

## Chapter 10-Medical Lane

## M1: Request Medical Evacuation

Based on:

**081-COM-0101-Request Medical Evacuation**

**Task:** Request a Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC).

**Condition:** You are a member of a team who has been directed to request MEDEVAC for a wounded teammate. You are in a wartime, non-CBRNE environment. Give the Candidate the security of the pickup site and any additional guidance.

**Standard:** Prepare to send the MEDEVAC within three minutes. Transmit lines 1-5 within 25 seconds of initial contact with evacuation unit. Transmit lines 6-9 within one additional minute. Transmitting lines 1-9 will be performed in sequence, using the proper brevity codes and radiotelephone pronunciation and procedures, with 100% accuracy.

**Station Requirements:** A protractor and military map with Candidate location clearly plotted. One set of Signal Operating Instructions (SOI) according to unit SOP, with all pertinent frequencies listed. All call signs and suffixes required. Two operational radios, powered on, with both the MEDEVAC and operational frequencies programmed. It will be set to the operational frequency, so the Candidate is forced to make the changes based on the SOI. Two Department of Defense (DD) Form 1380 Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) Cards properly filled out for the simulated casualties; the casualties should be of different type and precedence. The Candidate is required to derive the applicable information from the cards, not have the information given to them. At least three appropriate signaling devices, such as VS-17 panel, colored smoke grenades, strobe lights, etc., to be used as the method of marking the pickup site. The Candidate must select a device to use, not have the information given to them. Candidate must derive the appropriate special equipment based on the test site, casualties, and additional situation guidance from the Grader. Laminated paper with nine blank lines, alcohol pens, and eraser. While all the information will be available in the holding area, during testing the Candidate must not be given any Graphic Training Aids (GTAs), cheat sheets, brevity codes, etc. At the test site, the Candidate must not be able to see any of the information/equipment until time has started.

**Prepare the MEDEVAC request:**

1. Determine grid coordinates for pickup, providing complete six-digit grid with identifier, **accurate within 200 meters.**
2. Determine operational radio frequency, call sign, and suffix. Candidate uses SOI to determine necessary information. Candidate makes appropriate changes to radio and prepares for transmission on MEDEVAC frequency.
3. Determine number of patients and precedence. Candidate uses TCCC Cards to determine necessary information.
4. Determine special equipment required based on the site location, patient injuries, and additional guidance.
5. Determine number and type of patients. Candidate uses TCCC Cards to determine the necessary information.
6. Determine security of pickup site. Give this information to the Candidate during the Condition brief.
7. Determine method of marking the pickup site. Candidate must choose based on the choices given.
8. Determine patient nationality and status. Candidate uses TCCC Cards to determine the necessary information. The number of patients in each category need not be transmitted.
9. Determine terrain description based on site location/map/additional guidance. While only required in peacetime, it can be given as it will be transmitted on an encrypted frequency; it is used when not in a CBRNE environment.

**Transmit lines 1-5 using brevity codes:**

1. Candidate states, **"I have a MEDEVAC request." Grader provides a response within three seconds.**
2. Line 1: Six-digit grid, including grid zone identifier.
3. Line 2: Operational frequency, call sign, and suffix. Candidate will use this frequency later to transmit lines 6-9.
4. Line 3: A+#-Urgent, B+#-Urgent-Surgical, C+#-Priority, D+#-Routine, E+#-Convenience. States, "Break" between categories.
5. Line 4: A-None, B-Hoist, C-Extrication Equipment, D-Ventilator.
6. Line 5: L+#-Litter, A+#-Ambulatory. State, "Break" between categories. End transmission by stating, "Over."

**Transmit lines 6-9:**

1. Candidate switches radio to operational frequency and regains contact with evacuation platform for transmission of remaining lines. **Grader initiates contact, requesting remaining lines when Candidate switches radio frequency.**
2. Line 6: N-No enemy in area, P-Possibly enemy in area, E-Enemy in area, X-Enemy in area (armed escort required).
3. Line 7: A-Panels, B-Pyrotechnic signal, C-Smoke, D-None, E-Other.
4. Line 8: A-U.S. military, B-U.S. citizen, C-Non-U.S. military, D-Non-U.S. citizen, E-Enemy prisoner of war.
5. Line 9: Provide description of pertinent terrain information. End transmission by stating, **“Over.”**