

**POLICY #210 Addendum: Tactical Emergency Medical Support
(TEMS) Training Program**

I. PURPOSE

- A. To establish criteria as defined by Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), for the development and approval of tactical casualty care training program competency standards and course curriculum with in the County of San Luis Obispo (SLO).

II. SCOPE

- A. This policy applies to all organizations or individuals who may provide emergency medical services during active law enforcement incidents. These personnel include; public safety personnel, peace officer, emergency medical technicians (EMT), paramedics and fire fighters.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. Public Safety First Aid: "Public safety first aid" means the recognition of and immediate care for injury or sudden illness, including medical emergencies, by public safety personnel prior to the availability of medical care by licensed or certified health care professionals.
- B. Peace Officer: "Peace officer" means any city police officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, peace officer member of the California Highway Patrol, marshal or deputy marshal or police officer of a district authorized by statute to maintain a police department or other peace officer required by law to complete the training specified in this Chapter.
- C. Firefighter: "Firefighter" means any regularly employed and paid officer, employee or member of a fire department or fire protection or firefighting agency of the State of California, or any city, county, city and county, district or other public or municipal corporation or political subdivision of California or any member of an emergency reserve unit of a volunteer fire department or fire protection district.

IV. POLICY

- A. Public safety organizations within the County of SLO wishing to have a TEMS training program approved must submit an application packet for approval to the EMS Agency. The application packet (Attachment A) shall include:
1. Name of the sponsoring institution, organization or agency.
 2. Detailed course outline.
 3. Skill competency testing criteria, with pre-established scoring standards.
 4. Name and qualifications of instructor(s).
 5. Sample of course completion certificate.

- B. The course shall be at a minimum of four (4) hours of training, and shall include at a minimum the following topics:
1. An overview of the California tactical casualty care initiative, and its emergency medical and fire agency personnel response to active law enforcement incidents within state EMS systems.
 2. Common tactical, rescue and operations terminology.
 3. Casualty movement and evacuation techniques.
 4. Threat assessment considerations.
 5. Description and demonstration of basic life support tactical casualty care techniques.
 6. Comprehensive competency-based student demonstration, and when applicable, student skills testing.
- C. The course curriculum shall be in accordance with the California EMS Authority Guidelines #370: Tactical First Aid/Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) First Responder Operational (FRO) Training Standards Guidelines, Section 3: Curriculum Content. This content includes:
1. History and Background
 2. Terminology and Definitions
 3. Coordination, Command and Control
 4. Tactical and Rescue Operations
 5. Basic Tactical Casualty Care and Evacuation
 6. Threat Assessment
 7. Student Practical Assessment
- D. Organizations that are an EMS Agency approved continuing education (CE) provider who wish to provide CE hours must administer a final written examination with a pre-established scoring standard.
- Organizations who do not want to provide CEs are not required to administer a final written examination.
- E. Students that have successfully completed the course shall be issued a Tactical First Aid/TEMS FRO certificate of completion.
- F. Within twenty-one (21) days from receiving the application the EMS Agency shall notify the requesting training program of receiving the application.
- G. The EMS Agency shall notify the requesting training program of approval or program deficiencies within ninety (90) days.
- H. Training program approval is valid for four (4) years from the date of approval and shall be reviewed by the EMS Agency for continued approval every four (4) years.

I. Noncompliance with any criteria required for training program approval may result in denial, probation, suspension or revocation of approval by the EMS Agency.

V. AUTHORITY

- California Code of Regulations Title 22, Division 9

VI. ATTACHMENTS

- TEMS Training Program Application