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Urban Search and Rescue Medical Response Team
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Purpose: To provide general pre-arrival information for USAR Team incidents. Technical rescue incidents pose a threat during everyday life. Technical rescue incidents use Medical Teams and Medical Specialist Paramedics to provide patient care or care to USAR team members or supporting personnel. The USAR Medical Team and Medical Specialist Paramedic will support the USAR technical response team as its primary medical component to treat patients and personnel.

In general, standard MCA treatment will be used in treating a patient involved in USAR or technical rescue. The protocols contained in this section will only be used by trained and approved USAR Medical Team and Medical Specialist Paramedic for situations that are amenable to treatment based on the team's training and equipment.

1. Contacting Medical Control will be contacting the USAR Team Physician as soon as possible per **USAR Team Physician Protocol**
2. When possible, contact will be made with the USAR Team Physician as soon as arriving on the scene.
 - a) Be prepared to provide the following information: Incident and what challenges are anticipated
 - b) Number of victims
 - c) Expected rescue time
 - d) Advanced orders pre-approved as necessary for incident
 - e) Any updated information will be relayed to Medical Control as soon as possible

Medical Team or Medical Specialist Paramedic will perform the following steps at all incidents when applicable.

1. Approach the scene with caution once a safety perimeter has been established.
2. Maintain a safe distance as determined by on scene incident command.
3. Be aware of potentially unstable terrain and unsafe conditions.
4. Determine the HAZARD involved in the incident, paramedics will not enter a hot zone unless they are a trained entrant, and it has been approved by the IC to enter.
5. The patient's clinical presentation and signs and symptoms will indicate initial interventions in treatment of the patient.

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6. Victims and potential victims will be evacuated rapidly from the hazardous area when it is safe to remove the patient or in an emergency situation.
7. Assume that all patients are in distress and need medical attention and start pre-staging equipment for use on scene.
8. Team members will follow all appropriate HEMS and USAR approved protocols for treatment of patients.
9. Mutual aid will be contacted to transport any victims or patients from the scene with a USAR medical team member maintaining patient treatment.
 - a. For multiple patients on scene, there may be a situation where the USAR medical team member will have to stay on scene. In these cases, treatment will be handed off to the transporting agency.
10. Jurisdiction where the incident is taking place will have an ambulance on scene during the incident for treatment of USAR members and victims, as needed. This ambulance will remain on scene and not be used for transport unless absolutely necessary
 - a. USAR Medical Team or USAR Medical Specialist Paramedic will document treatment on their agency ePCR report and reference the transporting agency report.
 - b. The transporting agency will document on their agency ePCR the transport of the patient and any treatment given. They will reference the USAR medical team and/or USAR medical specialist paramedic report.