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Health and Readiness of Tactical Populations

Message from the Guest Editor

Tactical populations include first responders and military personnel that have committed to protect life and property. Many of these occupations require the performance of arduous physical tasks in austere environments. As such, musculoskeletal injuries. psychological and physical morbidities, and decreased physical fitness occur across the career span. We are pleased to invite you to provide researchers, administrators, and practitioners with empirical research to elucidate these occupational threats, identify risk factors and mechanisms associated with their occurrence. Research aims and study designs on tactical populations may include (but not limited to) the following: Elucidate and evaluate critical mental and physical health, injury, and performance issues confronting tactical populations;

Quantitative and qualitative investigations to identify risk factors and mechanisms of injuries; Cross-sectional designs to evaluate the role of physical fitness and occupational readiness in health and injury outcomes; Evaluate the impact of allostatic load (physical and psychological stressors) on occupational readiness, health, and injury outcomes.

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