

**OKALOOSA COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

Title:	Tactical Medic
Policy:	439.00
Purpose:	The purpose of this guideline is to provide qualification requirements, processes and operational guidelines for the Tactical Medic.

Policy:

The Tactical Medic will provide medical and operational support in austere conditions during tactical training and operations. Tactical Medics are under the direct supervision of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office SRT commander/his designee or the EMS Chief's designate when training or conducting missions.

The Okaloosa County Emergency Medical Services Medical Director provides medical direction as outlined in the department's protocol. The position of Tactical Medic is hereby created to provide medical and operational support for the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office.

Eligibility & Qualifications:

To qualify for participation in the Tactical Medic selection process, all candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. Possess current Florida Paramedic certification.
2. Full time Okaloosa County EMS Paramedic
3. Off probation
4. No reprimands in last 24 months
5. No suspensions
6. Obtain permission from applicant's current EMS supervisor.
7. Obtain a physical by a physician and cleared to participate without restrictions

Process:

1. Applicants must submit a letter of intent, with an explanation of why applicant wants to be on the tactical team, to his/her EMS supervisor for confirmation of eligibility and approval.
2. Applicant's supervisor shall recommend the approval/denial and submit supporting documentation of such the recommendation along with the applicant's letter of intent to the EMS Chief for final decision.
3. Applicants must successfully complete Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office physical agility test
4. Applicants must complete and pass an oral board interview. The board will consist of a Tactical Medic and selected Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office SRT members.
5. Appointed Tactical Medics must complete Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office SWAT School within one (1) year of appointment. This will be provided to the applicant by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office as part of the annual training curriculum.
6. Appointed Tactical Medics must complete TCCC within one (1) year of appointment.
7. Appointed Tactical Medics must complete an approved 40 hour (minimum) Tactical Medical course within two (2) year of appointment.

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Selection & Retention:

The selection and retention of Tactical Medics will occur as designated by the EMS Chief. Tactical Medics are volunteer positions serving at the will of the EMS Chief and may be removed from the team at his/her discretion. The EMS Chief may also use discretion under extraordinary circumstances to extend or omit certain qualifications or processes for the operational needs of the team.

Accountability and Compliance:

1. It is the responsibility of the Senior Tactical Medic to ensure qualifications and physical standards are met and maintained by all EMS personnel involved in SRT activities.
2. The Senior Tactical Medic will report quarterly on operations, training, and team logistics to the Senior EMS Staff.

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