

Tactical Medicine Branch

HHS's Office of Emergency Management's Partner Readiness and Emergency Programs Division, Tactical Medicine Branch has the capability to provide direct operational medical support (Low Signature/Footprint Medical Capability, High Threat/Risk Medical Response), as well as Tactical/Austere Environment Medical Education, Law Enforcement (LE) Medical Direction, LE Liaison/Force Protection Coordination, and Medical Consultation.

Operational Medical Support- These specialized capabilities can be leveraged through a pre-existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with another Federal agency in response to planned and unplanned events.

Low Signature/Footprint Medical Capability- Tactical Medicine Branch can provide highly trained and experienced medical teams with specially configured equipment sets for advanced medical care with minimal disruption to the supported agency operation in any situation or operational environment.

High Threat/Risk Medical Response- Tactical Medicine Branch can provide teams of highly trained and experienced medical providers to operate autonomously or as part of a team in response to critical incidents.

Tactical Medical Education - Tactical Medicine Branch can provide all levels of medical education to Federal, state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement agencies. The signature program is the Counter-Narcotics and Terrorism Operational Medical Support (CONTOMS) Program, which is a suite of courses available to qualified medical providers engaged in medical support for specialized teams. Registration information is available at the website www.nps.gov/uspp, click on CONTOMS.

Law Enforcement Medical Direction – Under a previously developed overarching MOU, Tactical Medicine Branch can provide medical oversight and medical direction to certified and licensed medical providers of supported Federal agencies.

LE Liaison/Force Protection Coordination – By virtue of its ongoing mission, Tactical Medicine Branch can provide connectivity to the Federal law enforcement community for medical intelligence and force protection options. These services can be requested 24/7 through the Secretary's Operation Center.

Medical Consultation – Tactical Medicine Branch can provide medical expertise and guidance to HHS responders and outside agencies upon request for a variety of operational medical issues. These services can be requested 24/7 through the Secretary's Operation Center.

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