

# ***ColoradoSTAR***

## ***Medical Triage for Law Enforcement***

### ***TBA***

***Course Description Narrative:*** The course is designed to teach law enforcement officers that find themselves first on-scene, the skill of basic medical triage.

It's common for patrol officers to arrive first to a multi vehicle car crash, a bus crash or a mass casualty incident. The several minutes that it takes for an EMS response (typically 9-10 minutes), can be utilized to sort the patients so that when EMS arrives, they can be directed to those in most need that are more likely to survive. Basic skills such as breathing assessment, pulse assessment and mental status assessment are taught, as these are the field diagnostics utilized for the initial assessment of a victim's medical condition.

The intent for the course is to augment and supplement the EMS component as well as provides for initial scene organization that helps optimize the care for the salvageable victims, protect victims from additional injury and to preserve evidence by retention of the "walking wounded". Additionally, the sorting and containment deters self ED referral to the same facility that is expected to receive the critically ill patients, allowing for less critical patients to go to a more distant definitive care facility.

Course content incorporates the principles of the American Medical Associations National Disaster Life Support program; evidence based Emergency Room medicine and is a primer for Life Threatening Bleeding Control for law enforcement.

After completion of this course the student will be able to:

- ✓ List the three primary assessment components in basic triage
- ✓ Determine if a person is breathing within 10 seconds
- ✓ Locate a pulse in a person within 5 seconds
- ✓ Determine if a person has impaired mentation within 5 seconds
- ✓ Sort in the order of urgency, different medical conditions of victims
- ✓ List the events that indicate the need for re-assessment of victims
- ✓ Assign the appropriate triage color code tag to victims within 30 seconds

Triage instruction is compliant with the AMA™ National Disaster Life Support criteria and qualifies for the NTOA™ recommended monthly medical continuing education for specialty teams.

**The class requires a practical skills session that necessitates mild exertion in full (officer provided) duty gear.**

**No ammunition, magazines, clips or speed loaders are allowed during the skills sessions.**

**Early registration is recommended as class size is limited.**

**Coffee and bagels provided in the morning. On your own for lunch unless otherwise advised.**

**Successful applicants will receive a confirmation email.**