

## California EMS Authority (EMSA)

### Advanced Ambulance Strike Team Leader (ASTL) Training Course

Please note the following Ambulance Strike Team Leader (ASTL) Training – Frequently Asked Questions and see page 2 for training course registration information

#### **Can I register for both the Advanced ASTL and ASTL 2.0 courses?**

Only current ASTLs who have not previously attended ASTL 2.0 may attend both courses. Individuals new to the ASTL program must complete ASTL 2.0 prior to attending the Advanced ASTL course.

#### **Do I need to attend both ASTL 2.0 and Advanced ASTL?**

ASTL 2.0 is required for individuals seeking ASTL Trainee status and must be completed prior to attending Advanced ASTL. The Advanced ASTL course builds on foundational ASTL concepts and is intended for participants who already have experience or training within the ASTL program.

#### **Is Advanced ASTL required for certification or deployment?**

No. Advanced ASTL is not required for initial ASTL Trainee status or deployment; however, it is strongly encouraged for personnel seeking enhanced operational readiness, leadership development, and advanced scenario-based experience.

#### **Can this training be used toward Position Task Book (PTB) completion or renewal?**

Yes. Participation in ASTL training may be used as a qualifying event toward completion or renewal of the ASTL Position Task Book (PTB), consistent with EMSA and LEMSA guidance.

#### **Is this training conducted in person or virtually?**

All ASTL 2.0 and Advanced ASTL courses are conducted in person and include facilitated discussion and scenario-based group exercises.

#### **Can I attend this training while on duty as a resource or assigned unit?**

No. Participants must attend the training **off duty** and may not attend while assigned as a resource or unit.

#### **What if my local region does not currently have a scheduled class?**

Training opportunities are scheduled statewide throughout the year. Participants are encouraged to attend courses hosted in other regions if local dates or locations are not yet available.

#### **What should participants bring to class?**

Participants are encouraged to approach the training as they would an actual activation and may bring tools, technology, and reference materials they would normally have access to during an Ambulance Strike Team or Medical Task Force deployment.



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## *Ambulance Strike Team Leaders & Trainees Do you feel prepared to lead? Experience alone is not enough.*

### **Elevate How You Think, Decide, and Communicate**

This one-day, 8-hour program immerses participants in complex, scenario-driven exercises aligned with the 32 tasks of the official ASTL Position Task Book (PTB).

**Eligibility requirements to be uploaded at registration to attend:**

- Proof of completion EMSA's ASTL / MTF Course after October of 2023
- Proof of completion for ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
- Proof of completion for G606: Standardized Emergency Management Systems (SEMS)
- Letter of Support signed by the participant's supervisor authorizing attendance

**Train the way deployments actually unfold.**

Upcoming Class

- **Date:** June 11th, 2026
- **Time:** 0800 – 1700
- **Location:** Red Bluff Community Center  
1500 S. Jackson St  
Red Bluff, CA 96080



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***Elevate Your Leadership  
Strengthen California's Disaster Readiness***

**Additional Advanced Classes Available for 2026**

8 hours of Continuing Education (CE) available upon completion



Link for Registration: <https://emsa.ca.gov/disaster-training/>  
Search for open classes on the calendar, once a class is full, it will be noted.  
Classes are posted statewide and will fill quickly.