

## Endorsement for ACEP HTECC Task Force Recommendations

In May 2017, the **Committee for Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (C-TECC)** published BLS and ALS [guidelines](#) to assist EMS agencies and medical directors plan for high threat situations, including active shooter. NASEMSO members Drs. Taillac, Cunningham, Kamin, and Scholl were instrumental in producing these guidelines. More recently, ACEP established a series of recommendations from their own task force on **High Threat Emergency Casualty Care**, endorsing the work of the C-TECC as a standard of care for pre-hospital response to civilian high threat incidents.

Dr. Rich Kamin, our liaison to the ACEP task force, has asked for NASEMSO to consider endorsing these recommendations to encourage further development of the guidelines into learning resources that support improved trauma care. The C-TECC guidelines and all related materials have been broadly disseminated and remain free to access by any EMS agency that wishes to use them. An endorsement of the Task Force Recommendations is sought to strengthen the position that education for high threat situations should be a collaborative effort among emergency care organizations and available without cost to EMS providers.

This request is NOT an endorsement of the guidelines— states will always remain free to implement them as they see fit. **The request for endorsement only applies to the task force recommendations intended to support trauma education.** Because the task force would like to receive our endorsement before their next meeting (**January 17**), members of the Trauma Managers Steering Committee have reviewed this document and reached consensus to support the endorsement by the NASEMSO Board. The TECC guidelines are available at [c-tecc.org](http://c-tecc.org) for anyone that wishes to view them.