During the 2016 SOMA Scientific Assembly in Charlotte, North Carolina, a meeting of Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) stakeholders was held to discuss a proposed consolidation of the 17 National TEMS Initiative and Council (NTIC) critical competency domains. Attendees agreed that the specific casualty care domains (e.g., airway, respiration/breathing, circulation, hemostasis, medication administration, and casualty immobilization/packaging) should be consolidated as a single core competency of Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC). The other core competencies are mass casualty triage, medical planning, remote medical assessment and surrogate treatment, force health protection, legal aspects of TEMS, hazardous materials management, tactical familiarization, less lethal injuries, and operational rescue/casualty extraction. Since the meeting, the new 10 core competency domains have been endorsed by the National Association of EMTs, American College of Emergency Physicians, National Association of EMS Physicians, National Association of State EMS Officials, and the National Tactical Officers Association. Work is currently under way to reorganize existing learning objectives into the new domains and ensure that there are no gaps between proposed training standards and clinical TECC guidelines.

The Lake County Sheriff’s Office (FL) Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team is hosting the second annual “The Tactical Medical (TACMED) Challenge!” Law enforcement agencies and military special operations units from around the world are invited to participate in the 5-day event on 5–9 March 2017 at the Lake Technical Center Institute of Public Safety Firearms Training Range in Tavares, Florida.

The TACMED Challenge four-person competition teams are composed of two medical operators (EMT or higher) and two nonmedical operators. Operators and operator/medics are required to compete in a series of tactical shooting, moving, and tactical casualty care scenarios. Casualty care evaluations will be conducted in accordance with all three phases of the Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC)/Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) guidelines as promulgated by the CoTCCC and C-TECC.

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