

# AMBULANCE STRIKE TEAM MEDICAL TASK FORCE LEADER TRAINING

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Recent large-scale catastrophes and terrorism incidents have demonstrated the need to apply the “Strike Team” concept (an organized group of personnel and equipment applied to an emergency response), to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) response discipline. This course will train EMS personnel in leadership or management positions to serve in the role of Ambulance Strike Team/Medical Task Force Leader. Participants will be taught to prepare for, respond to, and recover from significant events while functioning in a supervisory role over trained personnel operating ambulances .

In recent years, changes have been made in the training and operational guidelines for coordinated disaster response. Building on the incident command system (ICS), first developed to manage wildland fires in California in the 1970s, training now focuses on enabling professionals from all areas of expertise to come together in a unified disaster preparedness program. Shortly after 9/11, a multi-disciplined committee of professionals developed the first organized system in the country for a coordinated response of ambulance strike teams. Now this program is available nationwide to emergency response personnel.

## Course Overview

All potential Ambulance Strike Team Leaders will benefit from this course, which integrates with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The course is taught utilizing a unique role-play model, which was developed to enhance the participant’s ability to effectively lead teams in the most difficult disaster situations.

## Audience:

- Emergency Medical Technicians
- Paramedics
- Ambulance Supervisors
- EMS Operations Managers
- Medical Command Staff
- Dispatchers
- Fire Department Personnel
- Disaster Workers
- EMS Medical Directors
- Emergency Physicians

**Course Length:** 16 hours

**Class Size:** Approximately 36 participants

**Prerequisites:** ICS 100, 200, 300, 700, 800 or equivalent course

**Venue:** Local Jurisdiction

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