Triage

San Mateo County Community College District

What is an MCI, and what is Triage?

Mass Causality Incident (MCI)	Triage
Any number of casualties that exceed the resources normally available from local resources.	The assignment of Level of Urgency to injury(s) to decide the order of treatment of a large number of patients or casualties.

Triage Categories

Immediate (I): Survivor has life-threating injuries (airway, bleeding, or shock)

Delayed (D): Injuries do not jeopardize survivor's life; treatment can be delayed

Minor (M): Walking wounded and generally ambulatory

Deceased (DEAD): No respiration after two attempts to open airway
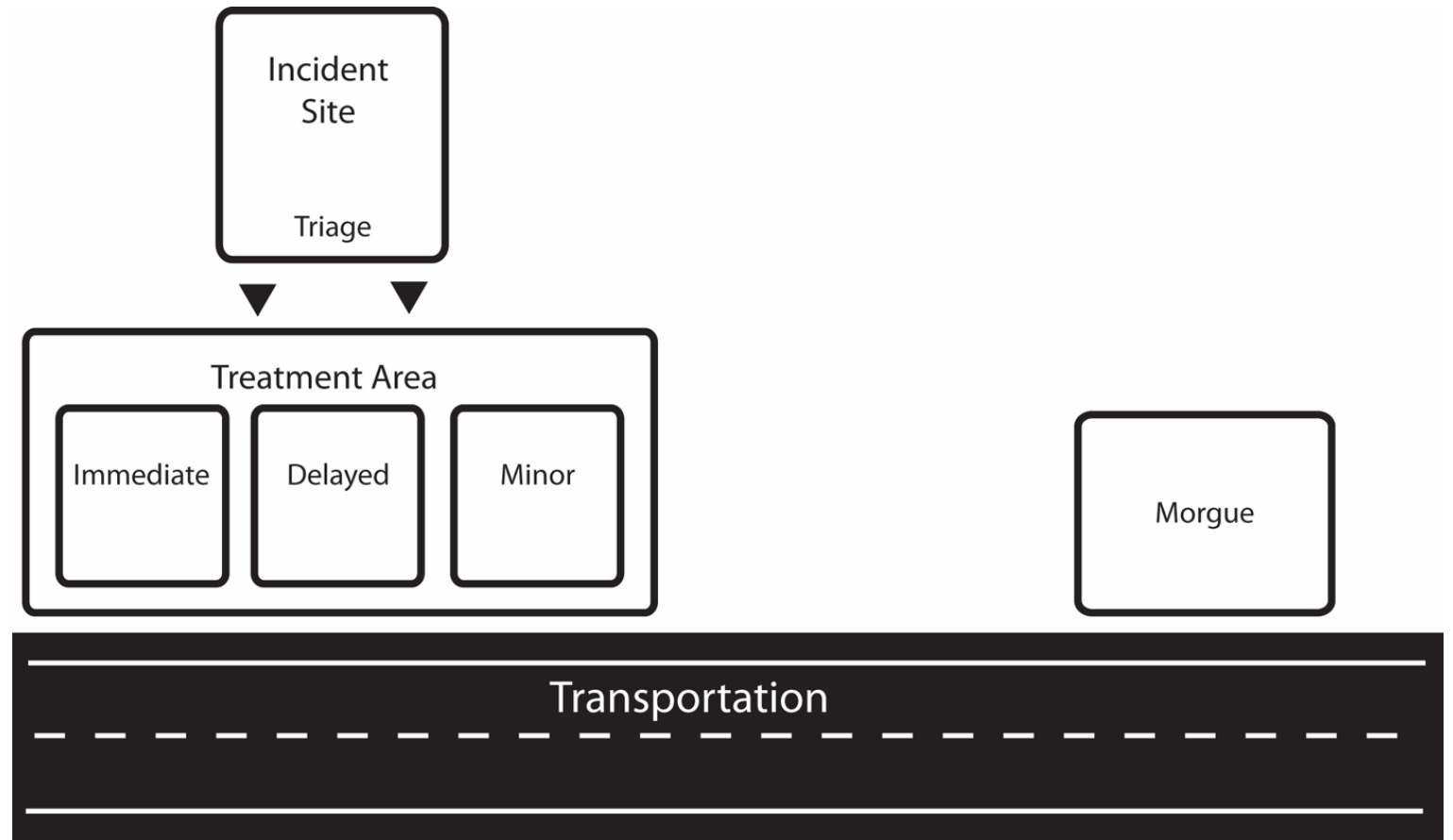
Immediate or Delayed?

- RPM:
  - Respirations
  - Perfusion
  - Mental Status and/or able to follow commands
    - Person, Place, Time, and Event?
- If they **PASS** this test = **Delayed**
- If they **FAIL** this test = **Immediate**

The Three Killers

Airway

Treatment Area Considerations

Treatment area layout, showing the organization for the incident site, triage, transportation, and morgue

Triage Training Video
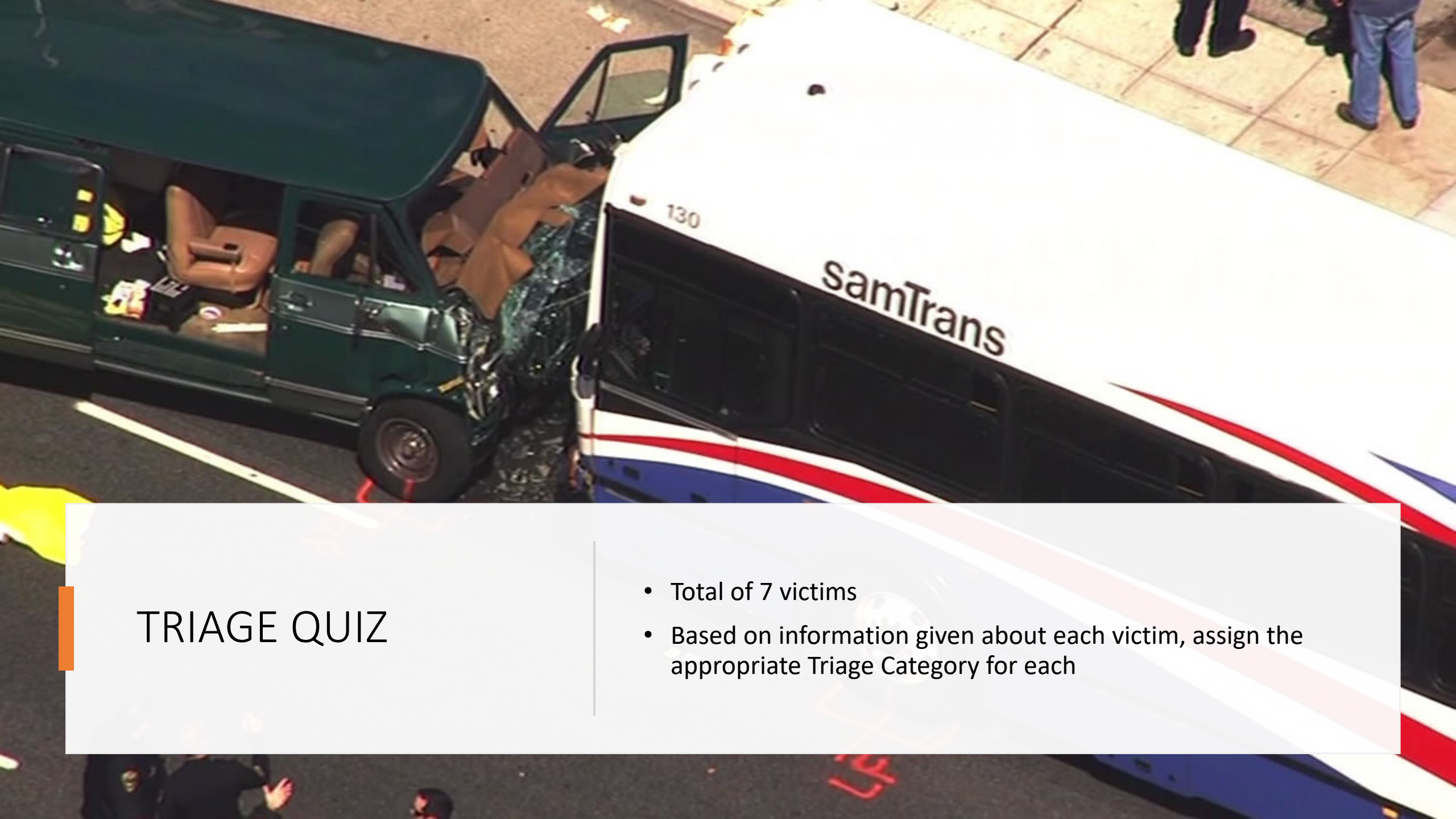
Head to Toe Assessment Demonstration

Acronyms

AEIOU – TIPS	DCAP - BTLS
• Alcohol	• Deformities
• Epilepsy	• Contusions (bruising)
• Insulin (Diabetic)	• Abrasions
• Overdose	• Punctures
• Underdose	• Burns
• Trauma	• Tenderness
• Infection	• Lacerations
• Poisoning, Psychosis	• Swelling
• Stroke or Shock	

TRIAGE QUIZ

- Total of 7 victims
- Based on information given about each victim, assign the appropriate Triage Category for each

Victim 1

- Ambulatory – Responds to voice triage
- Minor bleeding
- Normal Blanch

Victim 2

- Bleeding extremity

- Unconscious

- After two attempts to open airway, still not breathing

Victim 3

- Standing, but does not respond to voice commands

Victim 4

- No signs of bleeding
- Unconscious
- Blanch takes 5 seconds

Victim 5

- Non-Ambulatory
- Minor Bleeding
- Normal Blanch
- Normal Breathing
- Follows Commands

Victim 6

- No Bleeding
- Conscious
- Doesn't squeeze hand when asked

Victim 7

- Minor Bleeding
- Conscious but Disoriented
- Breathing rate is 40 per minute