



**Emergency Medical Services:
Operations and Planning
For Weapons of Mass Destruction**

**Wednesday November 17
Through
Friday November 19 2004**

All days from 8am to 5pm

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Course Description

This course will equip pre-hospital and hospital medical personnel with the skills needed to ensure proper patient triage, treatment, and transportation in the event of exposure to weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) weapons. Exercises conducted in a WMD scenario will reinforce classroom lectures and interaction. First responders will use their training to demonstrate proper techniques for assessment, triage, mass decontamination, treatment and stabilization. In addition, course participants will receive training on the proper techniques for protecting themselves and limiting cross-contamination. The course will enable participants to:

- *Respond to an incident involving WMD.*
- *Address environmental factors and protective issues for both first responders and the public.*
- *Plan for the potential consequences of WMD.*
- *Understand the basics of detecting and identifying WMD and their physiological effects on the human body.*
- *Apply appropriate self-protection measures as well as other measures necessary to mitigate patient cross-contamination.*
- *Understand and apply basic patient and facility decontamination procedures.*
- *Use the Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment (START) system during a WMD or terrorist incident to include procedures to avoid patient, vehicle, and facilities cross-contamination.*

Intended Audience

The course is designed to assist a jurisdiction in developing an EMS incident management team capable of planning for and responding to a WMD or terrorist incident. To facilitate this process, jurisdictions are encouraged to send a balanced combination of personnel from emergency response organizations and hospitals throughout the jurisdiction and surrounding areas. Participants should include state or nationally certified/licensed healthcare professionals who conduct scene response and/or render patient care. If desired, personnel from other city, county, state and federal EMS agencies located within the jurisdiction may also attend the course.

Entry Level Objectives: Participants must work in one of the above disciplines/services and have completed a WMD/terrorism incident awareness course, the NERRTC EMS: Basic Concepts for WMD Incidents Course (Internet at <http://www.teexwmdcampus.com>), and a first responder, basic, or intermediate paramedic course or other advanced medical certification or license. NERRTC, in cooperation with ODP, delivers a WMD/Terrorism Awareness for Emergency Responders Course via the Internet at <http://www.teexwmdcampus.com>.