



TACTICAL MEDICINE OPERATIONAL PROGRAM

PURPOSE

To define the approval, training, utilization and equipment requirements of tactical medicine operational programs in the YEMSA Region.

AUTHORITY

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 4, Article 1, §§ 1797.218, 1797.220

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 5, § 1798

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 2, § 100145

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4, Article 7, § 100169

California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)/Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) Tactical Medicine Operational Programs and Standardized Training Recommendations – July 2009

DEFINITION

Tactical Medicine: The delivery of medical services for law enforcement special operations.

OVERVIEW

The tactical incident response environment presents unique challenges to law enforcement personnel and for the personnel providing emergency medical care and support services in that environment. Tactical medical care providers must have a clear understanding of and consideration for law enforcement response and tactics and the mission-specific objectives of a tactical operation when planning for and providing medical support. The primary goal of tactical medicine is to support and assist a tactical team in accomplishing its mission during a deployment or response to a critical incident.

INDICATIONS

Approved tactical medical personnel should be utilized when appropriate and available to provide medical support services for law enforcement special operations.

PROCEDURE

- I. Tactical medicine programs shall be developed and utilized in accordance with the “California POST/EMSA Tactical Medicine Operational Programs and Standardized Training Recommendations” document which can be located on the EMSA website at <http://www.emsa.ca.gov/personnel/files/TacticalMedicine.pdf>.
- II. Tactical medicine programs shall be reviewed and approved by YEMSA.
- III. Designated Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) personnel shall successfully complete all initial and ongoing recommended training provided by an approved tactical medicine training program as listed in the “California POST/EMSA Tactical Medicine Operational Programs and Standardized Training Recommendations” document.



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- IV. Equipment and supplies carried and utilized by TEMS personnel shall be consistent with the items listed in the "California POST/EMSA Tactical Medicine Operational Programs and Standardized Training Recommendations" document. Equipment and supplies shall be based on the appropriate level of personnel utilized for the particular tactical medicine program (TEMS Individual Team Member, TEMS Basic Life Support [BLS] for Emergency Medical Responders [EMR] and Emergency Medical Technicians [EMT] or TEMS Advanced Life Support [ALS] for Paramedics and Physicians).