



TRAIN THE TRAINER
COURSE 2023-1
RESULTS TO DATE AND WAY AHEAD

MISSION. The Osprey Relief Foundation, funded by donors from the private sector, will conduct a 'Train the Trainer' Course for Ukrainian *First Responders* (EMT, EOD, Firefighters, Police, Border Guards and select SOF) in Ukraine Oct 23 - Nov 3, 2023, with continuation of additional training, advisement and planning through the end of 2023 to complete "Mobile Train the Trainer" (MTT) requirements in preparation for a sustainable program in 2024/25.

REVIEW of MTT to date - The course is focused on Search and Rescue operations and lifesaving capabilities in support of civilians on the battlefield and wounded personnel (civilian and military) due to Russian/Ukrainian combat hostilities.

The Osprey 'Train the Trainer Course' provided trainees with a capability to take their new skills and apply them to other first responder and military medical and EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) personnel, with a requirement for each graduate to then train 10 others, providing a 10 to 1 effect. The return on investment is significant for donors with such an impact on readiness and lives saved in a war time situation.

The 2022-1 Pilot Course proceeded the 2023-1 Course, graduating 50 first responders who then trained more than 1,760 front-line personnel as of the end of Feb 2023. Offensive combat actions on both sides affected the collection of further training information after Feb 2023. The 2023-1 Course is expected to train a minimum of 3000 other first responders and military personnel by the end of Feb 2024.

The 2023-1 Course has trained 93 first responders during the first two weeks, who in turn have returned to their organizations with the task for each to train 10 others fulfilling their obligation. Several Osprey Relief Foundation trainers have remained in Ukraine to provide additional, tailored training for specific needs of certain organizations. The Osprey staff is continuing to provide advice and development of a sustainable program throughout 2024 with the intent to obtain a US Government grant to fund this life-saving initiative tailored to the unique requirements Ukraine faces with this kind of war.



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To provide a reference point - a 40-man US infantry platoon has one platoon medic who provides medical aid (beyond 'buddy aid') to those other 40 troops. The training Team Osprey provides is at the level higher than a platoon medic. A graduate of our medical training, who trains 10 other medics, provides a lifesaving capability for 10 platoons of 40 troops equaling 400. Since all students cross-train on the medical trauma POI (Medical and EOD) 80 trainees for this course $\times 10 = 800$ 'train the trainer' output for the frontlines, which $= 24,000$ possible supported troops. Civilians are different equations since they are not organized like the military, but the numbers can be quite large.

Our 'Train the Trainer Course' of instruction has a tremendous effect of saving lives and providing continuation of care of the wounded until they reach advanced care in the Ukrainian hospital system. EOD personnel are even more rare in Ukraine, which is the same for US military and *first responder* groups. Many international organizations state that Ukraine is now the most heavily mined country in the world. What makes it worse is the insidious amount of booby traps and IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices) that Russian Forces add to the enormity of emplaced military mines.

Each EOD graduate will provide hands-on training to 10 first responders or troops who are in combat or destroyed areas due to the war. Those other 10 *first responders* who are trained can, at a minimum, provide situational awareness to hundreds of civilians in conflict areas enabling the avoidance of injury from Russian booby traps, IEDs, or unexploded ordnance. Osprey's 'Special EOD Course' knowledge augmentation provided to professional Ukrainian EOD experts can handle a small village, and these trained personnel can continue to learn 'on the job' from the more experienced. This is critical due to the high number of professional EOD casualties since the war re-started in Feb 2022.

The impact Osprey provides training *first responders* is significant due to the high casualty rates from intense, ground combat, air attacks and injuries from mines/IEDs, with few *first responders* available to treat trauma wounds and neutralize explosive devices near the front lines. To add to the importance of frontline capable medical and EOD personnel is a situation where Ukrainian hospitals are operating at $>500\%$ capacity with limited resources. Additionally, our Team delivers critically needed surgical supplies to the 'point of need' to assist in the surge of the wounded. These supplies have been provided, and continue to be provided, by hospitals in the USA.



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First responders are also dealing with multiple humanitarian crisis situations throughout Ukraine due to the massive damage infrastructure, homes, food and water sources, and the lack of medical aid and transportation because of war. These conditions put additional stress on the availability of trained *first responders*.

Our training output is 2X of what we accomplished in Nov 2022 due to efficiencies learned, access to critical *first responders* with the need for advanced training, the enhancement of technology, and Ukraine's understanding of the 'Train the Trainer' concept to achieve maximum impact.

Donor's assistance will make this rotation happen. Your leadership for this effort will continue to allow Team Osprey to go into harm's way and make a difference in saving lives and helping Ukraine win this war. The impact and ROI are significant.

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