

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Tactical Medicine Course

Regulation 1084

At the July 2009 meeting, the Commission approved amendments to the POST Administrative Manual (PAM), Section B – Regulation 1084. The training courses and corresponding topics need to be included in the PAM. It is necessary to modify Regulation 1084 by adding the curriculum requirements for Tactical Medicine training.

POST is proposing changes to include the curriculum requirements into Regulation 1084 which will standardize the training courses and corresponding topics for both the 80-hour Tactical Medicine Course, and the alternative 40-hour Tactical Medicine Course for personnel who have successfully completed the POST 80-hour Basic SWAT course.

Justification for Proposed Regulations

POST and the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) have reviewed, approved, and certified the 80-hour Tactical Medicine Course that has been presented by the Palm Springs Police Department – International School of Tactical Medicine since 2005. The 80-hour course is also approved at the federal level by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide initial tactical medicine training for fire and law enforcement personnel. The 40-hour Tactical Medicine Course curriculum was also reviewed, approved, and certified by POST and EMSA.

The POST Course Certification Program is outlined in Title 11, Division 2, Article 3, section 1051(a) wherein the Commission administers the course certification program to provide needed and quality training to law enforcement personnel. The reference to a course being “POST-certified” means that the Commission has approved presentation of the course in accordance with Regulations 1052-1055.

The EMSA is the state regulatory agency that is responsible for the approval of medical training and scope of practice for emergency medical personnel statewide. Their legal authority for approval of the Tactical Medicine Course is contained in Title 22, Division 9, Chapters 1.5, 2, 3, and 4, Health & Safety Code section 1797.183, and Penal Code section 13518. Section 1797.183 states that all peace officers described in Section 13518 of the Penal Code, except those whose duties are primarily clerical or administrative, shall be trained to administer first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The training shall meet standards prescribed by the authority, in consultation with the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training, and shall be satisfactorily completed by those officers as soon as practical, but in no event more than one year after the date of employment. Satisfactory completion of either refresher training or appropriate testing, which meets the standards of the authority, in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other first aid, shall be required at periodic intervals as determined by the authority. [Added by SB 595 (CH 1246) 1983.]

Prior to this review by POST, EMSA, and DHS there were no courses nationwide that had been either certified by POST or approved by EMSA. These courses now have standardized curriculum, set minimum training hours, and topics for new tactical medicine personnel that were not in place prior to 2009.

Justification – Regulation 1084 Amendments

Standardized POST Training Curriculum promotes the effectiveness of law enforcement

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training. This regulation establishes the minimum required topics and the minimum hours for specific, non-mandated training courses. Training courses may exceed these topics and hours.

1084(b) and (c): These sections add the 80-hour and 40-hour training courses with corresponding topics. These additions align the course requirements and establishes standardized course curriculum for any training presenter that wishes to be certified to present tactical medicine training in California.

Business Impact/Small Businesses

The Commission has made an initial determination that this regulatory proposal would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting California businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

The proposal does not affect small businesses, as defined by Government Code Section 11342.610, because the Commission sets selection and training standards for law enforcement and does not have an impact on California businesses, including small businesses.