severity of the event can be determined. The Multi Casualty Plan will be activated for more than 3 patients. The patients will be moved as outlined in the Medical Plan.

The Staff will fill the following Positions until relieved by local resources:

- Incident Commander: Vinny Johnson
- Medical Unit Leader: Dr Holley
- Triage Unit Leader: Ahmed Abousaleh
- Treatment Unit Leader: Dr. Yee
- Transportation Unit Leader: Andrew Grandin / Richland County EMS
- Medical Supply Officer: Matt Haywood / Juan Henriquez
- Rescue Group: Jeff Rusak / Miguel Ferrer / Vinny Johnson
- Remaining Staff and Students will be assigned activities as needed by Troy Bonfield / Joe Hernandez

Triage:

1. Patients will be moved to a safe area for triage if possible.
2. START Triage will be used to assign initial patient severity.
3. Patients will be tagged using local Triage Tag System and will be recorded on a patient transportation log.

Treatment:

1. A treatment area will be established for collection of injured parties.
2. Immediate, Delayed, and Minor **Treatment Manager** will be assigned as needed and will be made up of the following personnel. Dr. Yee
3. Medical Supplies will be stockpiled at staging area.

Transportation:

1. A Loading Area will be established.
2. Medical Communications Officer will be assigned to facilitate distribution of patients in accordance with Local MCI Protocol. Richland County EMS
3. Patients will be transported under the direction of the Patient Transportation Group Supervisor.

Following Transportation of the Injured:

1. Staff, as needed, will be assigned to each receiving facility to facilitate documentation.
2. Staff and students will complete written accounts of the incident before being released from the course.
3. All sponsoring agencies will be advised of the incident, in coordination with AHJ.

PREPARED BY :(Name & Position)
Joe Hernandez (Course Coordinator)

Approved By(Name & Position):
Troy Bonfield (Course Lead)



Safety Message

1. INCIDENT NAME
USAR MTS
Medical Team Specialist Training

2. DATE PREPARED
12/12/2025

3. TIME PREPARED
1100

Think Safety!

The goal of the US&R Medical Team Training staff is to provide you with an opportunity to practice medical assessment, treatment, immobilization, and extrication in a US&R environment. Safety is one of the largest concerns in the US&R environment; small spaces, trip hazards, bump hazards, and poor lighting all contribute to the potential for injury to the students.

Use your PPE!

Please make sure that all personnel are in the correct PPE during the field work. When entering dark areas, please have three sources of light. Try not to blind your coworkers with your headlamps; turn the light in a downward position when working face to face. Protecting your knees and elbows is also an essential part of increasing your ability to work long hours. Protective pads will assist with reducing bruised knees. PPE in conjunction with restricted spaces may also increase anxiety. If you feel claustrophobic during a tunnel crawl, please ask an instructor for help. We have helped many students overcome this anxiety and will work with you individually and in private to help develop coping skills.

Protect yourself and use good body mechanics!

When moving patients in restricted spaces, we tend to use poor body mechanics. Remember to move patients an inch at a time if needed to avoid injuries. "Every inch is a victory" when we are moving victims through tight spots. Take the time to position yourself and other rescuers so that you do not strain your backs. Watch and learn good patient movement techniques and stretch before entering into tunnels. Doing so will help you avoid injuries.

Take care of yourself!

Please don't stay out too late after class. This is a long class. You are expected to function at a high level during all activities. Carry two pairs of socks with you during class and change them as needed. Keeping you feet dry will help you avoid blisters and sore feet.

Personnel Accountability!

It is essential that we account for all students and instructors during the course, especially when in the field exercises.

WE PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH!

You will be issued a colored Triage Light for tracking during the night exercise. You are required to return the light when event is over.



Evaluation Signal!

- Three Short Blasts = Evacuation
- One Long = All Stop / all quiet
- One Long and Short Blast = Resume



Personal Safety!

*In light of recent events in our area involving the Corona virus, we encourage you all to learn more about it. Sometimes the best line of defense is by simply staying informed. Read over what the CDC has to say about the Coronavirus and ways you can limit your exposure and/or protect yourself and those around you. **Bring your mask supply for personal use and mask supply provided by your agency for protection during class time.***

Enjoy the course and remember, if you don't care for yourself, you can't care for others...

PREPARED BY (NAME AND POSITION):
Joe Hernandez (Course Coordinator)

APPROVED BY (NAME AND POSITION):
Troy Bonfield (Course Lead)

Personnel Accountability System

Summary

To assist in establishing a safe training environment and to help instructors track participants and other instructors during night field exercise, this course will incorporate a “triage light” system. The intent of this system is to track the students, instructors, and command during all night operations.

Purpose

The purpose of the “triage light” system is to account for the location and function of all teams on the training site and to provide a rapid way to account for all personnel and instructors in the event of an emergency.

Definitions

- **Class Room Accountability Status Board:**
The assigned squad leaders of each team will be responsible for the team’s accountability (par) every morning, throughout the day, and on daily debriefings. All participants need to confirm activities and check in with the squad leader. All participants are regarded as a squad (team) and accountability is expected.
- **Evacuation Signal:** All participants and instructors have the authority to call for an evacuation. If an evacuation is called for, three short blasts from an air horn or whistle will be sounded. If radios are being used during the class “evacuate, evacuate, evacuate” will be announced.
- **Lead Instructor (Incident Commander):** the senior instructor in charge of the training scenarios. This person will be assigned and may change during different segments of the training. Any change in the Lead Instructor will be announced. The instructor assigned as the Incident Commander will wear a “rotating color triage light”.
- **Triage (Chem) Lights:** Each instructor and student will be issued a triage light, to be used during night operations of class. The lights must be returned at the end of the class.
 - ✓ Participants Lights will be identified with a solid color (Red, Blue, or Yellow)
 - ✓ Instructor Lights will be identified with a solid color (Red, Blue, or Yellow) to match their squads.
 - ✓ IC/Safety Officer Lights will be identified with a strobe multi-color
 - ✓ Medical Command will be identified with receiving transport units
- **PAR (Personnel Accountability Report):** The Safety Officer or IC may call for a PAR at any time during the exercise. When a PAR is called for, each team will complete a role call and report to their assigned instructor on their team status. If any team members are not accounted for, the exercise will be halted until they are located. During the night exercise instructors will personally place each “Volunteer Student” and complete a verbal PAR to ensure that all “Volunteer Students” are accounted for. When responding to the PAR, the Team Leader will announce “This is an Instructor: ARE ALL PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR.” The Medical Command will ensure all “Volunteer Students” are accounted for in receiving.
- **Re-Hab Area:** Re-habilitation area will be designated in front of Concrete Collapse Building (Q9-bldg 2). This areas will be used for rest and rehabilitation during the night physical activities. They will also be used as a gathering point in the event of an evacuation of the site during the exercise.
- **Safety Officer:** The Safety Officer position will be assigned to one of the instructors at the start of class. The Safety Officer will ensure that the site safety plan is in place and that the accountability system is being used. In the event of a training accident, the Safety Officer will be responsible for calling for and completing a PAR.

Procedure

- For minor accidents, all team members will exit the collapse structure and a PAR will be completed for that squad. All injuries are to be reported to one of the instructors.
- Accidents involving a moderate injury or multiple students will be reported to the instructor supervising the scenario. All training operations will be stopped, and all areas will be evacuated. A PAR will be completed by the Lead Instructors of each squad, and the Safety Officer will complete one of the “volunteer students”. The IC will be advised of each team’s status and of any medical needs. The site safety plan will be implemented.



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TASK FORCE -

Date

Time

Incident

Pre-Deployment Physical Exam

(Per FEMA Directive USR PD 2011-023 – this form must be completed by a licensed veterinarian at time of K-9 deployment)

Handler			Search Team Manager						
K-9	Name		Age		Breed				
	Weight (lb/kg)		Color		Sex				
Pertinent History									
Preventatives	Vaccinations Current?	Yes/No	Heart Worm Current?	Yes/No	Flea/Tick Current?	Yes/No			
Medications (yes/no – list if yes)									
Exam	TPR	Temp		HR		RR		MM/CRT	
	Attitude			Hydration					
	Eyes			Ears					
	Mucous Membranes			Cardiovascular					
	Respiratory			Abdominal					
	Musculoskeletal								
	Skin			Urogenital					
	Neurologic			Lymph Nodes					
Instructions and/or Recommendations									
Medical Deployment Recommendation	Accept			Reject					
Examined by: <small>(must be licensed veterinarian)</small>				Signature:					

