

California EMS Authority (EMSA)

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 Leader / Medical Task Force Course *UPDATED TRAINING MATERIAL*

This essential course provides students with the knowledge and leadership skills to function as an ASTL, leading an Ambulance Strike Team (AST) or Medical Task Force (MTF) during deployments. Upon completion, students will be prepared to begin the credentialing process with their Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) and EMSA and may deploy as an ASTL trainee under an accredited ASTL.

The AST Program has been completely revised so even if you have taken this training in the past, we encourage you to attend and see what's changed and new.

NEW for 2025: Current ASTL Red Card Holders that attend this updated ASTL Training (After October 2023) will be able to apply this as an event in their PTB needed for recertification. This is optional and not a requirement for recertification.

Join us in strengthening California's disaster response capabilities!

- **Date:** June 12th, 2026
- **Time:** 0800 – 1700
- **Location:** Red Bluff Community Center
1500 S. Jackson St
Red Bluff, CA 96080



8 hours of Continuing Education (CE) available upon completion

Questions related to this class or the ASTL training program should be sent to ASTtraining@emsa.ca.gov

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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.*

