

## Answers to Questions from Candidates

- Q1. The “suggested reference list” (4.6) states we are using 2010 standards for Advanced Cardiac life Support. The preferred treatment standards have changed since then. My question is should we study the most current standards or use the older standards as our study guides?
- A1. Candidates are expected to review and be familiar with the most current edition of all the references mentioned in the Preparation Guide up to November 1, 2019. In responding to emergency incidents, you should rely on current protocol and procedures.
- Q2. During the testing, if given a multi casualty incident, can an engine company composed of typically 4 people each personally be given a task such as Treatment Leader, Triage Leader, Staging Leader and Transport Leader OR are tasks only to be delegated one per unit on scene?
- A2. For the emergency incidents, apparatus companies will consist of typical staffing such as a paramedic and an EMT on an ambulance, an officer and three firefighters on an engine, and an officer and four firefighters on a truck. A task normally accomplished by an individual should be assigned to an individual. A task that requires multiple individuals should be assigned to multiple individuals. The MGS should use resources as he or she sees fit to address the situation.
- Q3. It was stated in the Prep Guide that there is 2 parts, both “tactical” exercises. What is the format of each Performance Exercise?
- A3. The 1<sup>st</sup> emergency incident will be presented via audio narration, and written and visual background information. You will be told how much time you have to review materials and make notes. You will be told when to verbally state what actions, if any, you would take in response to the information provided. You will be told when to stop your response. Response periods will vary from 45 seconds to two (2) minutes.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> emergency incident will be presented via a video on a computer monitor, along with audio narration. A picture containing information will be shown on screen for 10 seconds. Another picture will follow, with the original picture inset in an upper corner of the screen, again for 10 seconds before you are instructed to respond. That second picture with the inset will remain on the screen for the duration of your response. The cycle will repeat as the situation evolves. Again, you will be told when to verbally state what actions, if any, you would take in response to the information provided. You will be told when to stop your response. All response periods for the second emergency incident will be 30 seconds.

Your response must be based on what you see and hear at each point during the incidents. Your response should include all recommendations that you would make to ensure that appropriate treatment protocol and procedures are being followed. You should also verbally correct any errors or omissions that you observe in the delivery of medical care. Because your verbal responses will be recorded, you must ensure that you speak clearly when responding.

Q4. Will there be a timer on the screen during my entire response time?

A4. Yes, there will be a timer on screen during each of the response periods for the tactical exercises. Also, you will have a timer placed where you can view it for the delivery of the lesson plan for the Management Exercise.

Q5. Will I be interrupted during my response time?

A5. No, you will not be interrupted during your response period. New information will be introduced only after subsequent response period, and not during the response period.

Q6. On page 24 of the preparation guide it states that the PE will be video-recorded. On page 26 it explains that the PE will be only voice-recorded and that the ME will be video-recorded. Which will be on video and which will be only voice-recorded?

A6. Only your voice will be recorded for the PE tactical exercises. You will be “on screen” for the delivery of the lesson plan for the ME. Hence, the requirement to wear the Class B uniform for the ME.