



First Responder Trainer Training (FRTT)

Who is a First Responder? A First Responder can be a doctor, nurse, medic, or frontline soldier. Bottom line, first medical response occurs as close as possible – in time and space – to the patient.

Every nation has their own national education and training program as well as legal regulations that influence what level of interventions can be performed. Therefore, first medical response is like a tree rooted in the foundation of each nation's education and training program, yet containing multiple branches resembling the differences in level of care for first responders. Even though these branches are well identified, specific education and training programs need to be developed and tailored to meet the different requirements of each type of first responder, where trainers at each level are necessary.

The FRTT in Romania was developed and tailored for Romanian military medical trainer candidates equipping them with the tools necessary to teach, and build upon to create a sustainable and effective program. The NATO Center of Excellence for Military Medicine started the coordination with Romanian authorities and a Subject Matter Expert from the U.S. Air Force in the beginning of 2017.



After multiple coordination meetings Captain Jason Mommaerts as Course Director led the FRTT on 11 – 15 December 2017 in the Emergency Military Hospital in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. 25 Students attended the training and were interactively engaged during the 5 days.

The aim of the FRTT in Cluj-Napoca was not only to plant the First Responder Training tree, but also to give continuous support for shaping it meeting the national requirements. A follow on Advisory Visit is planned after 6 months where the national training plan development and effectiveness can be measured and further supported.

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