



Emergency medical rescue training and challenge

SAESI Conference, Expo and Training Challenges 2017, which was held at NASREC in Johannesburg, included an Emergency medical rescue training and challenge as part of its portfolio. Netcare's Mandé Toubkin and David Stanton were the designated champions. A two-day training schedule preceded the challenge and was held at Florida Park Fire Stations in Johannesburg.

Training topics included infection control, ventilation, spinal management, street drugs, incident management, ethics, fatal scenes, leadership, customer service, organ

donor recognition, terror incidents, blunt trauma, burns, mechanism air accidents, paediatric head injury or cardiac, who's your sister and a question and answer session on the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA). Teams consisted of three members and there were two levels of participation ie Intermediate Life Support (at least 1 x ILS member) and an Advanced Life Support (at least 1 x ALS member). Sponsors included Netcare and STAT-Tiakeni Medical and T-shirts for the judges were sponsored by Fremtac Fire and Rescue.

The training benchmarks included:

- Develop a 'safety first' attitude

amongst all emergency services workers

- Emphasise patient, rescue personnel and scene safety
- Encourage higher and more proficient levels of pre-hospital care
- Create the broader spectrum of treatment principles and techniques

The challenge included mostly real-life scenarios and teams were judged on the following criteria:

- Scene safety
- Initial patient contact
- Assessment of injuries and condition
- Treatment of casualty
- Patient handover 

