



## MEDIA ALERT

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# Michigan Law Enforcement to Receive Tactical Combat Casualty Care Training

## Region 1 Homeland Security Planning Board awards funding to Law Enforcement Officers to sharpen medical skills through nationally recognized Trauma Training FX, Inc. Course

**What:** This week more than 40 law enforcement officers (LEO) from the Clinton County, Hillsdale County, Ingham County, Jackson County, and Shiawassee County are participating in a three-day Tactical Training Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) and culmination exercise presented by Trauma Training FX, Inc. (T<sup>2</sup>FX). Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division Region 1 Planning Board sponsored the training.

Shiawassee County Emergency Management and T<sup>2</sup>FX are working closely together on the exercise. T<sup>2</sup>FX will be providing medical training to the officers using TCCC, from the guidelines of the Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Military 7<sup>th</sup> Edition. Based on Care Under Hostile Fire, Tactical Field Care and Casualty Evacuation Care, students are taken through a total immersive training experience learning the most expedient way to save casualties in tactical situations.

The students' ability to function under stressful conditions will be tested during a culmination exercise to be held at the currently empty Wilbur Bills Elementary School (WBES) in Bancroft, MI. This includes an "active shooter with explosive" resulting in a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) complete with simulated pyrotechnics, smoke, machine gunfire and multiple casualty actors having life-like wounds. The "casualties" will be evacuated via ambulances and helicopters.

As part of the culmination exercise, an offsite Joint Information Center (JIC) will be located on the Shiawassee Township Hall grounds. Officials at JIC will see all activity taking place in the WBES via state-of-the-art real time video streaming technology on a law enforcement secured network provided by Mutual Link. This opportunity was made possible by the Shiawassee County's IT department.

**Who:** Trauma Training FX is a premier company that provides instructional combat medical training to medical and non-medical personnel in both the military and private sectors. This Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business is led by Fred Kolberg, CEO, an U.S. Navy SEAL (Retired) Special Forces Medic with 21 years of service.

Julie Kolberg, President of T<sup>2</sup>Fx and Certified Moulage Specialist, adds realism to the training program creating realistic wounds. Mrs. Kolberg also handles the simulated pyrotechnics in the culmination exercises which include simulated machine gun, RPG, mortars, claymores, IEDs, smoke. By implementing these stressors and distractors into the training, the student's ability to function under pressure is enhanced.

**Details:** May 6-7<sup>th</sup> – Training held at the Perry Police Department (203 W. Polly St., Perry, MI, 48723)  
May 8<sup>th</sup> – Culmination Exercise held at Wilbur Bills Elementary School (251 Prior Rd., Bancroft, MI)

**MEDIA OPPORTUNTIES:**

- Interview Julie Kolberg, President, Trauma Training FX
- Interview TJ Clark, County Administrator, Shiawassee County
- Watch T2FX trainers give hands-on lessons on Tuesday & Wednesday.
- Experience a culmination exercise (approximately an hour) on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30 a.m; the following run is scheduled to begin at approximately noon and the last at 1:30.

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