

Texas EMS Conference dates changed for 2012!

Have you heard?

Texas EMS Conference is moving to one week earlier for 2012.

We know this is a big change, and the decision was not made lightly. But we also know this change will have a really positive impact on this year's conference by offering great savings on hotel rates and by reducing the competition for space and attention throughout downtown.

**New conference dates: November 11-14
(Preconference November 10-11)
This is *not* the week of Thanksgiving!**

The conference has been the week of Thanksgiving for many years. Why are we moving dates now?

- The Formula One car racing series will have its inaugural Texas race on a track just east of Austin the weekend before Thanksgiving this year. Tens of thousands of people from all over the world will be coming to Austin, competing for hotel rooms in downtown Austin.
- Although we sign contracts with hotels and convention centers at least three years in advance, the newly scheduled Formula One race is causing a conflict. The hotels anticipate being significantly overbooked, with people willing to pay top dollar for hotel rooms. It's likely that downtown restaurants and other entertainment venues will also be overcrowded and commanding higher prices during that event week.
- The Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau made offers for us to move the conference to a week earlier to reduce overcrowding. After much negotiation, all of the conference hotels have agreed to lower overnight rates, even lower than the discounted rates we usually get. Rates will now be as low as \$85 for a single *or* double occupancy, with a \$98 single/double at the Hilton.

Next year the conference will return to Fort Worth. And we will be back to the week of Thanksgiving (Nov. 25-27, 2013).

See you in Austin! Going to be a great conference this year!



Call for Presentations due March 16

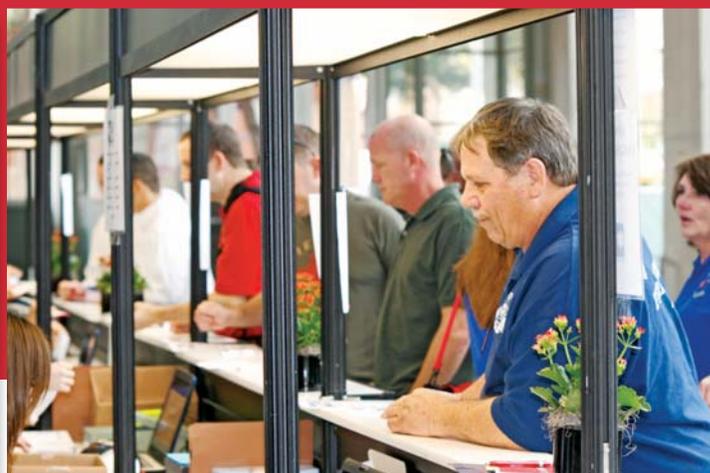
Interested in speaking at Texas EMS Conference? We've extended the deadline for call for presentation forms through March 16.

Texas EMS Conference is looking for a broad range of lectures and workshops for this year's conference. We're particularly interested in workshops with a clinical content or those that offer a fresh take on a subject. We try to have each category of continuing education well-represented. We are looking for 50-minute lectures; two-hour, hands-on workshops; and preconference classes. A volunteer committee will choose presentations based on content and CE category. For more information, email us.

Go to www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems and click on EMS Conference for more information.



Texas EMS Conference



*See you in
Austin!*

Austin Convention Center
November 11-14

Exhibit Hall Hours

Sunday 2 to 7pm

Monday 11am to 6pm

Tuesday 8 to 11am

Education

One-hour lectures

Two-hour, hands-on workshops

In-depth preconference classes

The full package includes

Up to 15 hours CE credit

Conference logo tote bag

Coffee and snack breaks each day

Buffet lunch on Monday

Awards Luncheon on Tuesday

Schedule

Conference At-A-Glance

Austin Convention Center

Saturday, November 10

7:00 am - 6:00 pm Exhibitor registration

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Attendee registration

Sunday, November 11

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Registration

2:00 pm - 7:00 pm Exhibit Hall open

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Welcome Reception

Monday, November 12

7:00 am - 6:00 pm Registration

8:15 am - 9:30 am Opening Session

9:45 am - 10:45 am Workshop Breakouts

11:00 am - 6:00 pm Exhibit Hall open

11:00 am - Noon Workshop Breakouts

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Lunch

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Workshop Breakouts

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm Workshop Breakouts

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Workshop Breakouts

Tuesday, November 13

7:00 am - 3:00 pm Registration

7:30 am - 8:30 am Workshop Breakouts

8:00 am - 11:00 am Exhibit Hall open

8:45 am - 9:45 am Workshop Breakouts

10:00 am - 11:00 am Workshop Breakouts

11:00 am Exhibit Hall closes

11:45 am - 1:30 pm Awards Luncheon

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Workshop Breakouts

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm Workshop Breakouts

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Workshop Breakouts

Wednesday, November 14

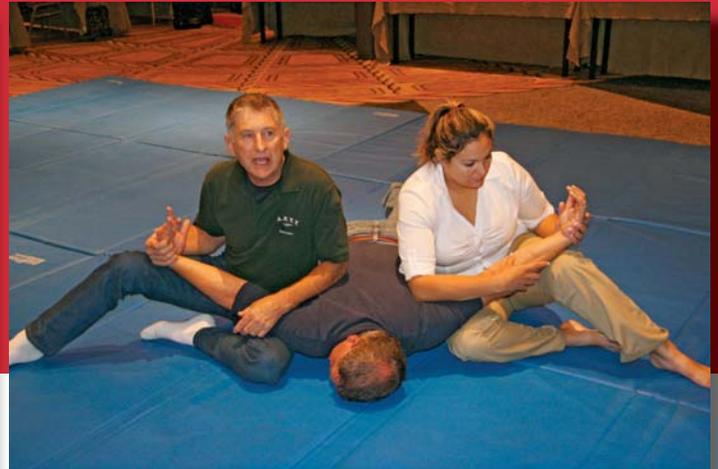
8:30 am - 9:30 am Workshop Breakouts

9:45 am - 10:45 am Workshop Breakouts

11:00 am - Noon Closing Session

Conference adjourns

November 11-14, 2012



Special conference rates available at seven downtown hotels.

Hilton Austin

500 East 4th Street
Austin, Texas 78701
(800) 236-1592
\$98/\$98 Single/Double occupancy
or \$204/\$204 for triple/quadruple
occupancy
Booking code: TXE
The Hilton Austin, adjacent to
the convention center, will be the
conference host hotel.

Hampton Inn & Suites Austin- Downtown

200 San Jacinto Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 472-1500
\$98/\$98 Single/Double occupancy
or \$159/\$159 for triple/quadruple
occupancy
Booking code: EMS
The Hampton Inn is just one block
west of the convention center.

Four Seasons Hotel Austin

98 San Jacinto Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 685-8100
\$139/\$139
Booking code: EMS
Call (512) 685-8100 and reserve
rooms using the booking code.
The Four Seasons Hotel is near Lady
Bird Lake and just one block south of
the convention center.

Courtyard Austin Downtown

300 East 4th Street
Austin, Texas 78701
1-800-Marriott
\$99/\$99 Single/Double occupancy
or \$99/\$99 for triple/quadruple
occupancy
Booking Code: TX EMS
The Courtyard Marriott is just up
the block from the convention center
entrance and adjoins the Residence
Inn.

Hilton Garden Inn Austin Downtown

500 North IH 35
Austin, Texas 78701
(877) 782-9444
\$90/\$90 Single/Double occupancy
or \$90/\$90 for triple/quadruple
occupancy
Booking code: EMC
The Hilton Garden Inn is located 1
Block from the Hilton Austin and the
Austin Convention Center

Residence Inn Austin Downtown

300 East 4th Street
Austin, Texas 78701
1-800-Marriott
\$104
Booking code: TX EMS



Radisson Hotel & Suites Austin- Town Lake

111 Cesar Chavez Street
Austin Texas 78701
(800) 333-3333
\$85/\$85 Single/Double occupancy
or \$105/\$125 for triple/quadruple
occupancy
Booking code: Texas EMS Conference
The Radisson Hotel is at the corner
of Congress Ave and Cesar Chavez
St, about three blocks west of the
convention center.

NOTE: To book a
hotel online, go to
our website at [www.dshs.state.tx.us/
emstraumasystems](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems)
and click on the Texas
EMS Conference site.

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Deadline for entry is October 26, 2012.