



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

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Stakeholder Message

Upcoming changes impacting the Office of EMS/Trauma Systems Coordination

Texas EMS Conference

DSHS has presented the Texas EMS Conference, an annual conference for EMS and trauma professionals, for the past 27 years. From the beginning, some aspects of the conference have been managed by outside entities, while planning and coordination has been primarily handled by DSHS staff. The 2013 conference, which will be held from November 23rd-27th, will be the final year that department staff are involved in the planning and coordination of conference activities. Effective December 1, 2013, all conference activities, including planning and coordination, will be performed by an outside entity.

DSHS will remain a sponsor of this annual conference and will continue to participate as it has in years past. There will be minimal impact to stakeholders, conference faculty, conference attendees, and exhibitors that participate in the conference.

The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) will continue to hold its November quarterly meeting in conjunction with the EMS Conference.

Texas EMS Magazine

The final publication of the Texas EMS Magazine in its current format will be the July/August 2013 edition. Beginning September 1, 2013, the magazine will be published quarterly in an electronic newsletter format.

Individuals who have current subscriptions to the EMS Magazine may request a prorated refund from the department. To request a refund, the subscriber will send the request along with the name on the subscription, current address, and phone number to Magazine.Refunds@dshs.state.tx.us. A prorated refund check for the remaining subscription will be mailed to the address provided.