

**081-000-0088**  
**Establish an Ambulance Exchange Point**  
**Status: Approved**

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**Conditions:** You are in an operational environment. You have been directed to establish an ambulance exchange point (AXP). You will be provided with your unit's tactical standard operating procedures (TSOPs), a battle drill plan including combat service support, operation overlays, and an ambulance. Some iterations of this task should be performed in MOPP 4. This task should be trained under IED Threat conditions.

**Standards:** Establish an Ambulance Exchange Point (AXP) in accordance with (IAW) Army Techniques Publication (ATP) 4-02.2, Medical Evacuation, while adhering to all warnings and cautions, without error, using the task GO/NO-GO criteria.

**Special Conditions:** None

**Safety Risk:** Low

**MOPP 4:** Sometimes

Task Statements

**Cue:** None

DANGER

None

WARNING

None

CAUTION

All body fluids should be considered potentially infectious so always observe body substance isolation (BSI) precautions by wearing gloves and eye protection as a minimal standard of protection.

**Remarks:** This task should be performed under all environmental conditions. Four or more operational variables of political, military, economic, social, information, infrastructure, physical environment, time should be present. Some iterations of this task should be performed with degraded mission command networks, degraded conditions in the electromagnetic spectrum, and/or with degraded, denied, and disrupted space operations environment (D3SOE).

**Notes:** 68W, Combat Medic Specialist is the Proponent for this task.

## Performance Steps

1. Select the site for an AXP based on the tactical mission.

a. The location of the AXP will depend on the location and number of units being supported.

Note: The AXP is typically forward of the BAS.

b. This location should provide the required support to reduce ambulance turnaround time to supported units.

c. When supporting tracked vehicles, the AXP should be located as close as possible to the supported unit to reduce the time and distance requirements for the tracked vehicles.

d. The AXP may be an established point in an ambulance shuttle or it may be designated independently.

2. Establish the AXP.

a. AXPs may or may not be staffed.

(1) Points that are not staffed may serve as rendezvous points for the rapid transfer of a patient from one transportation mode to another.

(2) In most cases AXPs will not be staffed.

(3) The ambulance platoon leader/sergeant coordinates/establishes the AXPs as required by the medical evacuation mission.

b. The medical evacuation plan should include an overlay depicting (at a minimum) the location of supported units, casualty collection points, Role I facilities, and AXPs.

(1) The platoon leader should also obtain the combat service support and operations overlays for the tactical operation. These overlays provide valuable information on:

(a) Mine fields.

(b) Obstacles and barriers.

(c) Artillery target reference points.

(d) Air corridors.

(2) Supported units.

(a) An AXP may serve two to three battalions/squadrons (brigade support medical company/medical troop) or a specific number of non divisional Role I facilities (area support medical company).

(b) In these cases the AXP should be centrally located to reduce ambulance turnaround and enhance the timely execution of the medical evacuation mission.

(Asterisks indicates a leader performance step.)

**Evaluation Guidance:** Score each Soldier according to the performance measures in the evaluation guide. Training instructor determines if the entire task will be trained and evaluated or parts, based on a Soldier's military occupational specialty (MOS) or assigned position and available equipment.

**Evaluation Preparation:** You must evaluate the Soldier on their performance of this task in an operational condition related to the actual task.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	GO	NO-GO	N/A
1. Selected a site for an AXP based on the tactical mission.			
2. Established the AXP.			

**Supporting Reference(s):**

Step Number	Reference ID	Reference Name	Required	Primary	Source Information
	ATP 4-02.13	Casualty Evacuation	Yes	No	
	ATP 4-02.2	Medical Evacuation	Yes	Yes	
	FM 4-02	ARMY HEALTH SYSTEM	Yes	No	

**TADSS :** None

**Equipment Items (LIN):**

LIN	Name
T38707	Truck Ambulance: 2 Litter Armored 4x4 W/E (HMMWV): M996

**Materiel Items (NSN) :**

Step ID	NSN	LIN	Title	Qty
	DSA-120-76-AF07		LITTER	1

**Environment:** Environmental protection is not just the law but the right thing to do. It is a continual process and starts with deliberate planning. Always be alert to ways to protect our environment during training and missions. In doing so, you will contribute to the sustainment of our training resources while protecting people and the environment from harmful effects. Refer to the current Environmental Considerations manual and the current GTA Environmental-related Risk Assessment card.

**Safety:** In a training environment, leaders must perform a risk assessment in accordance with current Risk Management Doctrine. Leaders will complete the current Deliberate Risk Assessment Worksheet in accordance with the TRADOC Safety Officer during the planning and completion of each task and sub-task by assessing mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available-time available and civil considerations, (METT-TC). Note: During MOPP training, leaders must ensure personnel are monitored for potential heat injury. Local policies and procedures must be followed during times of increased heat category in order to avoid heat related injury. Consider the MOPP work/rest cycles and water replacement guidelines IAW current CBRN doctrine.

**Prerequisite Individual Tasks :** None

**Supporting Individual Tasks :** None

**Supported Individual Tasks :** None

**Supported Collective Tasks :** None

**Knowledges :**

Knowledge ID	Knowledge Name
K0153	Know a Tactical SOP's (TSOP's) content and processing .
081-C2-68W-0170	Map symbols, and overlays.

**Skills :**

Skill ID	Skill Name
805C-S-0248	Ability to Read a Map
S4976	Ability to interpret planning factors
S4471	Be able to read a map

**ICTL Data :** None