



TACTICAL MEDIC COURSE

BACKGROUND & PROGRAM OUTLINE

45 CEU hours have been approved by Georgia Emergency Medical Services, Department of Human Resources and National Registry of EMTs. This is a P.O.S.T. certified course.

Community emergency medical services systems in the United States were developed to respond to the needs of individual patients in controlled situations. However, out-of-hospital providers trained for this limited role have been pressed into service to respond to increasingly violent incidents in the streets today. The result has been a greater tactical component in law enforcement, characterized by prolonged operations, organized opposing forces, use of military style weapons, and greater mortality and morbidity among public safety personnel and citizens.

Providing out-of-hospital care in the austere environment of a tactical law enforcement mission requires special judgment and skills not taught in standard EMT curricula. The EMT-Tactical course (EMT-T) is designed to fill the gap in training which has become more apparent as the violence associated with drug activity and terrorism continues to increase. This is accomplished by enhancing the participants' ability to support a tactical law enforcement team and survive a violent street encounter. ... CONTOMS

Topics of interest in the Tactical Medic program include:

- Medical Aspects of Specific Operations
- Team Health and Management
- Patient Assessment in Tactical Environment
- Hostage Survival
- Terrorism & Anti-Terrorism
- Waterborne Tactical Activities
- Special medical gear for tactical operations
- Personal protective gear
- Clandestine Drug Labs & Booby Traps
- Ballistics and Advanced Medical Care
- Management of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Toxic Hazards
- SWAT movement and Weapons

Successful completion of the course results in a "certificate of training" in special skills. Authorization to perform special skills **must be obtained from the medical control authority of your local EMS system**. Continuing Education Hours have been requested through the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of EMS and the National Registry of EMTs. This course meets all requirements for POST certification.

This training requires strenuous physical activity, especially during the field training exercise. Students will be exposed to a variety of conditions, including but not limited to:

- CS,OC or other riot control agents
- Tactical Waterborne Activities
- Blank firing weapons
- Pyrotechnics (smoke & distraction devices)
- Darkness with austere field conditions
- Field training under rigorous and demanding psychological stress
- Simulated tactical operations
- Operating in tactical gear during extreme weather conditions including heat, cold and precipitation

Applicants who are not in excellent physical condition and who do not participate in a regular physical conditioning program should seek the approval of their physician before participating.

PREREQUISITES

Current certification as a medical provider at the EMT-Basic level or higher.

COURSE FEE

The course fee is \$595.00.

Payment is accepted by cash, check, money order, or VISA/Mastercard. All checks and money orders must be made payable to Rescue Training Inc

APPLICATION PROCESS

All submitted materials must be originals with original signatures, except that photocopies of EMT (or your medical certification) cards are permitted. It is also important that your completed application arrive before the close of business September 19, 2003. Specific application requirements are:

1. Completion of the "Student Application Form."
2. Certification at the EMT-Basic level (or higher.) A photocopy of a valid certification meeting this requirement is required with your application.
3. An accepted form of payment. *Position in the course is not confirmed until tuition has been paid.*

If more than 20 candidates register for this course, candidates will be selected by their activity on a tactical team and level of medical certification.

Priority I - Medics currently on an active police tactical team.

Priority II - Medics that perform a support function to a police tactical team.

Priority II - Medics not yet assigned to a tactical team.

TRAVEL

Travel to and from an EMT-T course is the responsibility of the student.

LODGING & FOOD

A recommended hotel will be provided in the acceptance letter. Hotels are chosen based on proximity to the training site and availability of "blocked" room rates which are at (or below) the going rate for the area. There is no requirement that students stay in the recommended hotels, however, these facilities usually provide an excellent value for students. Food is not provided.

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

Each student is required to wear the tactical uniform of his or her department. Standard work uniforms do not usually provide adequate protection for the field environment. If your department does not have a tactical uniform, military style woodland BDU's, black "combat" style boots, and rain gear are acceptable.

Each student is to bring their own tactical equipment (body armor, helmet, eye protection, medical kit, etc.). All weapons, ammunition, magazines, knives, etc. must **not** be brought to the EMT-T course.

Minimum recommended Equipment

- Tactical Body Armor
- Helmet
- Eye protection
- Hydration system
- Flashlight
- Gloves
- Protective mask

WEAPONS

EMT-Tactical training is law enforcement training and involves scenarios and role play. In order to ensure a safe training environment, there is an absolute prohibition on weapons possession at the course. **The possession by EMT-T students of any personal (or department) weapons of any kind is strictly forbidden.** Firearms, ammunition, magazines, chemical weapons, handcuffs, pocket knives, "buck" knives, "Leatherman", and "Gerber Tools" are all included in the definition of weapons. We provide all firearms necessary for familiarity. There is no shooting lab during this course.

LIMITS / REFUNDS

The number of students per class is limited to "20" in order to provide optimal teacher/student ratios and opportunities for students during hands-on exercises. In light of these restrictions, it is essential that we be advised immediately of any cancellations. Refunds will only be offered if we have enough notice to find a qualified replacement.