



You will notice a remarkable difference in the medical response team at Thunderhill that you will not find at other tracks. We have provided the medical standbys for Thunderhill's clients since 2000 and thus have been able to improve the method of response to incidents to be faster and therefore better for the overall experience of Thunderhill's participants.

Over the years, we have continually evolved the service to be specifically designed as a team approach. This specialized method involves a tiered response. The initial tier is a response in a Quick Response all-terrain Vehicle to be able to cut off time getting to an incident and determine what resources are necessary. This is followed by a rescue vehicle fully equipped with the necessary tools for fire suppression and extrication. In 2015, we expanded the service at Thunderhill to be a coordinated effort for fire suppression as we have EMT's and Paramedics on our staff that are fire trained.

We are a dedicated service for the track and therefore do not leave the track. The closest appropriate facility is a level 2 trauma center in Chico, an hour away. Previously, the local ambulance services provided the standbys and transported patients to Chico resulting in track delays up to 4 hours. The system of having a local ambulance service for standbys may work in urban areas where a replacement ambulance unit is readily available, but it does not work in the rural area of Glenn County. Our system was created so that early dispatch of ground or air ambulances could be initiated while providing immediate care and stabilization of the sick or injured. The continuum of care is transferred to the transporting unit and the track has the ability to be up and running again. It is a win-win for all involved, immediate and thorough care with minimal interruption of the track for other participants.

We do have ambulances and when we have events that utilize multiple crews we will use them to move injured persons off the track to meet the transporting unit. However, when there is one crew, there is no benefit of moving an injured person off the track as we are committed to our patient until we can hand off care to a transporting unit. If an additional crew member is requested by the client, we have the flexibility in most cases to have one crew member be responsible for the patient until care is transferred and then release the other 2 crew members to be available to the track to go 'hot'. This is something that might be considered for high volume, higher risk events.

Our crews are stationed in the infield care center on the east side track and in the building on the west side. This gives us an area to be able to examine anyone with an injury or medical complaint and the flexibility to provide mostly first aid type needs without interruption to the track.

We are all licensed with the Sierra-Sacramento Valley LEMSA and our base station is Enloe Medical Center in Chico. The approved protocols for SideTrax as a field provider are identical to all of the ambulance services in the north state.

We welcome any feedback from the participants at Thunderhill as we are always striving for ways to improve!

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