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DALLAS -- A three-day advanced course for emergency rescue personnel involving removal and treatment of victims enroute to hospitals will begin Monday at St. Paul Hospital and at the Dallas Fire Department's training site on Record Crossing.

The course, designed for firemen, policemen, ambulance drivers, industrial nurses and engineers, is being presented by the faculty of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and the American College of Surgeons' Local Committee on Trauma.

Instructors for the course are members of the faculty of Southwestern, assisted by the Dallas Fire Department and senior instructors of the American Red Cross, and others.

The course includes detailed lectures in such things as heart stoppage, respiratory catastrophes, management of common medical illnesses and surgical diseases.

In addition there will be practical demonstrations of removal of victims from various types of mishaps as well as demonstrations of all the advanced first aid procedures.

"This course is unique in that it covers almost all areas of concern to paramedical personnel involved in medical services," explains Dr. Charles R. Baxter of Southwestern Medical School. "The purpose of such a course is to furnish to the residents of the North Texas area a better organized, more efficient and better-trained staff of non-medical personnel in order to render the best possible chance for treatment of injuries.

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Approximately 300 persons are expected to participate in the course.

Cooperating in the program are Dr. Roswell K. Brown, associate director, Field Program of the Committee on Trauma, American College of Surgeons; Dr. Thomas L. Shinnick, regional program director of Direct Health Services, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and Dr. Jay Sanford, area co-ordinator for MEND (Medical Education for National Defense).

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(NOTE FOR PHOTO AND TV EDITORS: Removal of victims from burning autos will be demonstrated from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Record Crossing site).