

Revised Procedures As per the February MRO meetings:

First Aid

- 1.) The KED jacket will be added to the first set of standard equipment and basket if there are missing people, similar to how we add the caravent. Teams should use the ked to immobilize a casualty when they have a suspected fractured pelvis.

Example: If the team is responding underground and not looking for missing people they should not bring a KED.

When teams are applying the femoral traction kit on a casualty with a suspected closed broken femur it is important to stress that constant traction is a must.

Applying the femoral traction kit:

Rescuer 1

Rescuer 2

1-Assess Patient

1-Fold self-locking box assembly

2-Apply firm, gentle, manual traction (using traction harness)

2-Measure & adjust length beside uninjured leg

3-Maintain manual traction while stabilizing splint

3-Apply self-adhesive groin pads

4-Position Splint

5-Pad Thigh

6-Fasten Velcro leg straps

7-Pad foot

8-Pull Velcro traction strap through slot and lock

****Do not apply a figure 8, simply tie the good leg to the bad for control purposes**

*****ORDER IS IMPORTANT*****

- 2.) When the team is conducting their Primary Survey for first aid treatment, they must follow the new protocol of C-A-B-C

1. Circulation Check (pulse- yes/no)
2. Airway Check
3. Breathing Check
4. Circulation Check (Gross Bleeds-Rapid body survey)

- 3.) When the team is prepping the basket to transport a casualty all buckles and straps must be removed from the spinal board prior to loading the casualty.

Team Procedures

- 1.) The team will be considered split any time they do not maintain **2** methods of contact, brief loss of contact does not warrant demerits. Accepted forms of contact:
 - a. Visual
 - b. Signal with rope
 - c. Radio
 - d. Whistles
 - e. Voice
 - f. Firehose
 - g. Link-line, basket
 - h. Thermal imaging camera

Example: If the team is working at a specific location in smoke and a team member has to travel 50 feet away, the Captain can maintain 2 forms of contact by visually watching the team member with the TIC and voice communication.

*** daisy chaining team members is not an acceptable method of contact***

- 2.) The team must perform a contamination check as soon as they first enter contamination to verify that everyone's apparatus is functioning properly. If, contamination is encountered in the shaft, it is expected that the team will at a minimum squeeze hoses and report condition to captain. They may complete the contamination check once they reach the level.