

## AAR COMMENTS FOR THE EMERGENCY TRIAGE LIGHTS

### **PROS**

1. Durability of the E/T light was good, the ease of being able to switch color coding for PT with one hand played an important part of the ongoing triage of simulated patient.
2. The multi-use function was good for funneling all casualties to centralized point. It prevented a chokepoint and allowed a more organized training event.
3. The ease of use for switching colors allowed for less confusion as compared to utilizing multiple chemlights. With one triage light source there was no need to scramble to grab multiple chemlight and no chance of utilizing the wrong color. Also, there was limited confusion as to the actual casualty triage code, due to only one color light source.
4. The durability of light allowed for no mess with accidental breaking of chemlight.
5. Multiple boxes of chemlights not needed, one light can be utilized over and over for training.
6. Cost would be significantly lower than multiple purchases of chemlights.

### **CONS**

1. Using lanyard around neck to mark casualty opens the potential for choking hazard or damage to the airway.
2. Due to the extreme use for training events, a more durable clasp is needed. After two iterations of training, the light was caught on equipment and the clip was bent out.
3. The need to account for each light after each training event, due to the fact that the Soldiers thought they would be fun to take or “forgot they were in their pocket”.

Overall the NCOs at SMTS felt the E/T light would be plus to BAS training operations, both in the schoolhouse and also TOE units. Durability, ease of use, multifunctionality, cost and space availability played a factor into the decision making process.

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