Recent headlines remind us of the everyday threat of violent attacks – whether by the hand of terrorist, disgruntled employee, rejected lover or deranged person. These acts of violence, although sometimes aimed at specific individuals, harm and kill many innocent people regardless of age, sex or status. These threats of violence affect us all.

To prepare for such events, EMS-integrated training is once again being conducted during this year’s Urban Shield exercise. This year EMS teams will be integrated into three separate scenarios: dignitary protection, school shooting and officer down. SWAT operators need to neutralize the threat and promptly establish a window for EMS to enter scene to treat and extricate victims. EMS personnel need to collaborate with law enforcement, quickly and appropriately triage and treat wounded and prepare them for delivery to appropriate definitive care. Each scenario is designed to be high-speed and chaotic with Hollywood-level sound and visual effects, role players and top of the line training mannequins.

We are inviting EMS and other medical professionals to participate in this unique training event. EMS Participants will receive “just-in-time” training on aspects of hemorrhage control, blast and ballistic injuries; casualty collection points (CCPs) and “warm zone” operations; and orientation on concepts of “light and lean” equipment in a tactical setting. A 2 to 4 member EMS team will rotate through the three described scenarios with different competing SWAT teams. EMS Participants will then review and discuss actions with EMS evaluators.

Goals and objectives for this checkpoint will include:

- Intra-agency and multi-discipline integration and coordination in a semi-tactical environment
- Development of a time-sensitive operations plan to offer force protection for an EMS team to enter a potentially hostile environment
- Performance of MCI triage, patient staging and expedient field treatment in a chaotic situation under SWAT protection
- Appreciation for evidence preservation regarding the criminal aspect of a crime scene
- Development of a clear line of command, control and communication between respective disciplines in a stressful environment

6 hours of CEUs are available from Alameda County EMS (#01-0001) for EMTs and paramedics

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