

ACFD Rescue Task Force



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- ACFD's answer to the issue of rapidly providing stabilizing medical care in areas that are clear but not secure
- NIMS compliant name
 - **Task Force:** Any combination of single resources, but typically two to five, assembled to meet a specific tactical need



Rescue Task Force Concept

- First arriving street medics (NOT tactical medics) team up with 2 patrol officers to move quickly into “warm” zone areas along cleared corridors to initiate treatment and evacuation of victims

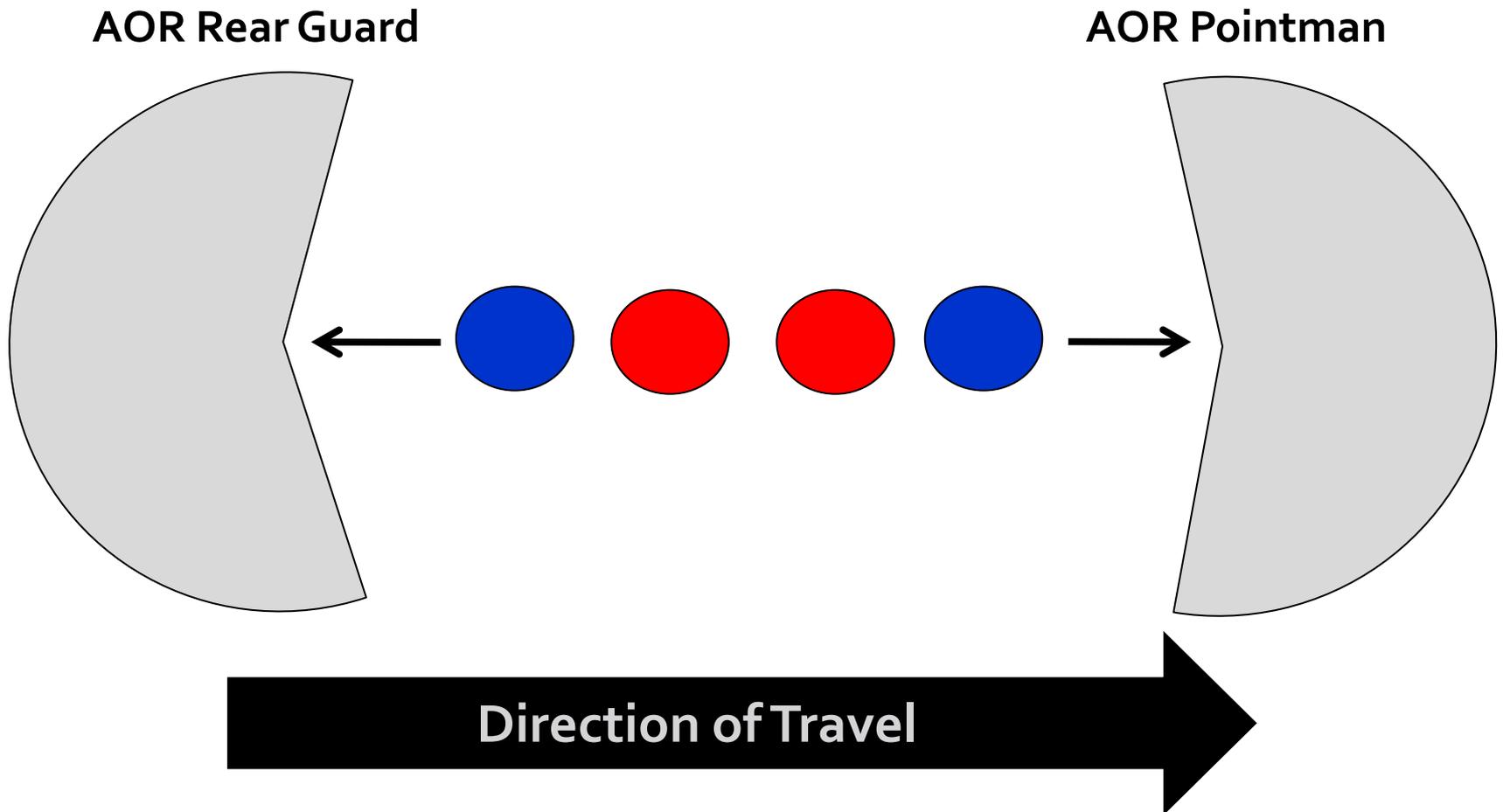


Rescue Task Force Concept

- 2 patrol officers for front and rear security
 - Readily available resource
 - Do NOT assist medics in care
 - Responsible for security and movement only
- 2 street medics in ballistic gear with supplies to treat up to 14 patients
 - Readily available resource
 - Able to initiate TECC care and rapidly evacuate



Rescue Task Force Concept



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- Dual communications
 - Police communicate with Tactical Police Command
 - Locations of injured and team
 - Threat and other tactical information
 - Medics communicate with Fire Command
 - Location of injured and team
 - Casualty information

Personal Protective Equipment



Equipment and Supplies

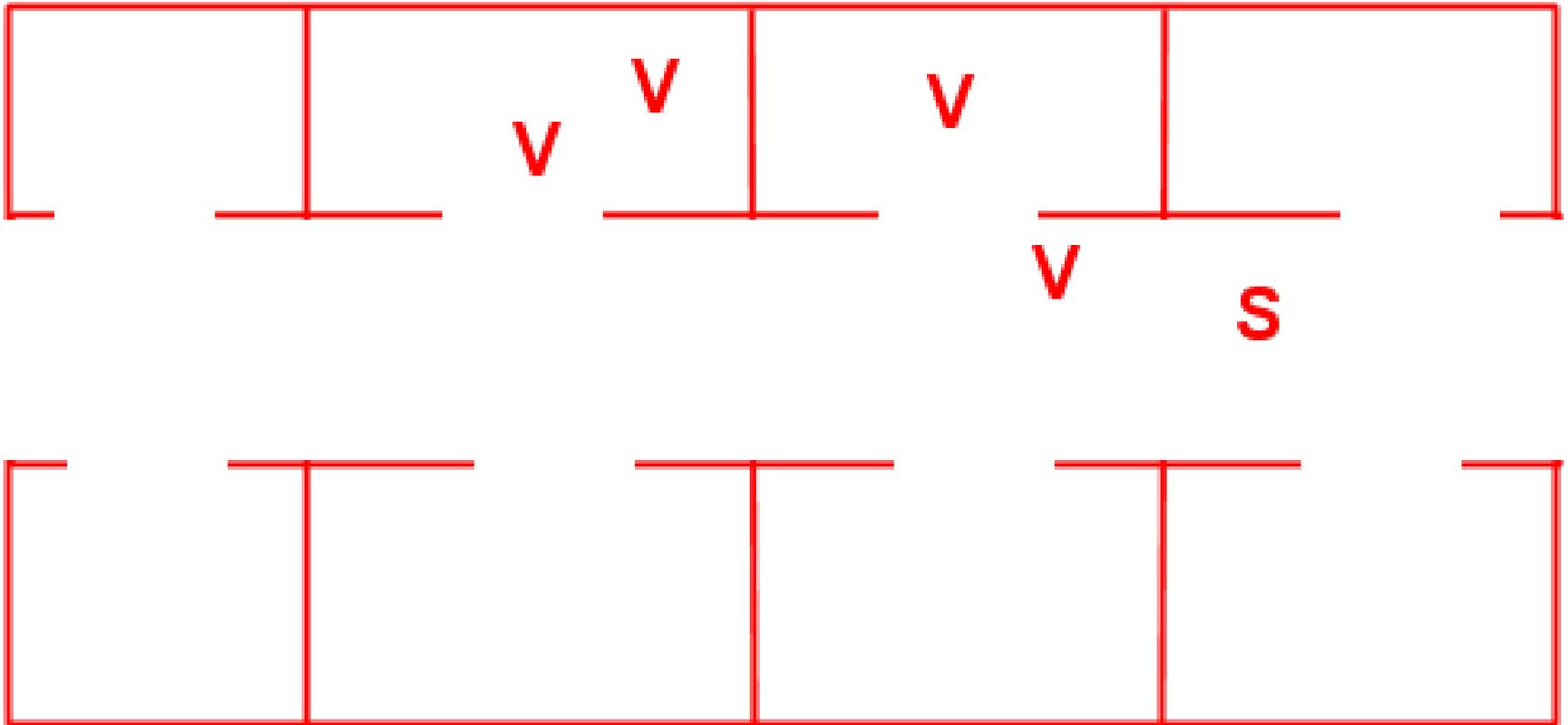


Overview of RTF Operations

- Shooting starts - 911 calls received
- Active shooter dispatch goes out for Police and Fire
 - 2 Battalion Chiefs
 - Battalion Aide
 - 2 EMS Supervisors
 - 4 Medic Units
 - 4 Engine Companies
 - Mass Casualty unit
 - Fire Marshal



RTF Operations

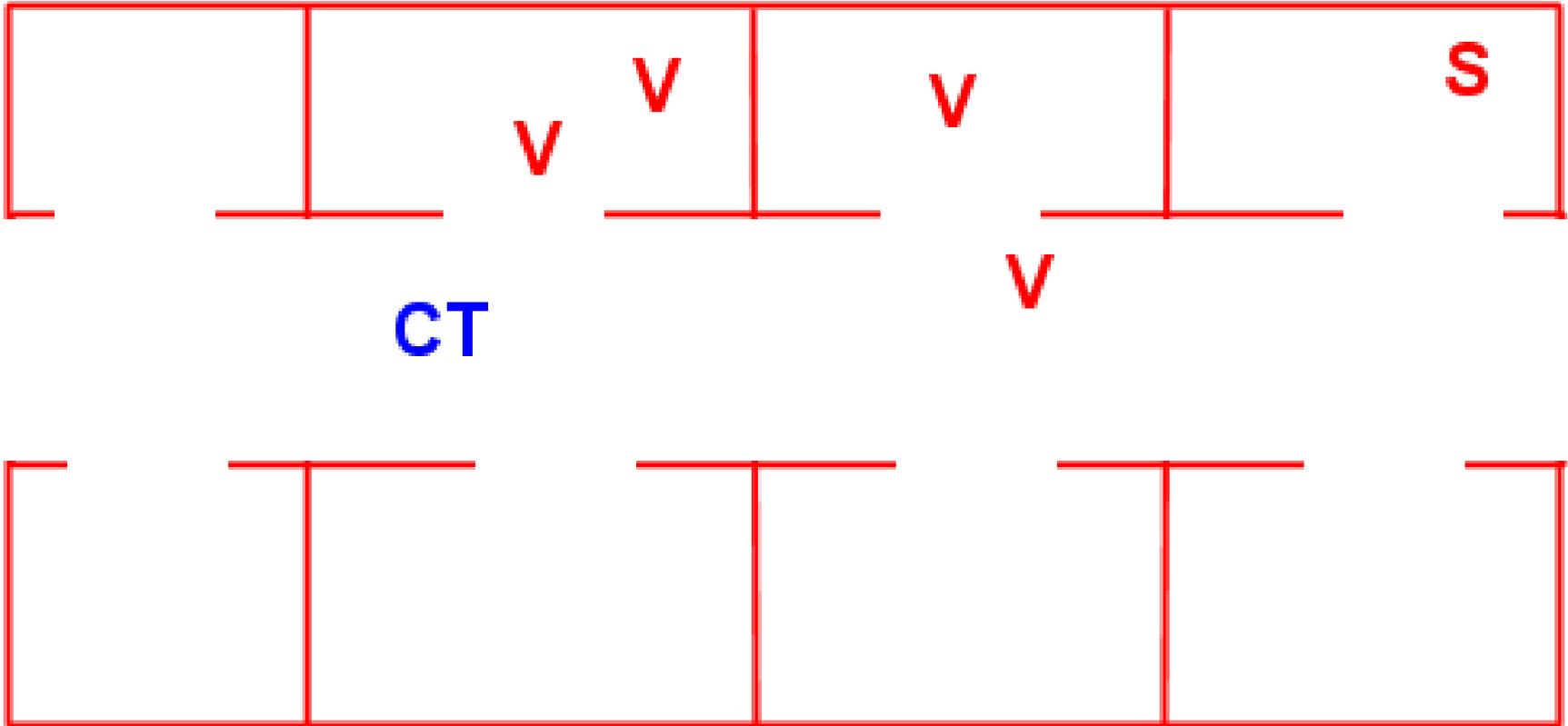


RTF Operations

- Initial responding patrol officers form 2-3 contact teams that all enter building along same corridor and move quickly to engage shooter



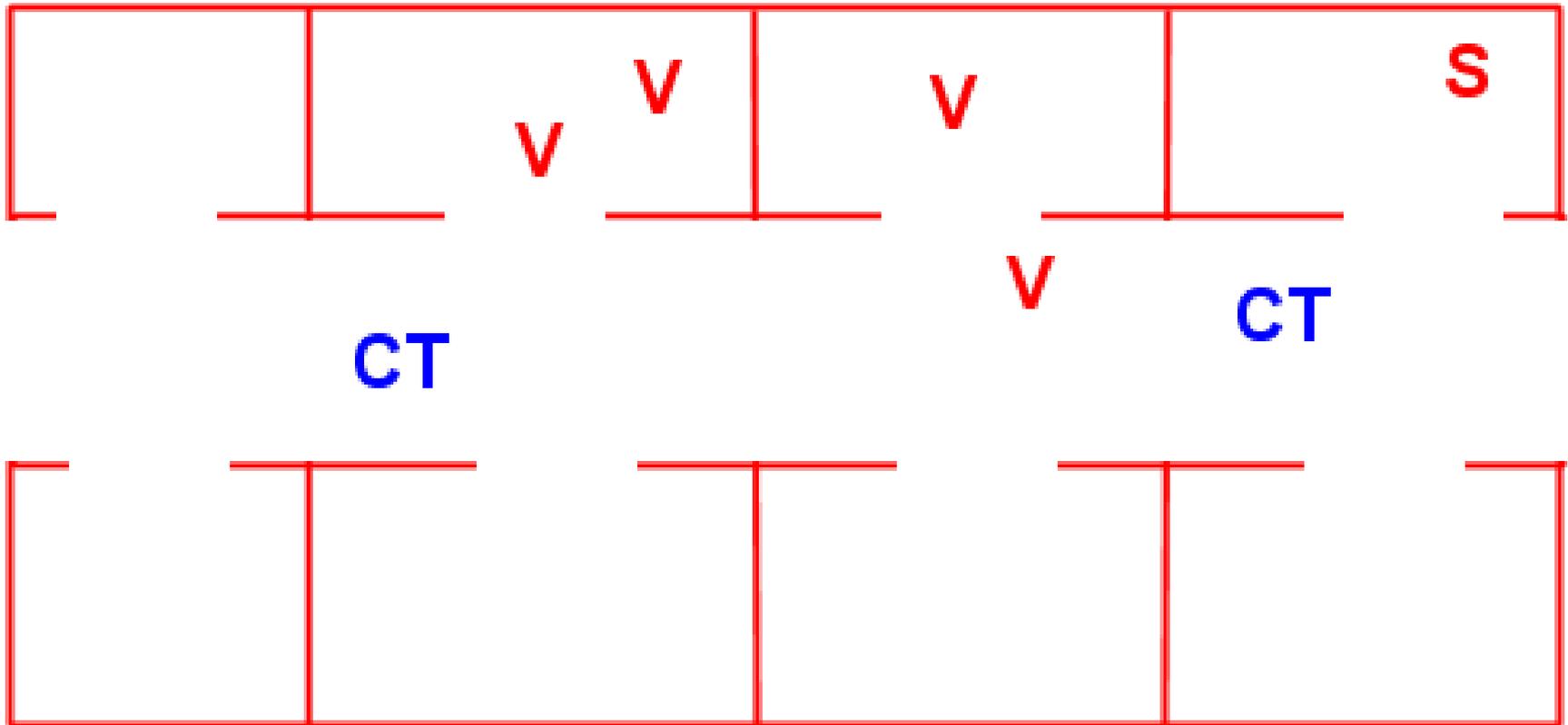
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RTF Operations

- Contact teams essentially are clearing the primary corridor as they move to sound of shooting
 - Identify and notify command of threats (IEDs, etc)
 - Do not open locked doors unless sound from behind would indicate threat
 - Do not aide or assist injured
 - As victims encountered, notify Command of location

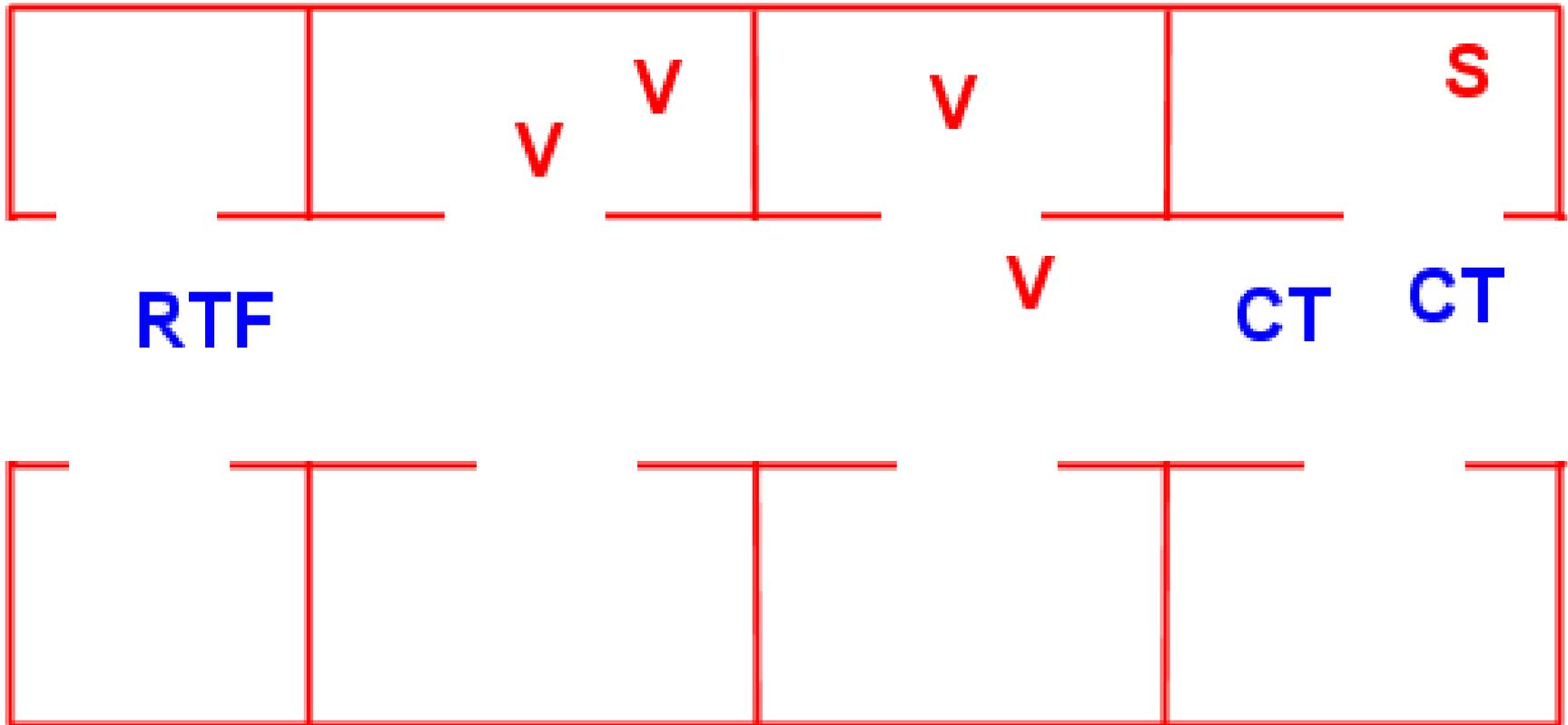
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- Need for RTF identified by Contact Teams
- Initial RTF team formed and quickly moves into area down the corridor cleared by the contact teams
 - Will not move into un-cleared areas or get in front of contact teams

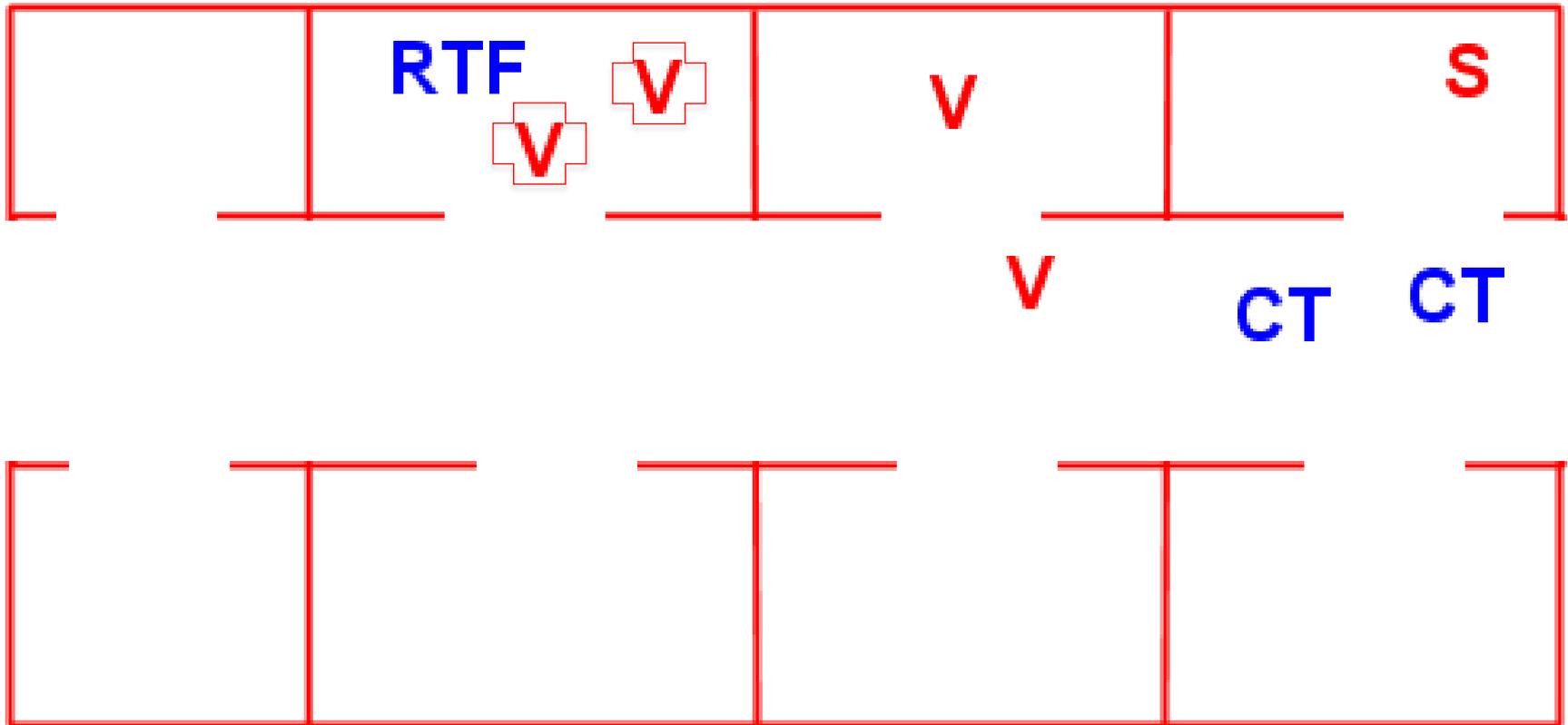
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- Goal of initial RTF team is to stabilize as many victims as possible using TECC principles
 - Will penetrate into building as far as possible until they run out of accessible victims or out of supplies
 - “Stabilize, position, and move on”

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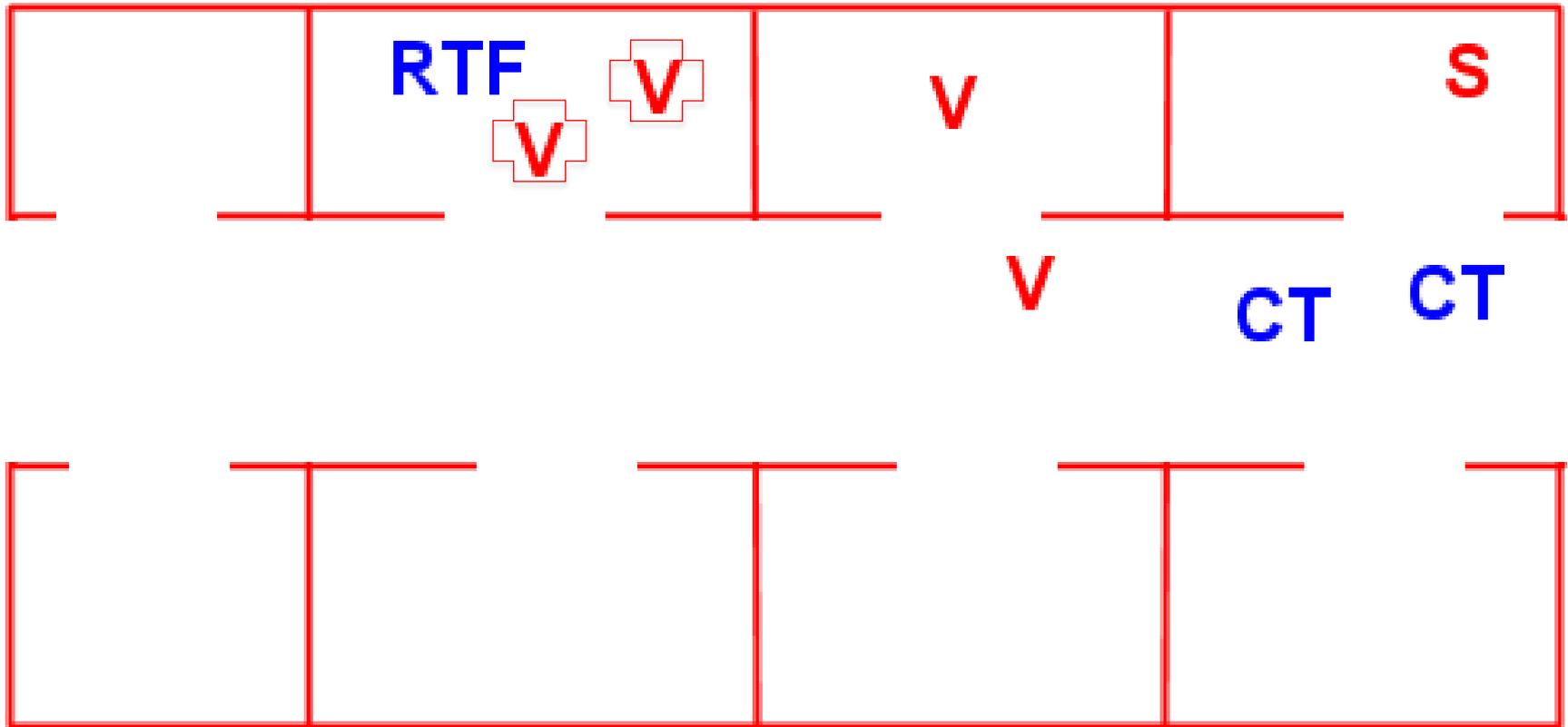
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- Once RTF operational, Fire Command will establish:
 - RTF re-supply near point of entry
 - External casualty collection point
 - Dedicate non-RTF assets to assist in transfer of patients from RTF assets for external evacuation

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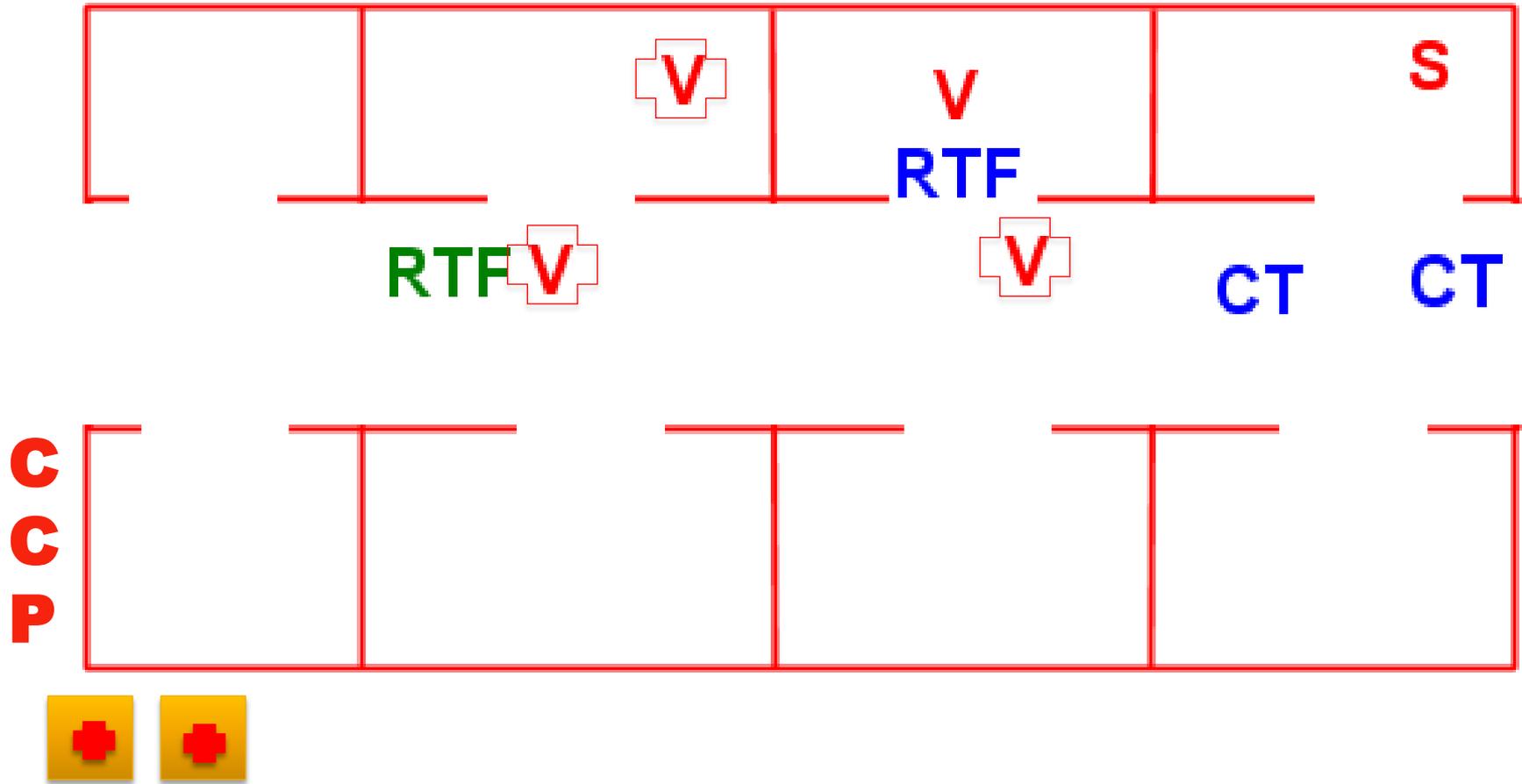


Resupply boxes

RTF Operations

- The role of additional RTFs will depend on the number of victims and the need
 - May begin evacuating victims that have already been stabilized
 - May leap frog the first RTF to continue penetrating to stabilize victims if first RTF has changed over to evacuation

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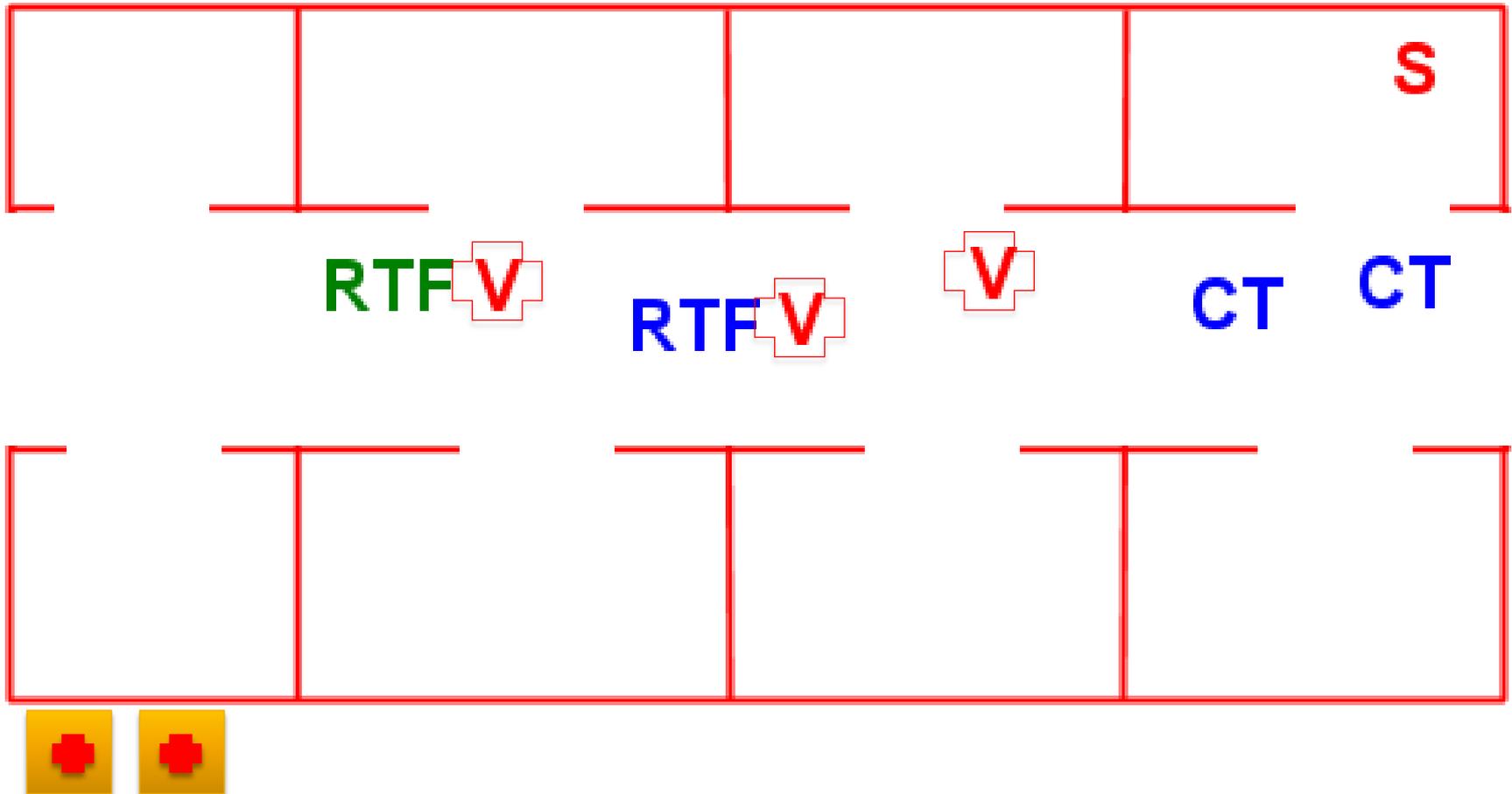


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- Once the first RTF runs out of supplies or all accessible patients have been treated, they grab a victim and evacuate out

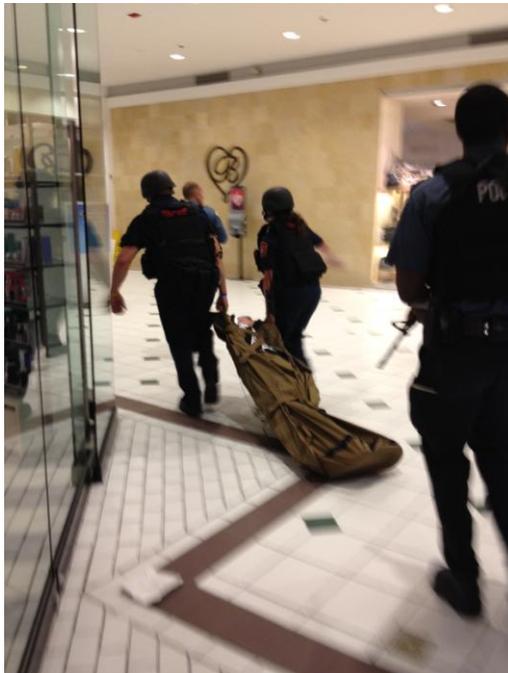


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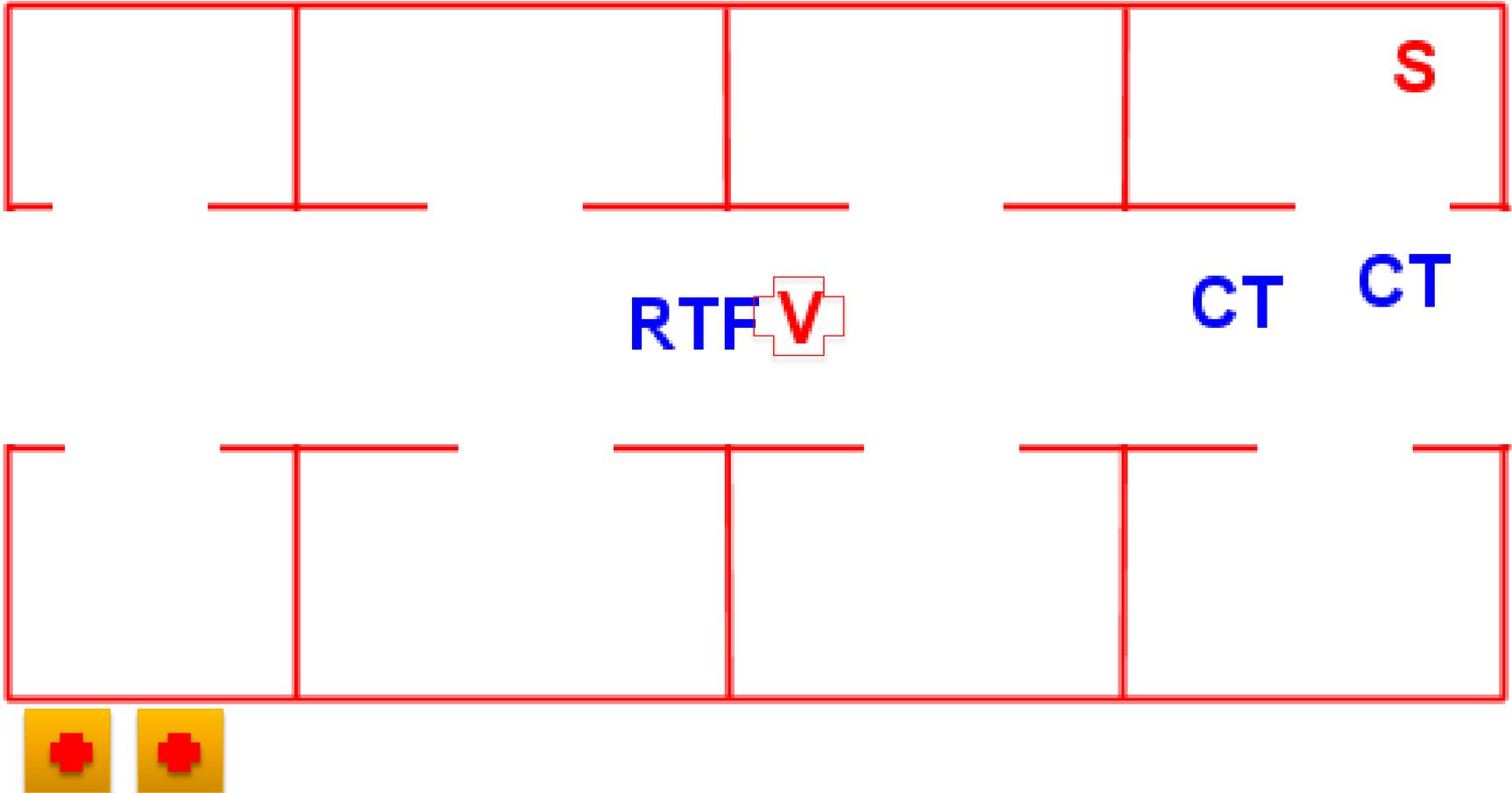


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- RTF teams continue to operate in the corridors cleared by the contact teams until all patients evacuated



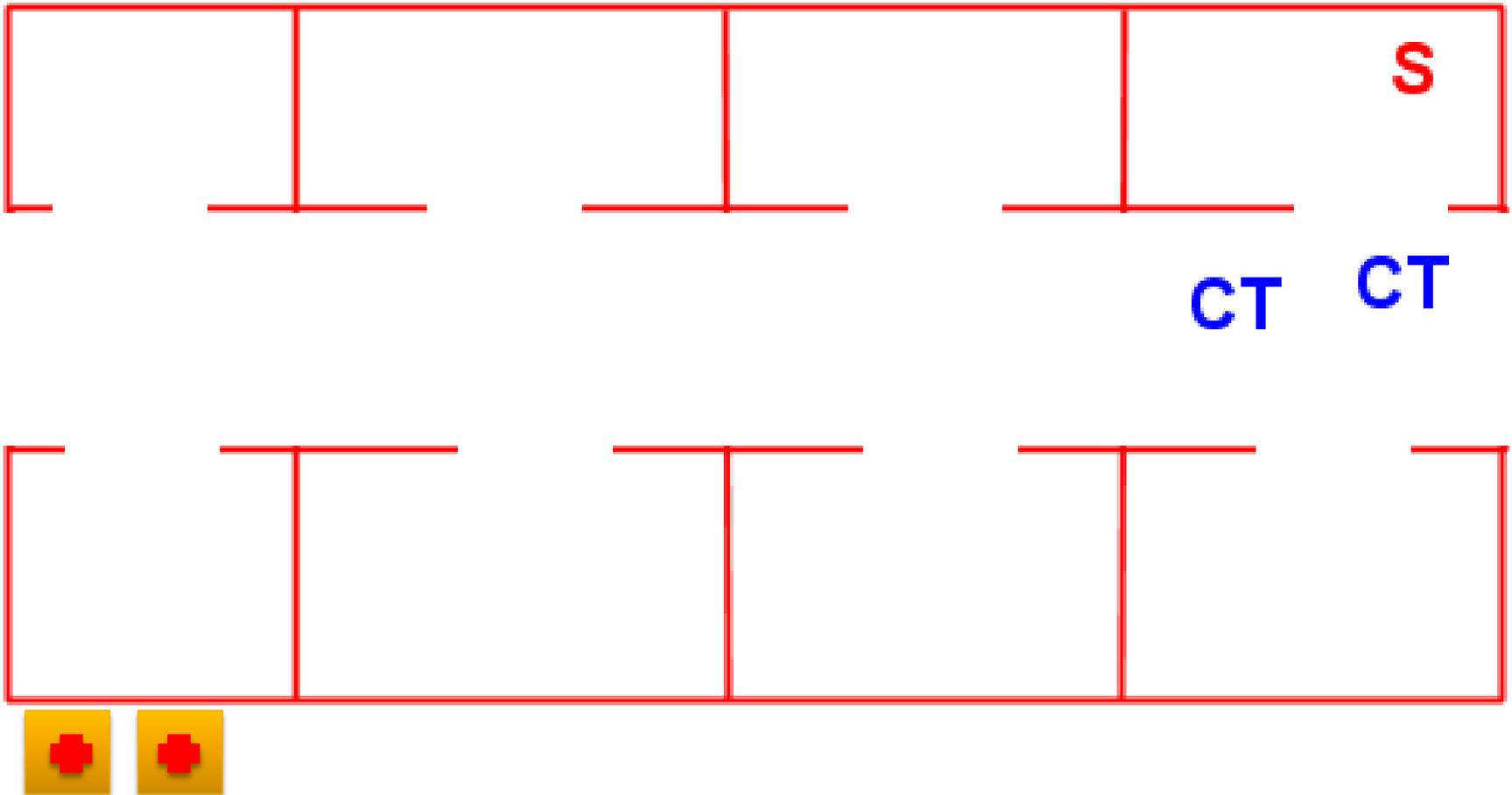
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- Once all victims have been evacuated, RTF teams move out of the area of higher risk (warm zone)

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- RTF teams remain on standby until entire area has been searched for victims



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