ELITE Litter, Responder

Field Manual & Standard Operating Procedure

North American Rescue Evacuation Litter for Incident Tactical Extraction, Item 60-0061



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SECTION 1

Mission Brief & Intended Use

1.1 Mission Objective

Move a casualty from the point of injury to a collection point or transport with a litter that stages small and deploys anywhere.

1.2 Scope of Application

Casualty movement for mass casualty incidents, disasters, active shooter events and everyday patient movement, within the 500 pound tested load capacity.

The North American Rescue ELITE Litter - Responder is a disposable emergency carry litter for moving casualties, built for mass casualty incidents, disasters, active shooter events and everyday patient movement.

1.3 OPERATIONAL CONTEXTS

Schools and businesses

Staged in emergency caches and classrooms.

Fire, EMS and law enforcement

Several carried per vehicle for mass casualty and active shooter response.

Emergency management

Stocked in disaster supply caches.

SECTION 2

Component Familiarization

Know every component by name and by feel before you need it.

2.1 THE LITTER

Woven polyethylene bed

76 by 30 inches, water-resistant and latex free.

Ten carry handles

Four on each side and one larger handle at each end.

Load capacity

Tested to 500 pounds.

2.2 PACKAGING

Packed size

11 by 7.75 by 2 inches, 17 ounces.

Disposable

A disposable litter.

SECTION 3

Standard Operating Procedure: Deployment

Scenario: During a school lockdown drill that turns into a real incident, two staff members deploy the litter from a hallway cache and, with two more volunteers, carry an injured student down a stairwell to the EMS staging area.

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3.1 Prepare

1. **Size up.** Confirm the scene is safe to move through and decide where the casualty is going. Count your bearers before you lift.
2. **Deploy the litter.** Open the package and unfold the litter flat beside the casualty.
3. **Load the casualty.** Log roll or lift the casualty onto the center of the bed, following your agency's carry protocol for direction of travel.

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3.2 Lift and carry

4. **Assign handles.** Put bearers on opposite handles so the load stays level: side handles for even lifting, end handles for the lead and rear.
5. **Lift together.** Lift on a single command, with legs not backs, keeping the litter level.
6. **Carry.** Move at a controlled walk, calling out obstacles, steps and turns. Swap bearers before anyone loses grip.

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3.3 Deliver

7. **Set down together.** Lower on command, level, at the casualty collection point or transport.
8. **Hand off.** Transfer the casualty to EMS or the next level of care. The litter is disposable; replace it after use.

SIZE UP	DEPLOY	LOAD	LIFT	CARRY	HAND OFF

SECTION 4 · READ CAREFULLY

Critical Warnings, Limits & Safety

Medical warning: Moving a casualty can worsen some injuries. Treat life threats first, and move the casualty only when needed or when the scene requires it.

4.1 APPLICATION HAZARDS

Load limit

Do not exceed the 500 pound tested load capacity.

Uneven lifting

Lift and lower on a single command with bearers on opposite handles to keep the litter level.

Stairs and obstacles

Slow down, call out every change in footing, and add bearers for stairs.

4.2 SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Practice carries

Practice loading and carrying as a team before an incident.

Spinal concerns

Follow your agency protocol or medical direction for suspected spinal injury.

4.3 EQUIPMENT INTEGRITY

Inspect before use

Do not use a litter with tears, cuts or damaged handles.

Replace after use

The litter is disposable. Replace it after use.

SECTION 5

Readiness, Inspection & Sustainment

5.1 Staging for Deployment

- Stage litters in vehicles, emergency caches and hallways where teams can reach them quickly.
- Stage more than one where several casualties are possible.
- Keep each litter in its package until use.
- Mark cache locations so anyone on the team can find them.

5.2 Periodic Inspection

- [ ] **Scheduled inspection**
  Check that packages are intact and litters are dry and undamaged.
- [ ] **Handles**
  Check the handles for cuts or fraying.
- [ ] **Cache count**
  Confirm the count at each cache matches your plan.

5.3 SERVICE LIFE & REPLACEMENT

> Replace any litter after use or if it is damaged. Follow North American Rescue's instructions.

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