



**POLICY:** The following definitions will apply to terms used in TEMS policies.

- I. Law Enforcement Officer – A sworn member of a police department who is authorized to enforce laws (“Law Enforcement Officer” is to be differentiated from Fire/EMS officers)
- II. Tactical care – Prehospital medical care rendered during active law enforcement or military Operations.
- III. TEMS – Tactical Emergency Medical Services
- IV. TEMS provider – Also “TEMS operator”, an active status member of a recognized TEMS program able to render tactical care
- V. Team – Group of EMS and law enforcement personnel operating together
- VI. Zones of Care – Areas of operation classified by the level of threats to the safety and security of persons within the area
  - A. Hot Zone – Area with a direct and immediate threat to safety; rendering care poses an immediate risk to patient and provider
  - B. Warm Zone – Area with threats to safety, though not immediate or direct; rendering care may pose a risk to patient and provider due to the possibility of becoming a hot zone
  - C. Cold Zone – Area without any reasonable threat either due to distance, barriers, or substantial interposed security presence; care can be delivered without risk