

Medical Team Specialist Course

Urban Search and Rescue Program

Medical Team Training

June 27 - 30, 2026

Event Action Plan



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Welcome to the Urban Search and Rescue Medical Team Specialist (MTS) Course, June 27 - 30, 2026. The course is being hosted and delivered at the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training Florida State Fire College FLUSAR Facility. A 37-acre Fire-Rescue-Technical training and testing facility with realistic, scalable, and integrated capabilities to help ensure success.

This FEMA US&R Equivalent (EQ# 2026) course delivery is the Instructor Lead Training (ILT) component of course 9P3131. 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 TEEX Emergency Services Training Institute / Rescue Program*.

The *current* blended Medical Team Specialist (MTS) Course is 59.0 hours in length; 13.0 hours of Computer-Based Training (CBT), which all of you must complete prior to attending the 46.0 hours of Instructor Led Training (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 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 around the state 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 June 26th and July 1st. There are no make-up days with attendance and participation 100% mandatory. Remember to **Vote** early in person or by mail, this is an important election.

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

Stay safe and have fun,

DMS Staff

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Table with 4 columns: INCIDENT BRIEFING, 1. INCIDENT NAME USAR MTS (Medical Team Specialist Training), 2. DATE PREPARED (6/1/2026), 3. TIME PREPARED (0900)

- 1. Welcome to the 2026 US&R Medical Team Specialist Training course delivered by Disaster Medical Solutions and TEEX hosted at the Florida State Fire College FLUSAR Training Facility in Ocala, FL. Home to the FLUSAR Program.
2. Please read through this entire IAP carefully to ensure that you understand what to do and whom to contact in the event of an emergency.
3. There will be daily incident briefings for the duration of the course to supplement and/or update this material.
4. Joe Hernandez is the course coordinator with Troy Bonfield serving as Lead Instructor for this delivery and validation of FEMA Training Standards for the Medical Team Specialist (MTS) Training course Ben Aboe, DO is the Medical Director and Jennifer Brown, DVM is the Veterinarian for the delivery of this FEMA Course 9P3131 Medical Team Training Course.
5. 100% attendance at all sessions and a passing score on the final exam is required to successfully complete this program of instruction. Due to the nature of this course design and delivery, there is no mechanism for make-up classes.
6. Safety is our number one priority during this course. Any student who displays behavior or attitudes that intentionally risk the health and safety of themselves or other students will be counseled as a first and only warning. A second offense will result in termination from the class.
7. The course duration is approximately 46 hours spread across 4 days including 1 evening. The shortest day is 10 hours and the longest day is greater than 12 hours. Please be mindful of the need to obtain a sufficient amount of rest, proper nutrition/hydration and a limitation of the amount of alcohol intake off hours to what is reasonable.
8. Given the intensity and duration of this course, students must be on time every day. Class will begin according to the syllabus regardless of whether or not students are tardy.
9. Maintain a zero tolerance policy concerning drugs/alcohol, sexual harassment, firearms and inappropriate behavior etc. during course hours. Failure to abide by these policies may result in termination from the course.
10. The US&R Medical Team Training course was designed in the early 1990's for paramedics and physicians as an introduction to confined space medicine, crush syndrome and the roles and responsibilities of the medical component of a FEMA US&R task force. The course has matured and increased in breadth over the years, but it still remains as the only component level curriculum for the medical providers (i.e. there is no advanced course). That being said, the course cannot possibly address the myriad of issues that abound in the US&R environment nor is it meant to be a mechanism to provide initial training in resuscitation skills. This course is the beginning of an educational journey, not the end!
11. The delivery of the Medical Team Specialist Training course includes all of the curriculum material provided to federal US&R task forces. The FEMA US&R Medical Team Specialist Instructor Led Training (ILT) Course Code 9P3131.
12. Instructor cadre will demonstrate current technologies and products that are either approved on the US&R federal cache list and/or are available to supplement technical rescue medical care. We ask vendors to submit demonstration and development of new technologies and products during training events. This is for an educational methodology advantage and not as a product advertisement for any vendor.
13. Current State of Florida COVID Protocols and Guidelines will be enforced throughout the course for both instructors and participants.

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1. INCIDENT NAME
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2. DATE PREPARED
8/22/2024

3. TIME PREPARED
0915



Items Noted:

Facility: Florida State Fire College FLUSAR Training Facility / 11655 NW Gainsville Road, Ocala, FL 34482 / 352.369.2800

Class Room: Days 1, 2, and 4 Lectures in Main Bldg. Auditorium
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

DMS trailer (logistics - equipment)

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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, instructors, 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. 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 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 289.1-type 1) (USAR type helmet recommended)
- Safety Toe Boots (must be ANSI rated)
- Eye Protection (must be ANSI Z-87.1), Ear Plugs, and N-95 Dust Mask (10)
- Hydration System if desired, Sun Screen, and Bug Repellent
- Helmet and Hand Lights (2 sets)
- 25 Pairs of exam gloves
- Work Gloves and Knee Pads (Elbow Pads are optional)
- Standard Work Duty Clothing (including long sleeve shirts or BDU top)
- Level "C" PPE (1) if possible, (Tyvek or similar coveralls and half or full face respirator with cartridges optional)**
- Rain Gear suitable for USAR/TRT operations is optional (class is conducted rain or shine)

****Coveralls should be the same as the ones worn during on-duty training/response in contaminated environments when level "C" protection is required. In addition to bringing (1) suit, please bring your personal respirator mask (half or full face) only if possible. It will be a good time to check out the equipment provided by your agency**

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INCIDENT OBJECTIVES
1. INCIDENT NAME: USAR MTS Medical Team Specialist Training
2. DATE PREPARED: 6/1/2026
3. TIME PREPARED: 0930
4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME): June 27 - 30, 2026
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 final written exam with a minimal score of 80%. Complete evaluations of all activities. Classroom operations BDUs or Coveralls are required, team logo T-shirts are acceptable (closed shoes/boots). All students and instructors are required to wear PPE when involved in field operations.
6. WEATHER FORECAST FOR OPERATIONAL PERIOD: Day temperatures history average in the mid 90's with night temperature history average in the high 70's. No significant severe storms forecasted. Bring Rain Gear and Warm Weather Gear! Watch the Weather Prior to Leaving. Stay in contact with weather information just prior to departing for training location. Participants should have cold gear readily available throughout course, including rain gear and change of underclothing 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)
[X] ORGANIZATION LIST (ICS 203) [X] MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206) [X] EVAC & MCI Plan
[X] ASSIGNMENT LIST (ICS 204) [X] INCIDENT MAP [X] 205-T
[] COMMUNICATION PLAN (ICS 205) [X] INCIDENT BRIEFING (ICS 201) [X] Safety message
9. PREPARED BY: Joe Hernandez (Coordinator)
10. APPROVED BY: Troy Bonfield (Lead Instructor)
ICS 202 3-80



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ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST		1. INCIDENT NAME USAR MTS Medical Team Training	2. DATE PREPARED 6/1/2026	3. TIME PREPARED 0945
POSITION		NAME		
5. INCIDENT COMMANDER AND STAFF		4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME)		
INCIDENT COMMANDER	Vinny Johnson	Duration of course		
DEPUTY	Troy Bonfield	9. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF		
SAFETY OFFICER	Miguel Ferrer	MEDICAL DIRECTORS	Dr. Ben Abo Dr.	
LIAISON OFFICER	Angie Caine, FFC	COURSE VETERINARIAN	Jennifer Brown-SME	
6. AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES		a. BRANCH I - DIVISION/GROUPS		
AGENCY	NAME	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Matt Haywood	
		LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Dorian Taylor	
		DIVISION/GROUP	Red Team	
FLUSAR	Jeff Strickland, State of Florida US&R Dir.	DIVISION/GROUP	Squad 1 -	
		STUDENTS		
		SME INSTRUCTOR	Carson Chinn	
DMS	Joe Hernandez, PGR MGR (305) 986-0525	SME INSTRUCTOR		
TEEX	Kevin Price, Training Mgr (630) 284 - 9998	b. BRANCH II - DIVISION/GROUPS		
7. OPERATIONS SECTION		LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Troy Bonfield	
CHIEF	Joe Hernandez	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Scott Perkins	
DEPUTY	Juan Henriquez	DIVISION/GROUP	White Team	
RESOURCE K9 UNIT	Carson Chinn GSAR	DIVISION/GROUP	Squad 2 -	
SITUATION UNIT		STUDENTS		
SIMULATION UNIT		LEAD INSTRUCTOR		
RESCUE SPEC		SME INSTRUCTOR		
		c. BRANCH III - DIVISION/GROUPS		
	US&R SPEC - 1	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Miguel Ferrer	
	US&R SPEC - 2	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Robert Dutrow	
	US&R SPEC - 3	DIVISION/GROUP	Blue Team	
	US&R SPEC - 4	DIVISION/GROUP	Squad 3 -	
		STUDENTS		
8. LOGISTICS SECTION		LEAD INSTRUCTOR		
CHIEF	Matt Haywood	SME INSTRUCTOR		
SUPPLY UNIT	DMS Equipment Trailer			
SIM SUPPORT	Gaumard Medical			
MONITOR SUPPORT	Philips / ZOLL	LEAD INSTRUCTOR		
SME SUPPORT	Rescue Essentials Tactical	ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR		
COMM SUPPORT	Communications	SHADOW INSTRUCTOR		
BAG SUPPORT	Pax - Bags	SHADOW INSTRUCTOR		
TRIAGE SUPPORT	Everything Tactical - EV Lights	SME INSTRUCTOR	Vinny Johnson	
		SME INSTRUCTOR	Juan Henriquez	
		SME INSTRUCTOR	Stu Morgenstein, MD	
		11. PREPARED BY (RESOURCE UNIT)		
		Joe Hernandez (Course Coordinator)		



**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
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1. BRANCH US&R	2. DIVISION/GROUP Medical	ASSIGNMENT LIST
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3. INCIDENT NAME USAR Medical Team Specialist Training	4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD – DATE/TIME June 27 – 30, 2026 Agency Host- Florida State Fire College
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5. TASK FORCE MANAGERS			
PROGRAM MANAGER	Joe Hernandez	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Miguel Ferrer
MEDICAL TEAM MGR	Ben Abo, DO	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Robert Dutrow
VETERINARIAN MGR	Jennifer Brown, DVM	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Dorian Taylor
COURSE LEAD	Troy Bonfield	ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR	
COURSE CORDINATOR	Vinny Johnson	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	
COURSE ADMINISTRATOR	Juan Henriquez	MEDICAL TEAM MGR	Stuart Morgenstein, MD
LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Matt Haywood	ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR	
		SHADOW INSTRUCTOR	
		SME INSTRUCTOR	Carson Chinn

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	Matt Haywood	10	no	n/a	n/a
Squad B White Team	Troy Bonfield	10	no	n/a	n/a
Squad C Blue Team	Miguel Ferrer	10	no	n/a	n/a

Each team leader is responsible for maintaining PAR levels throughout the class.
 Each team leader is responsible to coordinate Emergency Medical Care of Ill or Injured victim until relieved by Dr. Cantwell and or the fire / medic response team from Marion County FD.
 Each team leader is responsible for accountability of equipment issued to their squads.
 Course medical director and majority of staff are medical licensed providers by the host State of Florida.

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.

9. TF TEAM COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY									
FUNCTION		FREQ.	SYSTEM	CHAN	FUNCTION		FREQ.	SYSTEM	CHAN
COMMAN D	LOCAL				LOGISTICS	LOCAL			
COMMAN D	RPT				LOGISTICS	RPT			
GROUP/SQUAD TACTICAL					EMERGENCY MEDICAL				

PREPARED BY Joe Hernandez, Course Coordinator	APPROVED BY Troy Bonfield (Course Lead)	DATE 6/1/2026	TIME 0950
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MEDICAL PLAN	1. INCIDENT NAME: Medical Specialist Course State Fire College	2. DATE PREPARED: 2/01/2025	3.TIME PREPARED: 1200	4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 6/27 - 6/30, 2026 0800-2200				
5. INCIDENT MEDICAL AID STATIONS								
MEDICAL AID STATIONS		LOCATION				PARAMEDICS		
						YES		NO
ALS Paramedic (non-transport)		Paramedics with ALS equipment available on site				X		
6. TRANSPORTATION								
A. FIRE-AMBULANCE SERVICES								
NAME		ADDRESS			PHONE		PARAMEDICS	
							YES NO	
Marion County FD Station #11		12250 NW Gainesville Rd, Reddick, FL 32686			911		X	
B. INCIDENT AMBULANCES								
NAME		LOCATION				PARAMEDICS		
						YES		NO
9-1-1 System		N/A				X		
7. HOSPITALS								
NAME	ADDRESS	TRAVEL TIME		PHONE	HELIPAD		TRAUMA CENTER	
		AIR	GRND		YES	NO	YES	NO
Ocala Regional Medical Center	1431 SW 1st Ave, Ocala, FL 34471	-	10 min	352-401-1000	X		X	
UF Health Shands Hospital	1600 SW Archer Rd, Gainesville, FL 32610	15 min	-	352-265-0111	X		X	
8. MEDICAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES								
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical Directors will be on-site for duration of course 2. Immediate medical aid may be provided by on-site paramedics 3. On-site Instructors activate 9-1-1 System 4. If transport is required, a representative to accompany member 								
Ocala Regional Level II Trauma Center UF Shands Level I Trauma/Burn Center								
ICS 206 8-78	9. PREPARED BY (Course Coordinator) Joe Hernandez				10. REVIEWED BY (Course Lead) Ben Abo, DO			



MCI Plan	1. INCIDENT NAME USAR MTS Medical Team Specialist Training	2. DATE PREPARED 6/1/2026	3. TIME PREPARED 1140
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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 Unit Leader: Troy Bonfield
- Medical Unit Leader: Dr. Abo
- Triage Unit Leader: Vincent Johnson
- Treatment Unit Leader: Dr. Abo
- Transportation Unit Leader: Miguel Ferrer
- Medical Supply Officer: Scott Perkins
- Rescue Group: Matt Haywood / Dorian Taylor
- Remaining Staff and Students will be assigned activities as needed by Dwayne Dutrow

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. Vincent Johnson
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.
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): Patricia Cantwell, MD (Course Lead)
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Safety Message

1. INCIDENT NAME
USAR MTS
Medical Team Specialist Training

2. DATE PREPARED
11/2/2023

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 Zika/West Nile/Sloth/Dengue 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 various virus and ways you can limit your exposure and/or protect yourself and those around you. We will be adhering to the State of Florida COVID Protocols and Guidelines for healthcare workers during the entire course. Daily checks and standard precautions maybe enforced. Successful COVID protocols employed from recent TF deployments will be followed.

Bring your mask supply for personal use and mask supply provided by your agency for protection during class time if needed.

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):
Patricia Cantwell, MD (Course Lead)

Personnel Accountability System

E/T Light @ www.everythingtactical.com

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 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.



URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE

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	
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K-9	Name		Age		Breed	
	Weight (lb/kg)		Color		Sex	

Pertinent History						
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Preventatives	Vaccinations Current?	Yes/No	Heart Worm Current?	Yes/No	Flea/Tick Current?	Yes/No
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Medications (yes/no – list if yes)						
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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									
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Medical Deployment Recommendation	Accept		Reject	
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Examined by: (must be licensed veterinarian)		Signature:	
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