

# Medical Team Specialist Course

Urban Search and Rescue Program

Medical Team Training

November 5 - 8, 2025

## Event Action Plan



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Welcome to the Urban Search and Rescue Medical Team Specialist (MTS) Course, November 5 - 8, 2025. The National US&R Pre-Conference class 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# 2025-023) 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 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 November 4th and 9th. 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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# FEMA

## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY Emergency Support Function-9 National Urban Search and Rescue Response System

<b>INCIDENT BRIEFING</b>	1. INCIDENT NAME USAR MTS Medical Team Specialist Training	2. DATE PREPARED 8/2/2025	3. TIME PREPARED 0900
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1. Welcome to the 2025 US&R Medical Team Specialist Training course delivered by Disaster Medical Solutions 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 G. Patricia Cantwell, MD and Ben Abo, DO are the Medical Directors 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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Medical Team Specialist Training

2. DATE PREPARED
8/22/2024

3. TIME PREPARED
0915



Items Noted:

Facility: Florida State Fire College FLUSAR Training Facility / 11655 NW Gainesville 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.

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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<b>INCIDENT OBJECTIVES</b>	1. INCIDENT NAME USAR MTS Medical Team Specialist Training	2. DATE PREPARED 7 / 2 / 2025	3. TIME PREPARED 0930
4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME) November 5 - 8, 2025 / Nov 5 & 6 0800 - 1830 hrs / Nov 7 0800 - 2030 hrs / Nov 8 / 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 final written exam with a minimal score of 80%  Complete evaluations of all activities  <i>Classroom operations BDUs or Coveralls are required, team logo T-shirts are acceptable (closed shoes/boots).</i>  <i>All students and instructors are required to wear PPE when involved in field operations.</i>			
6. WEATHER FORECAST FOR OPERATIONAL PERIOD: Day temperatures history average in the mid to upper 70's with night temperature history average in the high 60's.  <b>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.</b> Participants should have cold gear readily available throughout course, including rain gear and change of underclothing <i>at all times!</i>			
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)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORGANIZATION LIST (ICS 203) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EVAC & MCI Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ASSIGNMENT LIST (ICS 204) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INCIDENT MAP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 205-T <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATION PLAN (ICS 205) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INCIDENT BRIEFING (ICS 201) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety message			
<b>ICS 202 3-80</b>	9. PREPARED BY Joe Hernandez (Coordinator)	10. APPROVED BY Troy Bonfield (Lead Instructor)	



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<b>ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST</b>		1. INCIDENT NAME USAR MTS Medical Team Training	2. DATE PREPARED 7/2/2025	3. TIME PREPARED 0945
POSITION NAME		4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME)		
5. INCIDENT COMMANDER AND STAFF		<b>Duration of course</b>		
INCIDENT COMMANDER	Vinny Johnson	9. INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF		
DEPUTY	Troy Bonfield	MEDICAL DIRECTORS	Drs. Cantwell, Holley, Butherus	
SAFETY OFFICER	Miguel Ferrer	COURSE VETERINARIAN	Dr. Jennifer Brown-SME	
LIAISON OFFICER	Angie Caine, FFC	a. BRANCH I - DIVISION/GROUPS		
6. AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES		LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Ahmed Abousaleh	
AGENCY	NAME	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Andrew Grandin	
		DIVISION/GROUP	<b>Red Team</b>	
FLUSAR	Jeff Strickland, State of Florida US&R Dir.	DIVISION/GROUP	Squad 1 -	
		STUDENTS		
DMS	Joe Hernandez, PGR MGR (305) 986-0525	SME INSTRUCTOR	Carson Chinn	
TEEX	Kevin Price, Training Mgr (630) 284 - 9998	SME INSTRUCTOR		
7. OPERATIONS SECTION		b. BRANCH II - DIVISION/GROUPS		
CHIEF	Joe Hernandez	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Troy Bonfield	
DEPUTY	Juan Henriquez	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Robert Dutrow	
RESOURCE K9 UNIT	Carson Chinn GSAR	DIVISION/GROUP	<b>White Team</b>	
SITUATION UNIT		DIVISION/GROUP	Squad 2 -	
SIMULATION UNIT		STUDENTS		
RESCUE SPEC		LEAD INSTRUCTOR	James Leach	
		SME INSTRUCTOR		
		c. BRANCH III - DIVISION/GROUPS		
	US&R SPEC - 1	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Miguel Ferrer	
	US&R SPEC - 2	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Jeff Rusak	
	US&R SPEC - 3	DIVISION/GROUP	<b>Blue Team</b>	
	US&R SPEC - 4	DIVISION/GROUP	Squad 3 -	
		STUDENTS		
8. LOGISTICS SECTION		LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Matt Haywood	
CHIEF	Matt Haywood	SME INSTRUCTOR		
SUPPLY UNIT	DMS Equipment Trailer			
SIM SUPPORT	Gaumard Medical			
MONITOR SUPPORT	Philips / ZOLL/ Vital Stream	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  
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
National Urban Search and Rescue Response System**

ICS 204

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<b>1. BRANCH</b> US&R		<b>2. DIVISION/GROUP</b> Medical		<h1 style="margin:0;">ASSIGNMENT LIST</h1>					
<b>3. INCIDENT NAME</b>			<b>4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD – DATE/TIME</b> Nov 5 - 8, 2025						
USAR Medical Team Specialist Training			Agency Host- Florida State Fire College						
<b>5. TASK FORCE MANAGERS</b>									
PROGRAM MANAGER	Joe Hernandez		LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Miguel Ferrer					
MEDICAL TEAM MGR	G. Patricia Cantwell, MD		LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Ahmed Abousaleh					
MEDICAL TEAM MGR	Armando Clift, MD		LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Robert Dutrow					
MEDICAL TEAM MGR	Ben Abo, DO		ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR	Andrew Grandin					
VETERINARIAN MGR	Jennifer Brown, DVM		LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Jeff Rusak					
COURSE LEAD	Troy Bonfield		MEDICAL TEAM MGR	Beau Butherus, MD					
COURSE CORDINATOR	Vinny Johnson		ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR	James Leach					
COURSE ADMINISTRATOR	Juan Henriquez		SHADOW INSTRUCTOR	Stu Morgenstein, MD					
LEAD INSTRUCTOR	Matt Haywood		SME INSTRUCTOR	Carson Chinn					
<b>6. RESOURCES ASSIGNED THIS PERIOD</b>									
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		13	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 Dr. Cantwell and or the fire / medic response team from Marion County FD.</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 of Florida.</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>									
<b>9. TF TEAM COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY</b>									
FUNCTION		FREQ.	SYSTEM	CHAN	FUNCTION		FREQ.	SYSTEM	CHAN
COMMAN D	LOCAL				LOGISTICS	LOCAL			
COMMAN D	RPT				LOGISTICS	RPT			
GROUP/SQUAD TACTICAL					EMERGENCY MEDICAL				
<b>PREPARED BY</b> Joe Hernandez, Course Coordinator				<b>APPROVED BY</b> Troy Bonfield (Course Lead)			<b>DATE</b> 8/2/2025	<b>TIME</b> 0950	

<b>MEDICAL PLAN</b>	<b>1. INCIDENT NAME:</b> Medical Specialist Course State Fire College	<b>2. DATE PREPARED:</b> 2/01/2025	<b>3.TIME PREPARED:</b> 1200	<b>4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD:</b> 4/15 - 4/18, 2025 0800-2200				
	<b>5. INCIDENT MEDICAL AID STATIONS</b>							
<b>MEDICAL AID STATIONS</b>		<b>LOCATION</b>			<b>PARAMEDICS</b>			
					<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>		
ALS Paramedic (non-transport)		Paramedics with ALS equipment available on site			X			
<b>6. TRANSPORTATION</b>								
<b>A. FIRE-AMBULANCE SERVICES</b>								
<b>NAME</b>		<b>ADDRESS</b>		<b>PHONE</b>	<b>PARAMEDICS</b>			
					<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>		
Marion County FD Station #11		12250 NW Gainesville Rd, Reddick, FL 32686		911	X			
<b>B. INCIDENT AMBULANCES</b>								
<b>NAME</b>		<b>LOCATION</b>			<b>PARAMEDICS</b>			
					<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>		
9-1-1 System		N/A			X			
<b>7. HOSPITALS</b>								
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>TRAVEL TIME</b>		<b>PHONE</b>	<b>HELIPAD</b>		<b>TRAUMA CENTER</b>	
		<b>AIR</b>	<b>GRND</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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	
<b>8. MEDICAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES</b>								
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Medical Directors will be on-site for duration of course</li> <li>2. Immediate medical aid may be provided by on-site paramedics</li> <li>3. On-site Instructors activate 9-1-1 System</li> <li>4. If transport is required, a representative to accompany member</li> </ol>								
Ocala Regional Level II Trauma Center UF Shands Level I Trauma/Burn Center								
<b>ICS 206 8-78</b>	<b>9. PREPARED BY (Course Coordinator)</b> Joe Hernandez			<b>10. REVIEWED BY (Course Lead)</b> Patricia Cantwell, MD				



<b>MCI Plan</b>	1. INCIDENT NAME USAR MTS Medical Team Specialist Training	2. DATE PREPARED 7/2/2025	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. Cantwell / Dr. Holley
- Triage Unit Leader: Vincent Johnson
- Treatment Unit Leader: Dr. Cantwell / Dr. Holley / Dr. Butherus
- Transportation Unit Leader: Miguel Ferrer
- Medical Supply Officer: Andrew Grandin
- Rescue Group: Matt Haywood / Ahmed Abousaleh / Jeff Rusak / JJ Leach
- 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 / Andrew Grandin
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](http://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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<b>K-9</b>	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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<b>Exam</b>	<b>TPR</b>	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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