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1. GENERAL. A Special Response Team (SRT) medic is a uniformed member who has been trained as a Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) First Responder Operational (FRO). The primary mission of a TEMS FRO is to safely and properly administer emergency medical care and lifesaving interventions during tactical operations. All TEMS FROs shall operate within their scope of practice as a Public Safety First Aid (PSFA) provider during sanctioned SRT incidents and training.

2. POLICY.
 - a. Each Division SRT shall have a minimum of four SRT medics trained as TEMS FROs.
 - b. An SRT medic should be present during any SRT operation or training.
 - c. Special Response Team medics should have the primary duty of providing immediate medical care.
 - d. The Academy, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Unit, and the CHP Medical Director can be called upon prior to and during SRT deployments to assist with SRT operational support. The CHP Medical Director can provide a higher level of medical assistance especially during incidents involving prolonged operations or those involving compromised medical infrastructures.

3. TRAINING.
 - a. Initial Training. All SRT TEMS FRO shall successfully complete the 24-hour TEMS FRO course, as outlined in Highway Patrol Manual (HPM) 70.2, Emergency Medical Services Manual, Chapter 14, Tactical Emergency Medical Services First Responder Operational Protocols and Procedures.
 - (1) The SRT tactical commander is responsible for the selection process of SRT TEMS FRO.
 - (2) Officers shall be currently certified as a PSFA provider to attend the TEMS FRO course.
 - b. Recertification. Special Response Team TEMS FRO are required to complete annual refresher training hosted by the Academy, EMS Unit, in conjunction with the

SRT training cadre. This training will normally be conducted during the annual SRT recertification training.

4. SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM TEMS FRO DUTIES. The duties of an SRT TEMS FRO include, but are not limited to:

- a. Maintain all departmental requirements and training as a PSFA provider.
- b. Assist with pre-incident medical planning, including overall logistics, advances, and coordination associated with emergency medical services operations involving SRT deployments.
- c. Render professional medical services within their scope of practice to uniformed personnel and the public during incidents involving tactical operations and training.
- d. Provide support for officer wellness.
- e. Accurately complete all documentation related to patient care and submit reports in accordance with HPM 70.2.
- f. Communicate all relevant information to the SRT commander concerning medical services provided.
- g. With approval of their respective SRT commanders, SRT TEMS FRO may be utilized to supplement or assist other Division SRT medical components when needed.
- h. Assist with large incidents or disaster relief operations under the direction of the State Medical Officer.

5. EQUIPMENT. Each Division SRT will be issued equipment to be carried and used by SRT TEMS FRO. Special Response Team TEMS FRO shall inventory items and ensure they are ready for use during each quarterly training. (Refer to Annex A.)

ANNEX A

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM MEDIC EQUIPMENT LIST



Tactical Casualty Care/TEMS Equipment List

The following is a list of mandatory medical equipment required to be carried by all individuals assigned as an SRT TEMS FRO.

Quantity	Type of Equipment
1	Medical backpack or vest
20	Gloves (trauma, latex-free, 10 pairs)
5	Tourniquet (Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care-recommended)
5	Israeli pressure bandages
5	Cravats
5	Chest seals (vented preferred)
1	Pen, permanent marker
2	Shears, trauma
5	Roller gauze
2	CotZee self-adhesive wraps
2	Elastic bandages (ACE™ wrap)
2	5-inch stacks of 4x4's (divided into 2 stacks in Ziploc® bags)
2	1-inch rolls cloth tape
2	Bottles saline

Quantity	Optional Equipment
2	Hemostatic dressings (LEMSA/EMSA-approved)
5	Rescue blankets (disposable, consider thermal reflective material)
5	ChemLights (green)
1	10-foot length of 550 cord

INVENTORY: Quantities listed are mandatory minimums. Additional equipment may be added as necessary for mission-specific events.

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