

**Salinas Police Department**  
**Special Weapons and Tactics Training**  
**After Training Summary**



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### **Summary:**

The training started with a presentation on medical treatment of life-threatening emergencies. The lecture is based on the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) guidelines for Tactical Combat Casualty Care. The emphasis of today's class was the treatment of self or another downed officer in a Care Under Fire situation. Topics covered include:

1. The importance of suppressing enemy fire
2. Moving or directing the casualty to cover
3. Recognition and treatment of life-threatening bleeding
4. Recognition and treatment of an open pneumothorax
5. Maintaining patent airway in an unconscious victim

Skills that were practiced include:

1. Application of tourniquet to one's own arm and/or leg
2. Application of tourniquet on another team member
3. Wound packing with hemostatic gauze
4. Application of occlusive dressing to open pneumothorax
5. Insertion of a nasopharyngeal airway (NPA) in the unconscious casualty
6. Manual ventilation with BVM
7. Casualty lifts and carries

After lecture and practical skills, the students participated in EMS scenarios. The group was broken up into two teams and cycled through three workstations.

The first scenario had the team react to a hostage situation with shots fired. The team advanced up a staircase and entered a large room where the hostage and the suspect were standing. Appropriate tactics were used to neutralize the threat. The scenario dictated that the hostage and one team member were struck by gunfire. The team secured the rest of the building and performed medical assessment on the two casualties. After life threatening injuries were addressed, the team carried the downed officer out of the building. The hostage was ambulatory and was escorted out of the building.

The second scenario simulated a patrol unit that contacted a suspect, resulting in an exchange of gunfire. Two more officers were dispatched when the patrol officer did not answer his radio. When the two officers arrived, they were met with gunfire from the suspect, who was on a second-floor balcony. The officers returned fire and took cover behind the first patrol car. The initial patrol officer was lying on the ground out in the open. He was unresponsive and needed rescue. The two officers radioed their situation and called for more units. Two different modes of operation were used when backup arrived. Team 1 used a vehicle as a rolling blockade to rescue the downed officer. They dragged the officer behind cover, treated his life-threatening injuries, and loaded him into the patrol car. The scenario ended after the downed officer was transported. Team 2 chose to neutralize the suspect on the balcony

first, and then rescue the downed officer. In this situation, the downed officer was able to be treated out in the open before evacuation.

The third scenario involved a fire department crew that was attacked while on scene of a medical emergency. The fire captain requested LEO3 and reported that two of his crew members were shot. In this scenario, the suspect had fled but was unaccounted for. The team entered the building and found the fire crew at the end of a hallway in the basement. This was a low light situation. The team assessed the fire crew and determined that one of the firefighters had to be carried out. They treated life-threatening injuries and evacuated all three firefighters. Once they exited the building, the team reassessed the casualties and gave a handoff to a transport medic.

After the scenarios were completed, the team debriefed and put away gear. The training site was cleaned up before leaving.