

## TECC

Developed by NAEMT's Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Committee, the TECC program is based on the guidelines from the Committee on Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (Co-TECC) and the Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) program. TECC uses lessons learned from our military and applies them to the civilian world of tactical medicine.

This 16-hour course covers topics designed to decrease preventable death in the tactical situation. Topics include: Hemorrhage control; surgical airway control and needle decompression; strategies for treating wounded responders in threatening environments; caring for pediatric patients; and techniques for dragging and carrying victims to safety.

At the core of the TECC program are three distinct phases that have been well-proven by TCCC-trained personnel in the war against terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan. The phases are as follows:

- **Direct Threat Care:** Care that is rendered while under attack or in adverse conditions.
- **Indirect Threat Care:** Care that is rendered while the threat has been suppressed, but may resurface at any point.
- **Evacuation:** Care that is rendered while the casualty is being evacuated from the incident site.