

Section: **ALS Hazardous Materials**  
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1. HCFR shall use a tiered system of hazardous materials treatment response and HCFR Paramedics shall be trained accordingly to support the delivery of this care.
  - a. The first tier shall be at the "Paramedic Level".
    - i. All HCFR Paramedics shall be responsible for understanding the basic concepts of each protocol and how to deliver the medical care called for by these protocols within the scope of their training.
    - ii. These members must attend a training program covering the following topics:
      1. Medical response to hazardous materials (policy & procedures review)
      2. Review of multi-casualty incident management procedures and START triage
      3. The treatment protocol to the level that they are authorized to provide
  - b. The second tier shall be at the "Medical Special Operations Team (MSOT) – HazMat Medic Level".
    - i. All MSOT – HazMat Medics are capable of providing all care defined within these protocols without direct medical control unless otherwise noted in these protocols.
    - ii. MSOT – HazMat Medics must meet the following requirements:
      1. Be a certified HCFR Paramedic in good standing
      2. Be assigned to the Special Operations Division and approved by the Medical Director
      3. Attend a class of instruction of not less than 64 hours covering the topics of Advanced Life Support Response to Hazardous Materials which shall include the chemistry, physiological effects, and medical treatment of hazardous material exposures
2. HCFR medics shall only practice at the level to which they have been trained and as authorized by the Medical Director.
3. MSOT – HazMat Medics shall be trained to provide the full medical treatment as defined by these protocols.
  - a. During multi-casualty events or other situations requiring the assistance of other paramedics, the MSOT – HazMat Medic may provide direction to other HCFR paramedics in carrying out the delivery of care covered under this section.