

TACTICAL MEDICINE OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS

PURPOSE

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

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

AUTHORITY

California Health and Safety Code 1797.218, 1797.220 and 1798

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Section 100145 & 100169

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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

A. 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>.

B. Tactical medicine programs shall be reviewed and approved by the YEMSA.

C. 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.

D. Equipment and supplies carried and utilized by Tactical Emergency Medical Support (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 BLS or TEMS ALS).