

GENERAL ORDER



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)		
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I. PURPOSE

It is the policy of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to address the needs of first responders operating in areas where traditional medical personnel cannot enter due to threatening conditions. The purpose of this order is to provide tactical emergency casualty care (TECC) procedures and guidelines for the distribution, inspection, use, and replacement of TECC kits.

II. PROCEDURES

A. General

- TECC kits are department-issued medical kits designed to enable members to initiate stabilizing care to themselves or other persons. The kit contains medical supplies that, when used properly, will allow for immediate first aid during the critical moments before the arrival of medical assistance.

TECC Kit Supplies	
TECC bag	Pressure bandage
Compressed gauze	Chest Seals
Hemostatic agent	Duct tape
Tourniquet	Shears
Nasopharyngeal airway and lubrication packet	Combine pad

- TECC kits shall be issued to officers who have received department training in their use. Members may use TECC kits for administering critical first aid to department members and members of the public.

3. Nothing in this order shall preclude a member who has received TECC training and does not have a TECC kit readily available or who has not been issued a TECC kit from improvising trauma care (e.g., using a makeshift tourniquet or gauze in emergency situations).
4. Officers assigned TECC kits may wear the kit on their leg. Whether the TECC kit is worn or stored elsewhere, officers are responsible for the storage and maintenance of the kit and for ensuring that the kit is readily accessible while the officer is working. Members shall not alter the contents of TECC kits in any way.
5. Officers trained and equipped with TECC kits shall notify the Office of Unified Communication (OUC) that they are "TECC-equipped" when they go into service.

B. Reporting Requirements

Members shall document the use of their TECC kit in the Records Management System in the internal narrative of their field report. Members shall describe the circumstances surrounding the use of the TECC kit, to include the equipment deployed and who was treated.

C. Kit Maintenance and Replacement

1. In most instances, the use of the trauma kit will result in contamination of the components, unless they were not deployed. In the instances where the items are contaminated with blood or other bodily fluids, the individual components shall be disposed of promptly in a biohazard bag or receptacle.
2. Members shall request replacement TECC kit equipment and supplies from their administrative office as soon as practical.
 - a. Administrative offices will be responsible for maintaining sufficient inventory for their members and for tracking report numbers when members use the supplies.
 - b. Administrative offices may request additional supplies from the Equipment and Supply Branch (ESB).
3. Members shall immediately report any loss of or damage to their TECC kits in accordance with [GO-PER-110.11 \(Uniform and Equipment\)](#).
4. Officials shall conduct a monthly inspection of trauma TECC kits to ensure no medical supplies are missing and report any missing medical supplies to the watch commander.

D. Training

The Metropolitan Police Academy commanding official shall ensure members receive TECC training in recruit training and refresher training every two years.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pamela A. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pamela" being more prominent.

Pamela A. Smith
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