## **BRIGADE SUPPORT MEDICAL COMPANY COLLECTIVE TRAINING**



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The Sustainment Training Center (STC), formerly National Maintenance Training Center, has long been recognized as one of the premier training sites in the ARNG, focusing mainly on Maintenance collective training. With the addition of Battalion Staff Training (BST) and Multi-Function Logistics training, Brigade Support Medical Company (BSMC) is the only piece missing of collective training in an entire Brigade Support Battalion (BSB). The possibility of collective training for an entire BSB became very real with the recent addition of the Medical Simulation Training Center (MSTC) on Camp Dodge. Iowa, The MSTC focuses on training the combat medic (68W) in individual skills, in

accordance with TC-8-800. But what about the 12 other medical Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) and officers that make up the BSMC? This is where the challenge lies: how to train all of these critical skills in only 2 weeks. This article outlines the proposed STC medical training program for the entire BSMC of an Infantry Brigade Combat Team in conjunction with the MSTC.

## Week 1

During week 1 of annual training (AT) the focus will be on individual tasks for each specific MOS in the BSMC. While the 68Ws go through the 48- hour sustainment training at the MSTC, the remaining medical personnel perform individual tasks at a medical treatment facility (MTF); working in departments related to their respective MOS/AOCs. The medical unit leadership will participate in the Battalion Staff Training and the Military Decision Making Process seminar to learn their roles as leaders.

## Week 2

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of AT the entire BSMC will re-unite on Camp Dodge and function in a fixed role II MTF complete with all organic equipment. The focus of this 2<sup>nd</sup> week will be on collective tasks set forth by the Commanders Mission Essential Task List and Key Collective Tasks. The training evaluation will encompass the spectrum of point of injury and role I Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TC3) to evacuation and stabilization at the Role II MTF. The Soldiers will perform hands-on medical training with the use of very realistic, performance sensitive manikins capable of reacting to the medical treatment being performed. The medical training will be incorporated into a BSB collective training Field Training Exercise



with emphasis placed on both technical and tactical skills. Subject matter experts (SMEs) at the STC will evaluate the training in accordance with the Training and Evaluation Outline and applicable Combined Arms Training Strategy found in the Army Training Network.

We propose that this training program design meets the challenge of imparting all critical medical skills during a 2-week AT period. Once implemented, the program will be the most comprehensive medical training in the Army National Guard.

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