

# 7.d. GETAC Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee

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# EMS Committee

## 2024 Committee Priorities

<u>Strategic Plan Pillar &amp; Objective</u>	Corresponding Strategic Plan Pillar Strategy
<p>1. Coordinated Clinical Care (Objective 5 &amp; 8.0)</p> <p>Effects of EMS Wall Times on system performance and patient throughputs.</p>	<p>3. <i>Define data elements necessary to evaluate emergency healthcare system effectiveness.</i></p> <p>4. <i>Promote prevention education and timely access to definitive care and rehabilitation services</i></p>
<p>2. Coordinate Clinical Care (Obj #6)</p> <p>Discuss and provide guidance on the effects SB8 funding on EMS Vacancies in Texas. Specifically paramedic vacancies.</p>	<p>3. <i>Define data elements necessary to evaluate necessary to evaluate healthcare system effectiveness</i></p>
<p>3. Pillar -Performance Improvement Obj- 1.0</p> <p>Focus on reducing the use of Red Lights and Sirens (RLS) statewide. Using the approved Committee white paper as a guiding document.</p>	<p>2. <i>Utilize evidence-based best practices to improve outcomes for patients, as well as healthcare providers, and promote the Culture of Safety across all entities of the system.</i></p>

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## 2023 Committee Priority Outcomes

Priority Not Implemented  
Priority Activities Recorded  
Priority Completed and Monitored

Committee Priorities	Outcomes	Status
Hall time / Wall time white paper	<i>COMPLETED</i>	
Safety / Security EMS Personnel	Work in Progress: Discussion on personal safety on volatile scenes.  Previously, the Committee’s White Paper on the use of RLS	
Discussion and preparation for the next active shooter / MCI	Presentation regarding recent Texas incidents and provided a “lessons learned” opportunity. Working with private for-profit technology vendors to improve system response (Pulsara) demonstrations and implementation.	

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## 2024 Recommended Performance Improvement Initiatives

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Priority Completed and Monitored

Committee PI Initiatives	Recommended Performance Measure	Accepted
<p>Reduction of RLS (Red Lights &amp; Sirens) usage during EMS responses to 911 calls and transportation of patients to definitive care.</p>	<p><i>Reduce the use of RLS by 50% for nonpriority 1 responses. Using existing EMD priority determinants to identify universal priority response.</i></p> <p><i>Reduce the transport of patients while using RLS by 80% for nonpriority 1 patients.</i></p>	
<p>Reduction of EMS Wall Times in Texas and analyze the impact of the associated white papers on the issue.</p>	<p>Reduce the EMS quantity of “Wall time incidents” by measuring acceptable defined “Patient hand off times” by 80%.</p>	