

**Round-up a Healthier,  
More Secure Texas!**



**56th Annual Texas  
Vital Statistics Conference**

**December 8-10, 2010**

**The Renaissance Austin Hotel**

**Austin, Texas**



**TEXAS**  
Department of  
State Health Services



# Greetings from the State Registrar

Welcome, one and all, to the 56th Annual Vital Statistics Conference! On behalf of the Vital Statistics Unit, the Mass Fatality Preparedness program and the Texas Public Health Association, we look forward to providing all of this year's conference participants with training sessions, program updates and panel workshops to **Plan, Prepare** and **Protect Texas**.

In an ever-changing and unpredictable world, these three words make up the basis for a healthier and more secure Texas. Planning and preparation dictate a positive and useful program that will protect Texans.

This year we are welcoming the Mass Fatality Division of the Department of State Health Services to join us in Vital Statistics and provide information on how our agencies can come together for a common goal: **Better Health for Texans**.



We are looking forward to seeing you at the Awards Luncheon on Thursday to recognize your efforts and dedication to Vital Statistics. Also, please take some time to meet with the many exhibitors available who will be offering valuable information and goodies.

This year's agenda includes sessions on planning and preparing for major catastrophic events as well as information on the Vital Statistics statutes, the Texas Electronic Registrar system, functions of birth, as well as death and marriage reporting. Panels for open discussion of hot topics will be made available in all areas of vital records. In addition, we are excited to introduce and make available the newly revised local registrar handbook.

I thank you for your efforts and diligence in reaching this shared vision of excellence in vital registration for the citizens of Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geraldine R. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Geraldine R. Harris  
State Registrar

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Local Registrar & Hospital Online Site Survey

**LOCAL REGISTRAR SURVEY**

The statutes that govern local registrar data responsibilities can be found in Chapters 191-192 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and Chapter 181 of the Texas Administrative Code.

COUNTY/CITY/DISTRICT/PRECINCT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF SURVEY: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Local Registrar:  County/District Clerk  City Secretary  Justice of the Peace  Local Registrar

Name of Local Registrar: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Deputy Registrar [MRC 191.402]: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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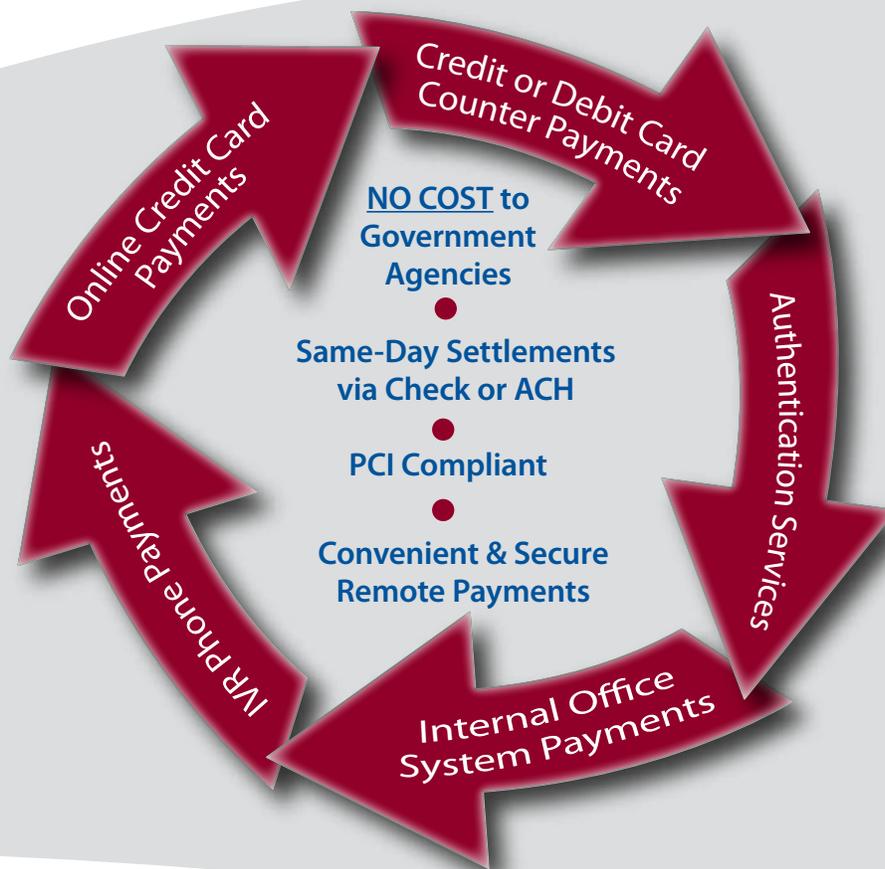
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Number of Registrations Filed in the Previous Year	Number of Institutions That File Records
Birth Certificates	Hospital's Birth Certificates
Death Certificates	Number of Funeral Homes
Marriage Licenses	Holidays

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# Things You Need to Know

Here are important conference features to help you get the most from your conference experience:

- **Registration** – Begins at 11:00 am on Wednesday and again at 7:00 am on Thursday at the conference registration desk. Be sure to pick up your conference materials at that time.
- **Keynotes** - We are honored to feature this year's Keynote Speaker, Dr. Jocelyn Sargent from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. During the welcoming address, Dr. Sargent will discuss health related programs supported by the Kellogg foundation.
- **Exhibitors** – Commercial and state agency exhibitors will be located on the Atrium Level of the hotel throughout the duration of the conference. Plan to visit them for valuable information and goodies! Our platinum sponsor will have a conference area available for private consultations.
- **Awards Luncheon** – Following Dr. Sargent's presentation of grant opportunities available at the W.K. Kellogg foundation, we will recognize this year's MRC graduates, the Five Star Award winners in the categories of Local Registrar, Hospital/Birthing Center/Midwife and Funeral Home/Mortuary Service. Awards will also be presented by the Office of Attorney General and ImmTrac.
- **Breakfast & Breaks** – The Exhibitor Area will also be the site of Thursday and Friday breakfasts (7:00 – 8:00 am) and all scheduled breaks.
- **Evaluations** – Your feedback helps us make each subsequent conference a more meaningful, educational and fun experience. Please complete evaluations for each session you attend and submit them to the session monitors. Complete the Overall Conference Evaluation located with your conference materials and turn it in at the registration desk before you leave.
- **The Giving Project** – We would like to reach out to help those in need. This year we are requesting that each registrant bring canned goods to the conference to be donated to the area food bank. So come on ya'll – join us in rounding up some grub for those in need. It'll put a smile on your face and a little cheer in your heart!
- **Conference Materials** – A number of session presentations, the revised local registrars handbook and other relevant materials will be available online at the Vital Statistics website; [www.texasvsu.org](http://www.texasvsu.org) after the conference.

## Continuing Education

Please refer to the breakout session descriptions located in the conference program to determine which session will satisfy continuing education requirements.

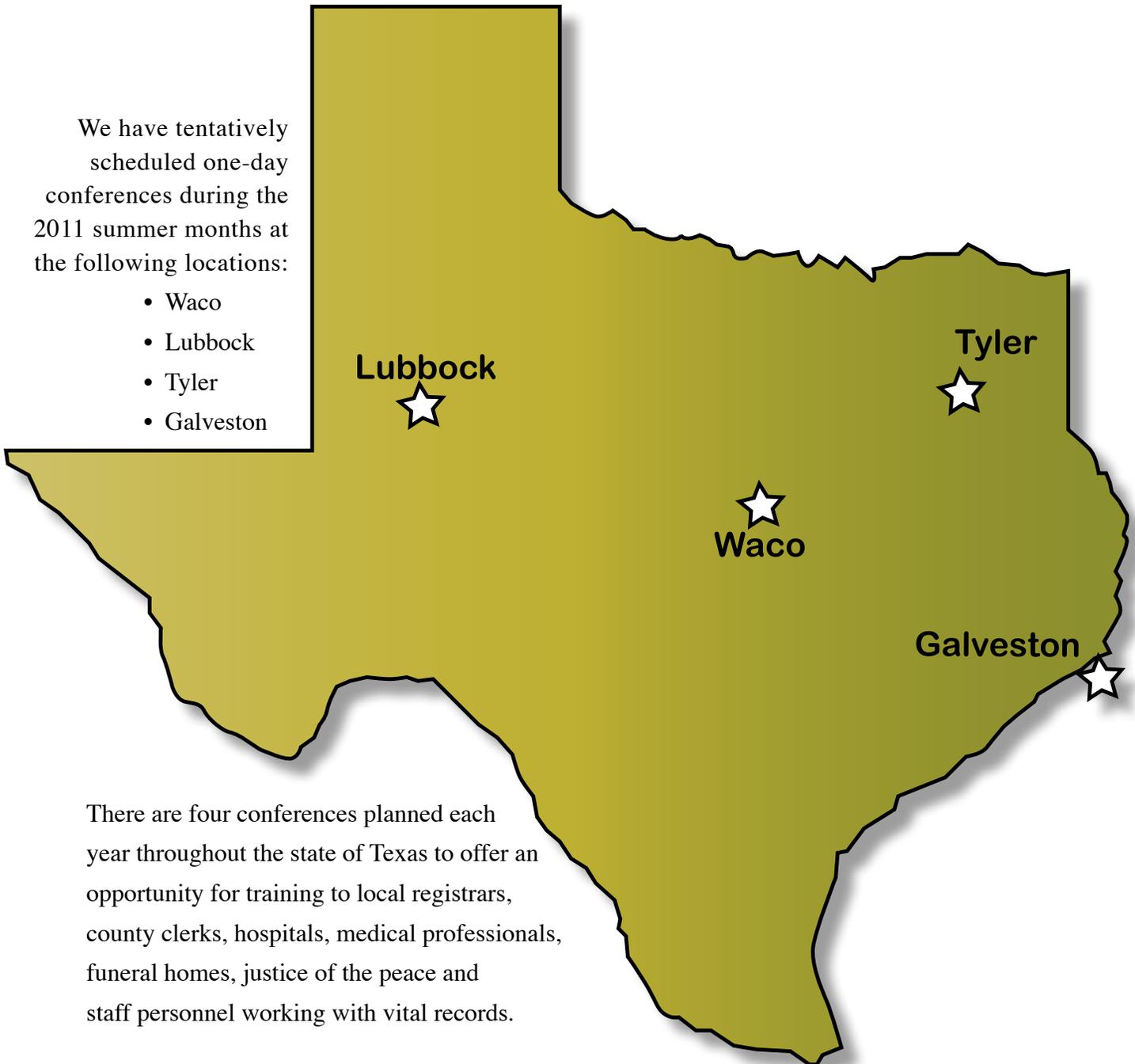
- **AHIMA Members** – Sign in at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk on the American Hospital Information Management Association (AHIMA) sign-in sheet. Pick up CEU certificate at the end of the conference at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk.
- **County & District Clerks** – Sign in at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk on the County & District Clerks Association sign-in sheet for CEUs. Complete the CEU certification form and mail to the address on the form.
- **Funeral Directors** – Sign in at the beginning of each session on the designated Continuing Education Attendance Certification Form available from session monitors. Separate and submit the attendance certification to the monitor and retain the Certificate of Attendance for your records.
- **Justice of the Peace** – Sign in at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk on the designated Justice of the Peace sign-in sheet for CEUs. Pick up CEU certificate at the end of the conference at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk.
- **Midwives** – Sign in at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk on the designated midwife sign-in sheet for CEUs. Pick up CEU certificate at the end of the conference at the Continuing Education/Registration Desk.
- **TCLEOSE Members** – Sign in at the beginning of each session on the designated CAPCOG Regional Training sheet available from session monitors. Fill out the Student Registration Form and Evaluation at the end of each presentation.
- **CME** – Sign in at the beginning of each session on the designated Continuing Education Attendance sheet available from session monitors. Fill out the Registration Form and Evaluation at the end of each presentation. Submit the form and evaluation to the monitor, a certificate will be mailed to you.

# 2011 Regional Vital Statistics Conferences

## Start planning now for the 2011 Regional Vital Statistics Conferences!

We have tentatively  
scheduled one-day  
conferences during the  
2011 summer months at  
the following locations:

- Waco
- Lubbock
- Tyler
- Galveston



There are four conferences planned each year throughout the state of Texas to offer an opportunity for training to local registrars, county clerks, hospitals, medical professionals, funeral homes, justice of the peace and staff personnel working with vital records.

Watch for announcements regarding registration and hotel details on our website, [www.texasvsu.org](http://www.texasvsu.org) and in our quarterly letter “The Vital Statistics Review.”



## 2011 Master Registrar Certification Course Be a Superstar! Come join us.

The Department of State Health Services, Vital Statistics Unit would like to invite all local registrars to participate in our

**Master Registrar Certification course  
March 21-25, 2011 in Austin, Texas.**

The Master Registrar Certification course is comprised of a small group (15-20) of local registrars and deputies from around the state. The course provides them with a deeper understanding of vital registration through the statutory framework of vital registration, best practices and working collaboratively with the processes at the state and local level.

Additional information and the registration form will be available on the Vital Statistics website, [www.mrc.texasvsu.org](http://www.mrc.texasvsu.org) in early January 2011. Download the form and fax it to the Vital Statistics office. The deadline for receiving applications will be listed on the form. Registration forms should be faxed to Cathie Roche at 512-458-7538. The registration forms will be reviewed and 15 applicants will be selected to attend the course. If you have been selected you will be notified in early February 2011.

**In an informal setting  
the course encompasses  
all aspects of the  
local registrar's duties:**

- Vital registration statutes and rules
- Computer lab training
- Group projects
- Vital Statistics Unit tour
- Peer networking
- Local registrar's office site visit
- Hospital survey planning

**If you have any questions please contact Cathie Roche at [catherine.roche@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:catherine.roche@dshs.state.tx.us).  
We hope to see you there!**

## Conference Tracks



Baby carriage = birth track  
(hospitals, birthing centers)



Book = local registrar track  
(county clerks, city secretaries, JPs)



Grave stone = death track  
(funeral homes, physicians, JPs)



Ambulance = mass fatality track  
(all groups)

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12/8/2010 1:00 - 4:40 pm  
Location: Ballroom A  
Session: **AOP Certification Course**  
Presenters: Anna Kesler  
Outreach Coordinator, Region 4  
Attorney General's Office, Child Support Division



Aimee Evins  
Regional Outreach Coordinator  
Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division, Paternity Opportunity Program

Description: Session will provide Acknowledgement of Paternity Certification from the Office of the Attorney General.

**Recommended Audience: Birth Registrars, County and District Clerks, Midwives**

Continuing Education Credits: AHIMA, CC, MW

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12/8/2010 1:00 - 2:50 pm  
Location: Ballroom B  
Session: **MRC Graduates Annual Project Planning Event**  
Presenter: Cathie Roche  
Area Representative, Field Services, Texas Vital Statistics Unit



Description: Each year the graduates of the Master Registrar Certification (MRC) course come together to work on an annual project. The topic and details of the upcoming MRC annual project are discussed during this session of the annual conference. The results and final findings of the previous year's MRC project are announced during this conference. Special appreciation certificates are given to those MRC graduates who were able to actively participate in the project for the previous year.

**Recommended Audience: County and District Clerks**

Continuing Education Credits: CC

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12/8/2010 1:00 - 2:50 pm  
Location: Trinity  
Session: **Funeral Home Law**  
Presenter: Chris Layton  
Dean of Students, Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service



Description: This session will provide examples of the laws, rules and regulations that govern the funeral profession in Texas.

**Recommended Audience: Funeral Directors**

Continuing Education Credits: TFSC

# Wednesday – December 8, 2010

12/8/2010 1:00 - 2:50 pm  
Location: Wedgewood  
Session: **Mass Fatality Management: State Plan and Toolkit for Local Planning**  
Presenters: Priscilla Boston  
Preparedness Plans Coordinator, Community Preparedness, DSHS



Megan Palko  
Program Specialist V, Community Preparedness, DSHS

Description: This session provides orientation to the State of Texas Emergency Management Plan for Mass Fatality Response, and the DSHS Mass Fatality Planning Toolkit for local plan development. Presenters will provide an overview to why and how emergency management plans are developed, and to the state's concept of operations for response. DSHS tools for local plan development will also be shared. The objective of this session is to encourage the involvement of justices of the peace and registrars in developing local response plans since they have important roles to play in a mass fatality incident.

**Recommended Audience: County and District Clerks, Justices of the Peace, Law Enforcement, Physicians**  
Continuing Education Credits: CC, TJCTC, TCLEOSE, CME

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12/8/2010 3:00 - 4:40 pm  
Location: Ballroom B  
Session: **Delayed Records**  
Presenter: Cindy Brown  
Program Specialist, Texas Vital Statistics Unit



Description: This session will help participants get a fresh perspective on Delayed Records. It will cover the Delayed Records processes and provide helpful information on avoiding issues when applying for Delayed Records.

**Recommended Audience: County and District Clerks, Justices of the Peace**  
Continuing Education Credits: CC, TJCTC

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12/8/2010 3:00 - 4:40 pm  
Location: Trinity  
Session: **Funeral Home Ethics**  
Presenter: Chris Layton  
Dean of Students, Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service



Description: This session will take a look at the ethical treatment of families in the funeral profession.

**Recommended Audience: Funeral Directors**  
Continuing Education Credits: TFSC

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12/8/2010 3:00 - 4:40 pm  
Location: Wedgewood  
Session: **The Meta-Leader: Responding to Unprecedented Threats**  
Presenter: Yvonne Howze  
Section Director, Health Information and Vital Statistics



Description: This interactive presentation will discuss the meta-leadership construct for helping organizations be better equipped for dealing with unexpected crises and their aftermath, such as hurricanes, fires, national security breaches, etc. Participants will role-play a manufactured crisis and create a mini-plan that they can build on once they return to their offices.

**Recommended Audience: Birth Registrars, County and District Clerks, Midwives, Funeral Directors, Law Enforcement, Physicians**  
Continuing Education Credits: AHIMA, CC, MW, TFSC, TCLEOSE, CME

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# Wednesday – December 8, 2010

12/8/2010 5:00 - 6:45 pm  
Location: Trinity  
Session: **Death Registration Laws, Rules, Policies and Procedures**  
Presenter: Victor Farinelli  
Area Representative, Field Services, Texas Vital Statistics Unit



Description: We will be going over the Laws, Rules, Policies and Procedures regarding death registration in the State of Texas. In Addition, we will be review different scenarios in regards to death registration attendees will be asked to work in a group setting to determine proper way to handle the given scenario.

**Recommended Audience: Birth Registrars, County and District Clerks, Midwives, Funeral Directors, Law Enforcement, Physicians**

Continuing Education Credits: AHIMA, CC, MW, TFSC, TCLEOSE, CME

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12/8/2010 5:00 - 6:45 pm  
Location: Ballroom B  
Session: **Local Registrar Statutes**  
Presenter: Geraldine Harris  
State Registrar, Texas Vital Statistics Unit



Description: This session will comprise of an interactive question and answer discussion on key issues relating to local registration, including scenarios for birth and death, statutes and rules, use of the Texas Electronic Registrar system, and the roles funeral directors, medical certifiers and local registrars play in vital registration.

**Recommended Audience: County and District Clerks, Justices of the Peace**

Continuing Education Credits: CC, TJCTC

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12/8/2010 5:00 - 6:45 pm  
Location: Ballroom A  
Session: **Birth Statutes**  
Presenter: Iris Rodriguez  
Area Representative, Field Services, Texas Vital Statistics Unit



Description: This session will review the latest information relating to birth statutes.

**Recommended Audience: Birth Registrars, County and District Clerks, Midwives**

Continuing Education Credits: AHIMA, CC, MW

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12/8/2010 5:00 - 6:45 pm  
Location: Wedgewood  
Session: **No Laughing Matter: An Overview of Marriage Statutes**  
Presenter: Derek Johnson  
Area Representative, Field Services, Texas Vital Statistics Unit



Description: There's a lot of humor to be found in weddings, but the statutes that surround marriages in Texas are no joke. This presentation covers marriage statutes in Texas, from the initial application to the marriage ceremony and the completed license.

**Recommended Audience: County and District Clerks, Justices of the Peace**

Continuing Education Credits: CC, TJCTC

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# Thursday – December 9, 2010

12/9/2010 8:00 - 9:45 am  
Location: Ballroom A  
Session: **Welcome and Opening - Keynote Address**  
Presenter: Jocelyn Sargent  
Program Officer, W. K. Kellogg Foundation

**Keynote Speaker**

12/9/2010 10:00 - 11:30 am  
Location: Trinity  
Session: **Texas Electronic Death Registration**  
Presenter: Albert Rivera  
Manager, Field Services, Texas Vital Statistics Unit



Description: This session will provide a systematic review of the Texas online death registration system and how death data should be collected, inputted, and transmitted via the Internet to the Vital Statistics Unit. This session will focus on the mechanics of successfully using the electronic death registration system for all levels of participation.

**Recommended Audience: Birth Registrars, County and District Clerks, Funeral Directors, Law Enforcement, Physicians**

Continuing Education Credits: AHIMA, CC, TFSC, TCLEOSE, CME

12/9/2010 10:00 - 11:30 am  
Location: Wedgewood  
Session: **Supplemental Records Panel**



Panelists: Linda Rodriguez  
Program Specialist, Training Coordinator, Texas Vital Statistics Unit  
Diana Martinez  
Team Lead Assist for Paternities, Texas Vital Statistics Unit  
Lori De Leon  
Team Lead Assist for Adoptions, Texas Vital Statistics Unit  
Christina Faske  
Team Lead Assist for Amendments, Texas Vital Statistics Unit



Moderator: Linda Rodriguez

Description: Subject matter specialists will be available to answer any questions, concerns regarding Supplemental Records.

**Recommended Audience: County and District Clerks, Midwives**

Continuing Education Credits: CC

12/9/2010 10:00 - 11:30 am  
Location: Ballroom A  
Session: **TER Birth: Improving Data Quality in the TER Birth System**  
Presenter: Cathie Roche  
Area Representative, Field Services, Texas Vital Statistics Unit



Description: This session will provide a basic quick overview of the TER birth system and take a detailed look at the information provided through the TER Birth system – how it is used and how it can be improved.

**Recommended Audience: Birth Registrars, County and District Clerks, Midwives**

Continuing Education Credits: AHIMA, CC, MW

# Thursday – December 9, 2010

12/9/2010 10:00 - 11:30 am  
Location: Ballroom B  
Session: **Texas Electronic Registration for Local Registrars**  
Presenter: Sandra Lackey  
Manager, Electronic Registration, Texas Vital Statistics Unit



Description: This session will cover birth and death registration processes via the Texas Electronic Registrar system. We will also discuss TER setup and maintenance issues, amendments processing, and TER Frequently Asked Questions.

**Recommended Audience: County and District Clerks**

Continuing Education Credits: CC

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12/9/2010 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Location: Rio Grande Exhibit Hall A & B  
Session: **Awards Luncheon**  
Presenter: Jocelyn Sargent  
Program Officer, W. K. Kellogg Foundation

**5-Star Awards**

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12/9/2010 1:30 - 5:00 pm  
Location: Ballroom A  
Session: **AOP Certification Course**  
Presenters: Sue Gleason  
Regional Outreach Coordinator, Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division  
Leticia Cantu  
Regional Outreach Coordinator, OAG Child Support Division



Description: Session will provide Acknowledgement of Paternity Certification from the Office of the Attorney General.

**Recommended Audience: Birth Registrars, County and District Clerks, Midwives**

Continuing Education Credits: AHIMA, CC, MW

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12/9/2010 1:30 - 3:00 pm  
Location: Trinity  
Session: **Importance of Death Reporting for Public Health Response / Mortality Surveillance**  
Presenters: David Zane  
Epidemiologist, Community Preparedness Section



Tami Dittburner  
Texas Disaster Health Service Advisor, American Red Cross Volunteer

Russell Jones  
Epidemiologist, Epidemiology/DSHS Region 7  
Description: Panel discussing the importance of death reporting for public health responses and mortality surveillance.

**Recommended Audience: County and District Clerks, Justices of the Peace, Funeral Directors, Law Enforcement, Physicians**

Continuing Education Credits: CC, TFSC, TJCTC, TCLEOSE, CME

# Thursday – December 9, 2010

12/9/2010 1:30 - 3:00 pm  
Location: Wedgewood  
Session: **Vital Statistics Fraud**  
Presenter: Edward Saucedo  
Investigator VII, Office of the Inspector General



Description: Fraudulent identification documents are no longer just a problem related to identity theft. Local, State and Federal agencies rely on vital records as proof of age, identity and citizenship to determine eligibility for benefits, insurance benefits or to allow or deny entry into a vulnerable facility. Now more than ever, it is important that everyone involved with vital records be vigilant in protecting these documents against potential use for fraudulent activity. This session stresses the importance of vigilance in ensuring vital records fall into the proper hands.

**Recommended Audience: Birth Registrars, County and District Clerks, Midwives, Funeral Directors, Law Enforcement**

Continuing Education Credits: AHIMA, CC, MW, TFSC, TCLEOSE

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12/9/2010 1:30 - 3:00 pm  
Location: Ballroom B  
Session: **Local Registrar Visitation Plan/Surveys Panel**  
Panelists: Norma Longoria  
Sr. Deputy Registrar, City of Lubbock Secretary's Office  
Victor Farinelli  
Area Representative, Field Services, Texas Vital Statistics Unit  
Derek Johnson  
Area Representative, Field Services, Texas Vital Statistics Unit  
Cathie Roche  
Area Representative, Field Services, Texas Vital Statistics Unit



Moderator: Albert Rivera

Description: Panel discussing the Field Services Local Registrar visitation plan and surveys.

**Recommended Audience: County and District Clerks, Midwives**

Continuing Education Credits: CC, MW

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12/9/2010 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
Location: Ballroom B  
Session: **How to Protect Your Vital Record Documents Against Counterfeiting and Fraud**  
Presenter: Ernie Buckley  
Vice President, Sales, Northern Bank Note Company



Description: This session will discuss how to protect your vital record documents against counterfeiting and fraud

**Recommended Audience: County and District Clerks**

Continuing Education Credits: CC, TCLEOSE, TJCTC

# Friday – December 10, 2010

12/10/2010 8:00 - 9:30 am  
Location: Wedgewood  
Session: **Protecting the Integrity of U.S. Citizenship - One Birth Certificate at a Time**



Presenters: Rory Wyatt  
Assistant Director, Dallas Passport Agency  
  
Vanessa Winins  
Fraud Prevention Manager, Dallas Passport Agency  
  
Joyce Lester  
Fraud Prevention Manager, Houston Passport Agency  
  
Armando Armendariz  
Fraud Prevention Manager, Houston Passport Agency



Description: This session will provide an overview of Consular Affairs and discuss different types of acceptable documentation. Case studies of passport fraud associated with fraudulently obtained certified long form, delayed, and court ordered birth certificates will also be presented.

**Recommended Audience: County and District Clerks, Funeral Directors, Law Enforcement**

Continuing Education Credits: CC, TFSC, TCLEOSE

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12/10/2010 8:00 - 9:30 am  
Location: Trinity  
Session: **Death Panel**



Panelists: Derek Johnson  
Area Representative, Field Services, Texas Vital Statistics Unit  
  
Margaret Salinas  
Senior Deputy Local Registrar, City of San Marcos City Clerk's Office  
  
Julie Moy MD, MPH, FAAFP  
Medical Services Coordinator for State Supported Living Centers,  
Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services  
  
Bill Piet  
Funeral Director / Liaison, Porter Loring Mortuaries  
  
Satish Chundru, D.O.  
Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, Travis Co Medical Examiner

Moderator: Derek Johnson

Description: Panel discussing death registration processes, procedures, statutes and other related topics.

**Recommended Audience: Birth Registrars, County and District Clerks, Funeral Directors, Justices of the Peace, Law Enforcement, Physicians**

Continuing Education Credits: AHIMA, CC, TFSC, TJCTC, TCLEOSE, CME

# Friday – December 10, 2010

12/10/2010 8:00 - 9:30 am  
Location: Ballroom A  
Session: **Birth Panel**



Panelists: Cathie Roche  
Area Representative, Field Services, Texas Vital Statistics Unit  
  
Sandra Lackey  
Manager, Texas Vital Statistics Unit  
  
Vickie Higgins  
Program Expert, Social Security Administration  
  
Ishah Coleman  
ImmTrac Program Specialist, DSHS Immunization Branch  
  
Carol Collier-Murphy  
Regional Outreach Coordinator, OAG Paternity Opportunity Program  
  
Donna Williams  
Newborn Screening Program Specialist, Newborn Screening Laboratory

Moderator: Catherine Roche

Description: Panel discussing birth registration processes, procedures, statutes and other related topics.

**Recommended Audience: Birth Registrars, County and District Clerks, Midwives**

Continuing Education Credits: AHIMA, CC, MW

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12/10/2010 8:00 - 9:30 am  
Location: Ballroom B  
Session: **Local Registrar Panel**



Panelists: Barbette Quigley  
City of Bedford  
  
Norma Longoria  
Sr Deputy Registrar, City of Lubbock Secretary's Office

Moderator: Albert Rivera

Description: Panel discussing local registration processes, procedures, statutes and other related topics.

**Recommended Audience: County and District Clerks, Midwives**

Continuing Education Credits: CC

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12/10/2010 9:45 - 11:15 am  
Location: Ballroom A  
Session: **Unusual Birth Scenarios**  
Presenter: Derek Johnson  
Area Representative, Field Services, Texas Vital Statistics Unit



Description: Institutional births are fairly uniform, but non-institutional births vary so widely that finding out exactly how statutes apply can become challenging. In this presentation, unusual non-institutional birth scenarios are discussed, and what statutes say in processing them.

**Recommended Audience: Birth Registrars, County and District Clerks, Midwives**

Continuing Education Credits: AHIMA, CC, MW

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# Friday – December 10, 2010

12/10/2010 9:45 - 11:15 am  
Location: Ballroom B  
Session: **How Ready Are You? A Business Continuity Preparedness Self-Assessment**  
Presenter: Andrew Gonzalez  
Branch Manager, Request Processing, Texas Vital Statistics Unit



Description: During times of disaster, residents turn to elected officials for assistance and aid. They expect government to respond quickly, to protect their lives and property and to restore their community in a short timeframe. At each step the government relies on certain essential records to manage the crisis. This session identifies essential record types, presents real-world examples of safeguarding records, and provides a self-assessment tool for use in your local business continuity planning.

**Recommended Audience: Birth Registrars, County and District Clerks, Justices of the Peace**  
Continuing Education Credits: AHIMA, CC, TJCTC

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12/10/2010 9:45 - 11:15 am  
Location: Trinity  
Session: **Death Certification**  
Presenter: Satish Chundru, D.O.  
Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, Travis Co Medical Examiner



Description: This course will explain the death certification process and show how to improve quality.

**Recommended Audience: Birth Registrars, County and District Clerks, Midwives, Funeral Directors, Law Enforcement, Physicians**  
Continuing Education Credits: AHIMA, CC, TFSC, TJCTC, TCLEOSE, CME

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12/10/2010 9:45 - 11:15 am  
Location: Wedgewood  
Session: **Web Site Usage and Tech Advancements**  
Presenters: Victor Farinelli  
Area Representative, Field Services, — Texas Vital Statistics Unit  
Iris Rodriguez  
Area Representative, Field Services, — Texas Vital Statistics Unit



Description: This class will review information available on the VSU website as well as the new VSU wiki.

**Recommended Audience: Birth Registrars, County and District Clerks, Midwives, Justices of the Peace**  
Continuing Education Credits: AHIMA, CC, TFSC, TJCTC

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12/10/2010 11:15 - 11:45 am  
Location: Ballroom A  
Session: **Conference Closing and FAQ**  
Presenter: Geraldine Harris  
State Registrar, Texas Vital Statistics Unit

Description: Ms. Geraldine Harris will address attendees and provide a brief question-and-answer session on topics that have been covered over the past three days.

## Keynote Speaker

### Jocelyn V. Sargent Program Officer

Dr. Jocelyn Sargent is a program officer with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan.

In this role, Jocelyn is responsible for leadership and vision in program conceptualization, design, planning, management, coordination, communication, evaluation, policy and learning. She maintains accurate and current knowledge about trends, movements, and developing policy to stimulate appropriate programming directions and capitalize on emergency opportunities. She assists in forecasting resource requirements by identifying and examining the opportunities and challenges in coordinating and leveraging human and financial resources for grantmaking and changemaking. Jocelyn focuses on Food, Health and Well-being programs, and also serves on the Racial Equity Team.



The W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports children, families, and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society.

Previously, Jocelyn held the position of evaluation manager with the Foundation. Prior to joining the Foundation, she was program director for the Institute of African American Research, University of North Carolina, where she designed and managed evaluation research activities to examine the role of philanthropy in community-based advocacy. Earlier at the University, she was assistant director for the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History, helping to manage resource development and research initiatives. Jocelyn also was the deputy director and a senior research associate at the Howard Samuels State Management and Policy Center at City University of New York Graduate Center. As a program development fellow and program director for the Open Society Institute, she developed strategies to allocate resources to marginalized communities to promote democracy and equity in public policy decisions.

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# Graduating Class - 2010 Master Registrar Certification Course



*We would like to congratulate the 2010 Master Registrar Certification course attendees on their graduation!*

Reasha M. Smith – City of Bedford  
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Winstonia Davenport – Brazos County  
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Betsy Gates – City of Tomball  
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Peggy Johnson – City of Navasota  
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## MRC Graduate Project Participants



*We would like to recognize the Master Registrar Certification graduates who contributed to the MRC Annual Project – Revision of the Local Registrar Handbook.*

Barbette Quigley – City of Bedford  
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Greta Zamora – City of McAllen

# 2010 VSU Annual Conference

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

TIME	BALLROOM B	BALLROOM A
1:00 - 2:50 pm	AOP Certification Course 	MRC Graduates Annual Project Planning Event 
3:00 - 4:40 pm		Delayed Records 
4:40 - 5:00 pm	BREAK	
5:00 - 6:45 pm	Birth Statutes 	Local Registrar Statutes 

Thursday, December 9, 2010

TIME	BALLROOM B	BALLROOM A
8:00 - 9:45 am	WELCOME and OPENING	
10:00 - 11:30 am	TER Birth: Improving Data Quality in the TER Birth System 	Texas Electronic Registration for Local Registrars 
11:30 - 1:30 pm	LUNCH	
1:30 - 3:00 pm	AOP Certification Course 	Local Registrar Visitation Plan/Surveys Panel 
3:00 - 3:30 pm	BREAK	
3:30 - 5:00 pm	AOP Certification Course (continued) 	← - - - - - 

Friday, December 10, 2010

TIME	BALLROOM B	BALLROOM A
8:00 - 9:30 am	Birth Panel 	Local Registrar Panel 
9:30 - 9:45 am	BREAK	
9:45 - 11:15 am	Unusual Birth Scenarios 	How Ready Are You? A Business Continuity Preparedness Self-Assessment 
11:15 - 11:45 am	CLOSING	

**Conference Tracks**



Baby carriage = birth track (hospitals, birthing centers)



Book = local registrar track (county clerks, city secretaries, JPs)

# Mass Fatality Conference - Schedule

TRINITY	WEDGEWOOD	CANADIAN
Funeral Home Law 	Mass Fatality Management: State Plan and Toolkit for Local Planning 	VitalChek Consultation for Program Attendees
Funeral Home Ethics 	The Meta-Leader: Responding to Unprecedented Threats 	
EXHIBITORS — CHS ROOM		
Death Registration Laws, Rules, Policies and Procedures 	No Laughing Matter: An Overview of Marriage Statutes 	

TRINITY	WEDGEWOOD	CANADIAN
<b>Dr. Lakey, DSHS Commissioner and Dr. Jocelyn Sargent, Kellogg Foundation (ALL)</b>		
Texas Electronic Death Registration 	Supplemental Records Panel  	VitalChek Consultation for Program Attendees
<b>Dr. Jocelyn Sargent, Kellogg Foundation – Awards Recognition</b>		
The Importance of Death Reporting for Public Health Response/ Mortality Surveillance 	Vital Statistics Fraud    	
EXHIBITORS — CHS ROOM		
<div style="border: 1px dashed orange; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                 How to Protect Your Vital Record Documents Against Counterfeiting and Fraud  </div>		

TRINITY	WEDGEWOOD	CANADIAN
Death Panel 	Protecting the Integrity of U.S. Citizenship – One Birth Certificate at a Time   	VitalChek Consultation for Program Attendees
EXHIBITORS — CHS ROOM		
Death Certification 	Web Site Usage and Tech Advancements 	
<b>Geraldine R. Harris, State Registrar</b>		



Grave stone = death track  
(funeral homes, physicians, JPs)



Ambulance = mass fatality track  
(all groups)



# Five Star Vital Registration 2010



## 2010 Five Star Service Award Winning Local Registrars

### Exemplary Five Star Award Winning Local Registrars

City of Arlington  
 City of Austin - HHSD  
 City of Baytown  
 City of Beaumont  
 City of Bedford  
 City of Canyon  
 City of Dallas  
 City of Harlingen  
 City of Lewisville  
 City of North Richland Hills  
 City of San Marcos  
 City of Tomball  
 City of Victoria  
 City of Waco/  
 McLennan County PHD  
 City of Wichita Falls/  
 Wichita County PHD  
 Collin County Clerk  
 Comal County Clerk  
 Cooke County Clerk  
 Denton County Clerk  
 Ector County Clerk  
 Grayson County Clerk  
 Guadalupe County Clerk  
 Harris County Clerk  
 Hill County Clerk



Hood County Clerk  
 Hunt County Clerk  
 Kaufman County Clerk  
 Kerr County Clerk  
 Midland County Clerk  
 Navarro County Clerk  
 Polk County Clerk  
 Rusk County Clerk  
 San Antonio Metro Health District  
 Tarrant County Clerk  
 Tom Green County  
 Washington County Clerk  
 Williamson County Clerk  
 Wise County Clerk

### Five Star Award Winning Local Registrars

Bell County Clerk  
 Brazoria County Clerk  
 City of Bryan  
 City of Houston  
 City of Lubbock Health  
 Department  
 City of Temple  
 Deaf Smith County Clerk  
 El Paso County Clerk  
 Ellis County Clerk  
 Fort Bend County Clerk  
 Galveston County Health District  
 Gregg County Clerk  
 Hamilton County Clerk  
 Medina County Clerk  
 Nolan County Clerk  
 Northwest Texas PHD  
 Parker County Clerk  
 Rockwall County Clerk  
 Titus County Clerk  
 Deaf Smith County Clerk  
 El Paso County Clerk  
 Ellis County Clerk  
 Fort Bend County Clerk  
 Galveston County PHD



# Five Star Vital Registration 2010



## 2010 Five Star Service Award Winning Hospitals

### Exemplary Five Star Hospital Award Winners

Baylor Medical Center at Garland

Baylor Medical Center  
at Grapevine

Brazosport Regional  
Health System

Central Texas Medical Center

Christus Santa Rosa Hospital - New  
Braunfels

Daughters of Charity Health  
Services of Austin -  
Seton Medical Center Austin

Hendrick Medical Center

Hill Country Memorial Hospital

Medical City Dallas Hospital

Memorial Hermann  
Southeast Hospital

Memorial Hermann the Woodlands  
Methodist Willowbrook Hospital

Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital

Oakbend Medical Center

San Jacinto Methodist Hospital

Scott and White Memorial  
Hospital - Temple

Scott and White University Medical  
Campus - Round Rock

St. David's Georgetown Hospital

St. Luke's the Woodlands  
Texas Health Presbyterian  
Hospital Denton

University Health System -  
University Hospital

University Medical Center  
at Brackenridge

Uvalde Memorial Hospital

### Five Star Hospital Award Winners

Baptist Health System -  
North Central Baptist Hospital

Baylor Medical Center at Frisco

Bayshore Medical Center

Dimmit County Memorial Hospital

East Houston Regional Medical Center

Graham Regional Medical Center

Hunt Regional Medical Center

Las Palmas Medical Center

Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital

Memorial Hermann  
Memorial City

Methodist Richardson  
Medical Center

Moore County Hospital District

Ochiltree General Hospital

Palestine Regional  
Medical Center

Scenic Mountain  
Medical Center

St. David's Medical Center

Valley Baptist Medical Center -  
Brownsville

Valley Baptist Medical Center - Har-  
lingen

St. David's Round Rock Hospital  
Round Rock



# Five Star Vital Registration 2010



## 2010 Five Star Service Award Winning Funeral Homes

Aria Cremation Service & Funeral Home - Dallas

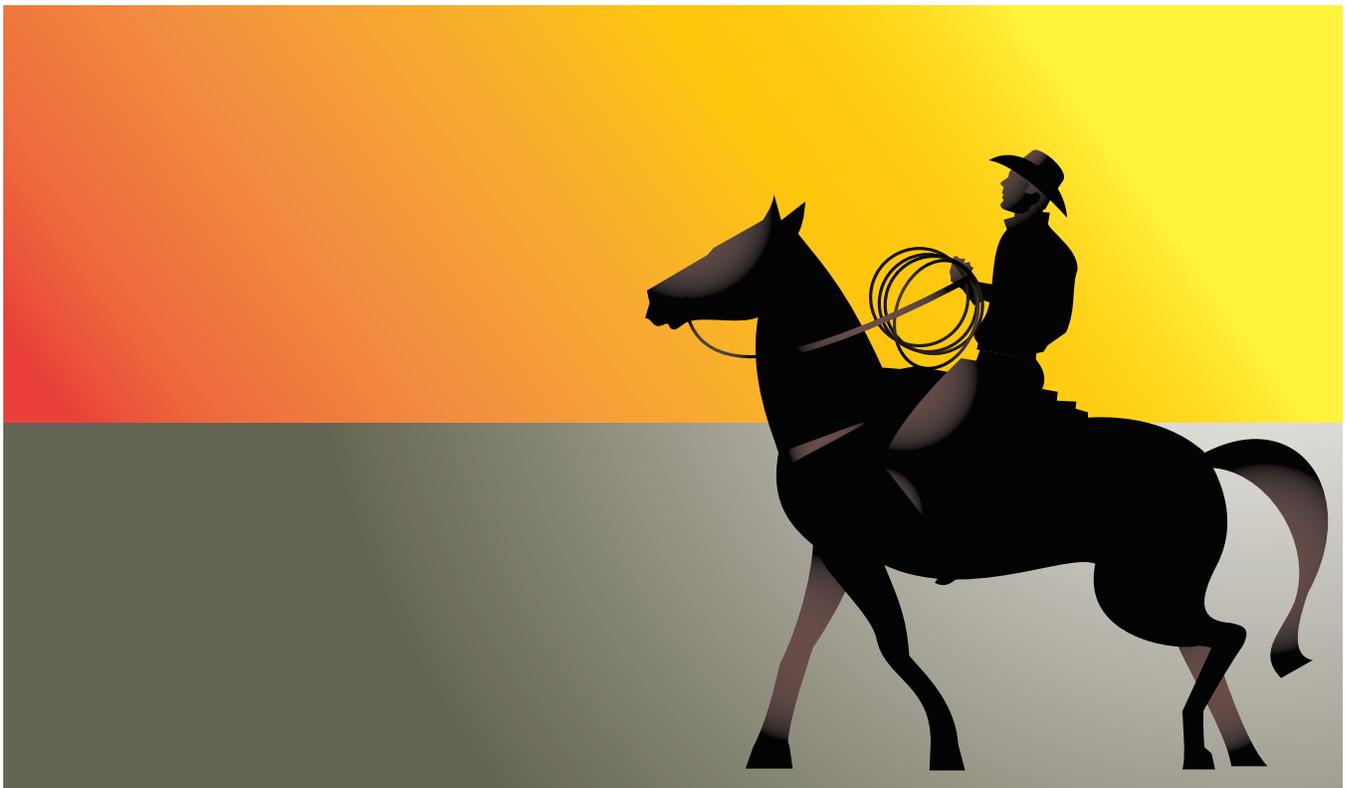
Bastrop Providence Funeral Home

Kerrville Funeral Home

Kingwood Funeral Home

Restland Funeral Home - Dallas

Schmidt Funeral Home - Katy



# Attorney General of Texas Award

## Attorney General of Texas Award

— Exemplary —

Attorney General of Texas Award for the highest percentage of AOPs completed, exceeding the statewide average and meeting all additional criteria for Federal Fiscal Year 2010

Seton Southwest Hospital,  
Austin

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano,  
Plano

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital,  
Lockney

Guadalupe Regional Medical Center,  
Seguin

Cuero Community Hospital,  
Cuero

North Central Baptist,  
San Antonio

Wise Regional Health System,  
Decatur

Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital,  
The Woodlands

Ochiltree General Hospital,  
Perryton

Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital,  
Katy

Columbus Community Hospital,  
Columbus

Bayshore Medical Center,  
Pasadena

Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine,  
Grapevine

Christus Spohn Hospital  
Corpus Christi South,  
Corpus Christi

Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital  
Cleburne, Cleburne

Del Sol Medical Center,  
El Paso

Uvalde County Hospital Authority,  
Uvalde

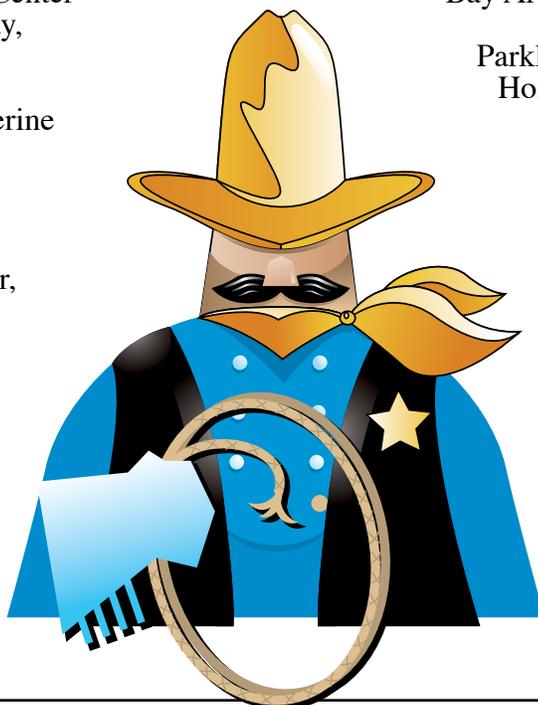
Corpus Christi Medical Center-  
Bay Area, Corpus Christi

Oakbend Medical Center  
at Williams Way,  
Richmond

Parkland Health and  
Hospital System,  
Dallas

Christus St. Catherine  
Hospital,  
Katy

Lake Pointe  
Medical Center,  
Rowlett



# Attorney General of Texas Award

## Attorney General of Texas Award

### — Outstanding —

Attorney General of Texas Award for recording an AOP percentage at least six points higher than the statewide average for Federal Fiscal Year 2010

Graham Regional Medical Center, Graham

Las Colinas Medical Center,  
Irving

Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital  
Stephenville, Stephenville

Christus Santa Rosa Hospital – Westover Hills,  
San Antonio

Seton Northwest Hospital,  
Austin

St. David's Georgetown Hospital,  
Georgetown

Seton Medical Center Hays,  
Kyle

Weatherford Regional Medical Center,  
Weatherford

Brownsville Doctors Hospital,  
Brownsville

North Texas Medical Center,  
Gainesville

Hill Country Memorial Hospital,  
Fredericksburg

Christus Spohn Hospital Kleberg,  
Kingsville

## Attorney General of Texas Award

### — Recognized —

Attorney General of Texas Award for meeting the statewide average for AOPs completed for Federal Fiscal Year 2010

Memorial Medical Center,  
Port Lavaca

Baylor Medical Center at Waxahachie,  
Waxahachie

Lamb Healthcare Center,  
Littlefield

Gulf Coast Medical Center,  
Wharton

Medical Arts Hospital,  
Lamesa

Methodist Mansfield Medical Center,  
Mansfield

Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital,  
Sweetwater

Pecos County Memorial Hospital,  
Fort Stockton

Methodist Richardson Medical Center,  
Richardson

St Mark's Medical Center,  
La Grange

Memorial Hospital,  
Seminole

Cogdell Memorial Hospital,  
Snyder

Southeast Baptist Hospital,  
San Antonio

Lake Granbury Medical Center,  
Granbury

Coon Memorial Hospital,  
Dalhart

Cedar Park Regional Medical Center,  
Cedar Park

Rice Medical Center,  
Eagle Lake

Golden Plains Community Hospital,  
Borger

# Attorney General of Texas Awards

## Attorney General of Texas Award

— *Recognized* —

Attorney General of Texas Award for meeting the statewide average for AOPs completed for  
Federal Fiscal Year 2010

North Texas Community Hospital,  
Bridgeport

The Methodist Hospital,  
Houston

Huguley Memorial Medical Center,  
Fort Worth

Scenic Mountain Medical Center,  
Big Spring

North Hills Hospital,  
N Richland Hills

Texas Health Presbyterian-WNJ,  
Sherman

Baylor Medical Center at Southwest,  
Fort Worth

Christus Spohn Hospital Alice,  
Alice

Texas Health Presbyterian  
Hospital Allen,  
Allen

Childress Regional Medical Center,  
Childress

Central Texas Medical Center,  
San Marcos

Hunt Regional Healthcare,  
Greenville

Hill Regional Hospital,  
Hillsboro

Longview Regional  
Medical Center,  
Longview

Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital,  
Nacogdoches

Memorial Medical Center Living-  
ton,  
Livingston

King's Daughters Hospital,  
Temple

Medical Center of McKinney,  
McKinney

Covenant Hospital Levelland,  
Levelland

Brownwood Regional  
Medical Center,  
Brownwood

Hopkins County Memorial Hospital,  
Sulphur Springs

Dimmit County Memorial Hospital,  
Carrizo Springs

Woodland Heights  
Medical Center,  
Lufkin

Baylor Medical Center  
at Carrollton, Carrollton

Christus St. John Hospital,  
Nassau Bay

Harlingen Medical Center,  
Harlingen

Christus Santa Rosa Hospital New  
Braunfels, New Braunfels

San Angelo Community  
Medical Center,  
San Angelo

Memorial Hermann Memorial City  
Medical Center Hospital, Houston

Palo Pinto General Hospital,  
Mineral Wells

Shannon Medical Center,  
San Angelo

East Houston Regional  
Medical Center, Houston

Citizens Medical Center,  
Victoria

Texas Health Harris Methodist  
Hospital Hurst-Eules-Bedford,  
Bedford

Conroe Regional Medical Center,  
Conroe

Ennis Regional Medical Center,  
Ennis

Methodist Willowbrook Hospital,  
Houston

Baptist St. Anthony's  
Health System, Amarillo

Methodist Sugar Land Hospital,  
Sugar Land

St. Luke's  
The Woodlands Hospital,  
The Woodlands

Texas Health Presbyterian  
Hospital Denton, Denton

Tomball Regional Medical Center,  
Tomball

Medical Center of Lewisville,  
Lewisville

Texas Regional Medical Center at  
Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale

Memorial Hermann Sugar Land,  
Sugar Land

Sierra Providence Eastside  
Medical Center, El Paso

# Attorney General of Texas Awards

## Attorney General of Texas Award

— *Recognized* —

Attorney General of Texas Award for meeting the statewide average for AOPs completed for  
Federal Fiscal Year 2010

St David's South Austin Hospital,  
Austin

Clear Lake Regional Medical  
Center, Webster

John Peter Smith Hospital,  
Fort Worth

Texas Health Harris Methodist  
Hospital Southwest Fort Worth,  
Fort Worth

University Health System,  
San Antonio

St Joseph Medical Center,  
Houston

Seton Medical Center,  
Austin

St. Lukes Baptist Hospital,  
San Antonio

Methodist Hospital,  
San Antonio

Valley Regional Medical Center-  
Brownsville, Brownsville

St David's North Austin Medical  
Center, Austin

St David's Medical Center,  
Austin

Baylor Medical Center Garland,  
Garland

Southwest General Hospital,  
San Antonio

Metropolitan Methodist Hospital,  
San Antonio

San Jacinto Methodist Hospital,  
Baytown

Brackenridge Hospital,  
Austin

Medical Center of Dallas,  
Dallas

Memorial Hermann Southeast  
Hospital, Houston

Baylor Medical Center at Irving,  
Irving

Baylor All Saints  
Medical Center,  
Fort Worth

Covenant Women's and Children's  
Hospital, Lubbock

Providence Memorial Hospital,  
El Paso

Kingwood Medical Center,  
Kingwood

The Woman's Hospital of Texas,  
Houston

DeTar Hospital North,  
Victoria

Houston Northwest Medical Center,  
Houston

Texas Health Arlington Memorial  
Hospital, Arlington

Odessa Regional Medical Center,  
Odessa

Sierra Medical Center,  
El Paso

Rio Grande Regional Hospital,  
McAllen

Abilene Regional Medical Center,  
Abilene

Scott & White Memorial Hospital,  
Temple

Doctors Hospital Tidwell,  
Houston

Valley Baptist Medical Center-  
Brownsville, Brownsville

St David's Round Rock Medical  
Center, Round Rock

Ben Taub General Hospital,  
Houston

The Medical Center of Southeast  
Texas, Port Arthur

Doctors Hospital at Renaissance,  
Edinburg

# ImmTrac Award for Excellence - 2010 Award Recipients



*For contributing to the health of Texas children through outstanding implementation of the newborn consent process for participation in ImmTrac, the Texas Immunization Registry*

## Exemplary Performance (100%)

Baylor Medical Center at Garland,  
Garland

Baylor Medical Center at Irving,  
Irving

Baylor Regional Medical Center  
at Grapevine, Grapevine

Bayshore Medical Center  
Pasadena

Big Bend Regional Medical Center  
Alpine

Brownsville Doctors Hospital  
Brownsville

Brownwood Regional  
Medical Center, Brownwood

Cedar Park Regional  
Medical Center, Cedar Park

Central Texas Medical Center  
San Marcos

Childress Regional Medical Center,  
Childress

Christus Hospital - St. Elizabeth  
Beaumont

Christus Santa Rosa Hospital at  
New Braunfels, New Braunfels

Christus Spohn Hospital Beeville  
Beeville

Christus Spohn Hospital Kleberg  
Kleberg

Christus Spohn Hospital South  
Corpus Christi

Citizens Medical Center  
Victoria

College Station Medical Center  
College Station

Columbus Community Hospital  
Columbus

Cuero Community Hospital  
Cuero

D M Cogdell Memorial Hospital  
Snyder

Detar Hospital North  
Victoria

Daughters of Charity Health Services  
of Austin-Seton Northwest, Austin

Daughters of Charity Health Services  
of Austin – DBA Seton Williamson  
Round Rock

Doctors Hospital – Dallas  
Dallas

Doctors Hospital – Laredo  
Laredo

Doctors Hospital Parkway  
Houston

East Texas Medical Center Carthage  
Carthage

Ennis Regional Medical Center  
Ennis

East Texas Medical Center  
Henderson, Henderson

Fort Duncan Regional  
Medical Center, Eagle Pass

Frio Regional Hospital  
Pearsall

Golden Plains Community Hospital  
Borger

Graham Regional Medical Center  
Graham

Gulf Coast Medical Center  
Wharton

Hendrick Medical Center  
Abilene

Hill Country Memorial Hospital  
Fredericksburg

## Exemplary Performance (99-100%)

Hopkins County Memorial Hospital  
Sulphur Springs

Houston Northwest Medical Center  
Houston

Huguley Memorial Medical Center  
Fort Worth

Lake Granbury Medical Center  
Granbury

Lamb Healthcare Center  
Littlefield

Laredo Medical Center  
Laredo

Las Colinas Medical Center  
Irving

Maternity Care Center  
Del Rio

Medical Arts Hospital  
Lamesa

Medical Center Hospital  
Odessa

Medical Center of Arlington  
Arlington

Medina Regional Hospital  
Hondo

Memorial Hermann  
Northeast Hospital, Humble

Memorial Hermann  
Northwest Hospital, Houston

# ImmTrac Award for Excellence - 2010 Award Recipients



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Medical Center Hospital Odessa	North Central Baptist Hospital San Antonio	Spring Branch Medical Center Houston
Medical Center of Arlington Arlington	North Houston Birth Center Houston	St David's Georgetown Hospital Georgetown
Medina Regional Hospital Hondo	Ochiltree General Hospital Perrytown	St Joseph Medical Center Houston
Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, Houston	Odessa Regional Medical Center, Odessa	St Joseph Regional Health Center Bryan
Memorial Hermann Sugar Land- Sugar Land	Palestine Regional Medical Center, Palestine	St Luke's Community Medical Center The Woodlands, The Woodlands
Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital, Shenandoah	Palo Pinto General Hospital Mineral Wells	Starr County Memorial Hospital Rio Grande City
Memorial Hospital – Seminole, Seminole	Paris Regional Medical Center Paris	Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital H-E-B, Bedford
Memorial Medical Center Port Lavaca	Parkland Memorial Hospital Dallas	Texas Regional Medical Center of Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale
Memorial Medical Center of East Texas, Lufkin	Pecos County Memorial Hospital, Fort Stockton	Titus Regional Medical Center Mount Pleasant
Methodist Charlton Medical Center Dallas	Permian Regional Medical Center, Andrews	Tomball Regional Hospital Tomball
Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, Mansfield	Peterson Regional Medical Center, Kerrville	University Hospital San Antonio
Methodist Stone Oak San Antonio	Presbyterian Hospital of Denton, Denton	University Medical Center of El Paso El Paso
Methodist Willowbrook Hospital Houston	San Jacinto Methodist Hospital, Baytown	Uvalde Memorial Hospital Uvalde
Metroplex Hospital Killeen	Scenic Mountain Medical Center Big Spring	Valley Baptist Medical Center Harlingen
Mission Hospital Mission	Seton Medical Center Hays Kyle	Valley Baptist Medical Center – Brownsville, Brownsville
Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital Nacogdoches	Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital, San Angelo	Wadley Regional Medical Center Texarkana
Navarro Regional Hospital Corsicana	Sierra Providence East Medical Center, El Paso	Yoakum County Hospital Denver City
North Austin Medical Center – St David's, Austin	Southwest General Hospital San Antonio	

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Christina Hernandez  
Christina Rivera  
Christine Jester

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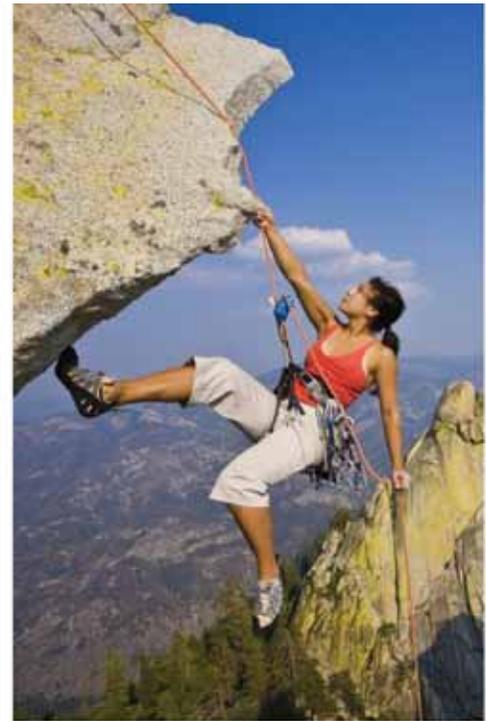
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# Vital Statistics and Mass Fatality Planning and Preparedness

At first glance, perhaps the two subjects seem unrelated – but in reality these areas are intricately dependent on one another. They are pieces of a much larger puzzle that when completed form an alliance that creates a healthier and more secure environment for Texans.

Vital statistics provides a wide variety of data collected through birth and death registration. The data is monitored for quality assurance – accuracy and completeness. The data from across the state is then compiled to identify health, geographic, economic and demographic trends. These trends allow agencies to identify potential health risks in advance which then allow us all to prepare for catastrophic events, in which mass fatality is a concern.

Death certificates are important – knowing the cause of death and circumstances surrounding deaths can help inform the content of warning measures to prevent future disaster deaths. In fact cause of death information can allow agencies to track a natural health epidemic as it progresses in order to predict the best action taken to control its effects.

This was the case when the H1N1 virus occurred in Texas in 2009. As deaths from the virus were reported in TER, DSHS was able to track its progress and fatality rate making it possible to prepare for and minimize the effects of the epidemic.

Birth certificates are important – knowing the possible health concerns of Texans based on health, geographic, economic and demographic information provided by birth data can show high health risk trends. Populations with high risk health trends are more likely to be affected by the results of a catastrophic event. Having this information in advance allows agencies to prepare for worst case scenarios.

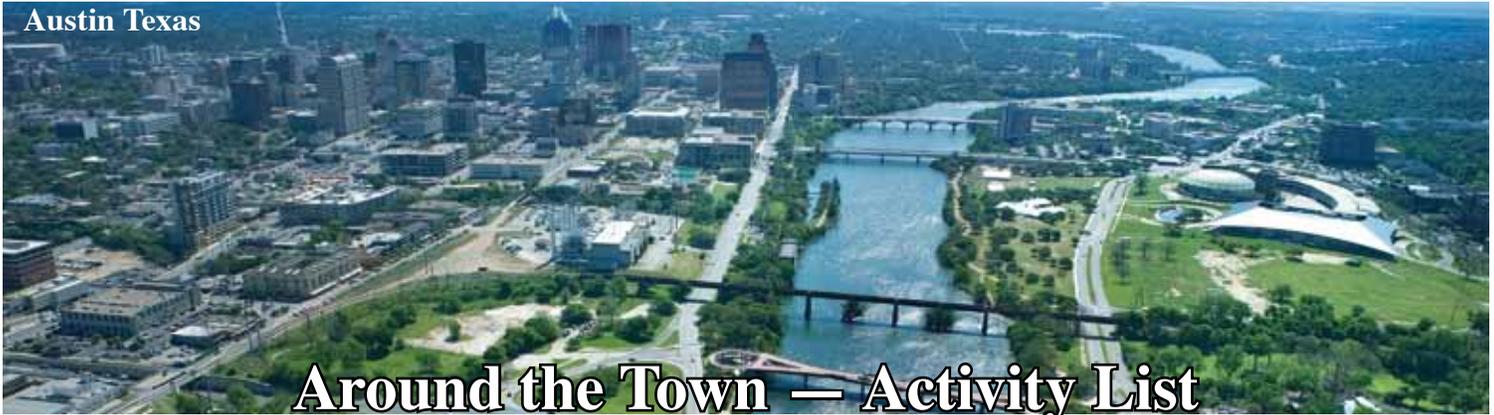
The collection and analysis of data from vital statistic records across the state as well as across the nation can dramatically impact our ability to be prepared for mass fatality events and therefore to minimize the loss of life.



**The Big Picture - How vital records play a role in preparedness planning.**

Vital statistics sets the ground work for preparing data to be analyzed and used to benefit programs and the needs of the community to prepare for catastrophic events. The data (yellow) is made available for programs and components of planning (orange) to prepare (red) the community for a catastrophic event - and therefore minimizing the effect of that event!

**We are all a part of the process;  
as we connect and share information we solve problems!**



# Around the Town – Activity List

## Arts and Crafts

### Cherrywood Art Fair

free admission  
December 11 – 12, 2010  
10 am – 6 pm (Sat.)  
Maplewood Elementary School  
Noon – 6 pm (Sun.)  
3808 Maplewood Ave.

### Blue Genie Art Bazaar

free admission  
December 1 – 24, 2010  
10am – 10pm  
Local artist and crafters show  
Monarch Event Center  
Lincoln Village  
6226 Middle Fiskville Road

## Attractions

### 37th Street Lights

free admission  
Austin homes displaying  
Christmas lights  
37th East of Guadalupe

### Zilker Holiday Tree

free admission  
Zilker Park  
Tree lighting – Dec.5, 2010  
155 feet tall, 39 streamers of  
more than 3,000 lights!

## Live Music

### Antone's

Tickets - \$10  
213 W 5th St  
What Made Milwaukee Famous  
December 10th,  
doors 9:30 pm, show 10pm  
Storyville  
December 11th, 10 – 11:45pm

### La Zona Rosa

\$25 admission  
612 W 4th St  
Sister Hazel with Tyrone Wells  
December 9, doors 8pm,  
show 8:30pm

## Movies

### IMAX Theater - Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum

\$12 admission  
1800 N. Congress Ave  
Harry Potter & Deathly Hallows  
\$12 admission  
December, 4pm, 7pm, & 10pm

### Alamo Draft House

Call 476-1320 for movies, times,  
& admission

### Regal Gateway Cinema

Call 800-326-3264 for movies,  
times, & admission

### Regal Arbor Cinema - Great Hills

Call 231-9742 for movies, times,  
& admission

## Museums

### Blanton Museum of Art

\$9 admission  
200 East MLK  
Turner to Monet  
Oct.2, 2010 – Jan. 2, 2011  
Tues. – Sun., 10am – 5pm

### Bob Bullock

**Texas State History Museum**  
\$7 admission  
1800 N. Congress Ave  
Interactive museum  
Mon. – Sat. 9am – 6pm

### LBJ Library and Museum

free admission and parking  
2313 Red River St.  
Mon. – Sat. 9am – 5pm

## Stage

### Esther's Follies

\$20 -- \$25 admission  
525 E 6th St  
December 9-11, 2010 8-10pm

### Long Center for the Performing Arts

\$12 -- \$70 admission  
Rollins Studio Theatre  
701 W. Riverside Drive  
Annual Production of the  
Nutcracker — Ballet Austin  
December 11, 7:30pm

### Austin City Playhouse

admission  
3601 S. Congress  
A trip to Bountiful by  
Horton Foote  
Nov. 19 – Dec.18, 2010

### Paramount Theatre

713 Congress Avenue  
Kelly Willis & Bruce Robison  
Holiday Show  
Dec. 9, 2010 doors 7pm,  
Show 8pm  
Dec. 11, 2010 doors 3pm,  
Show 4pm

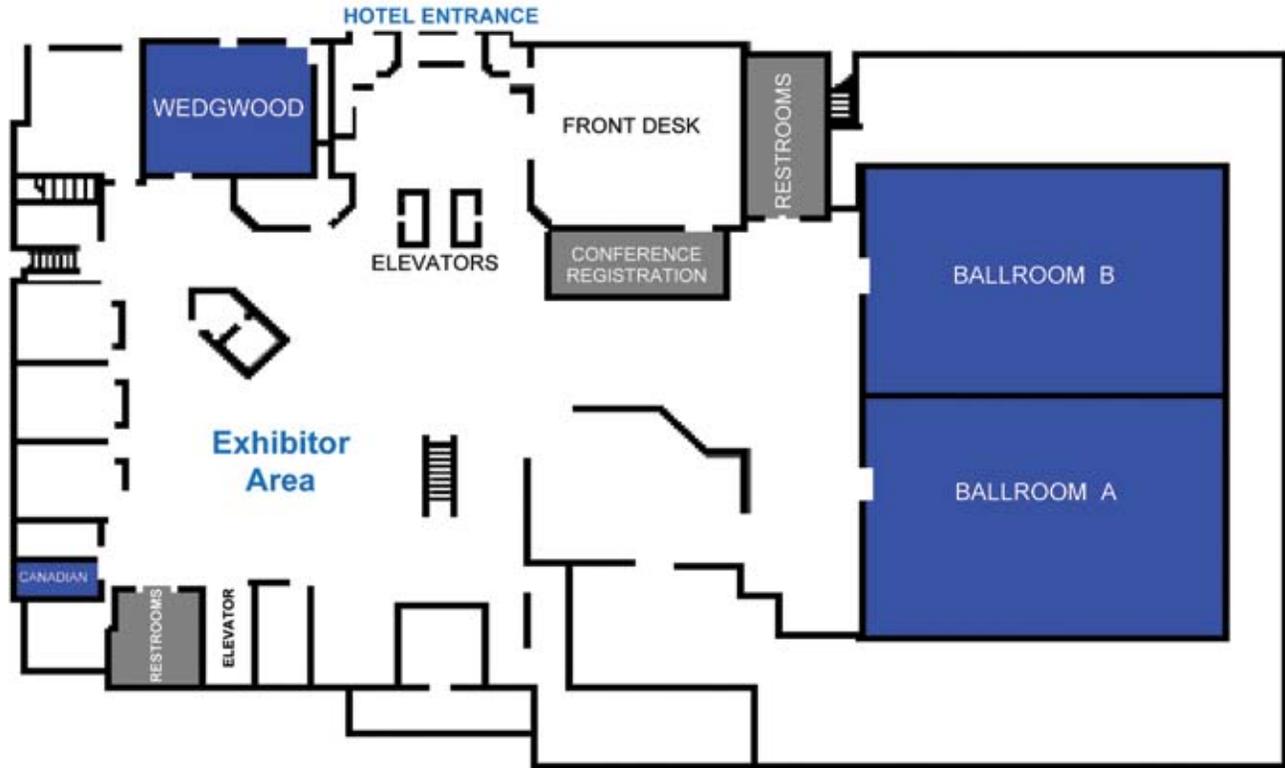
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<http://governor.state.tx.us/music/directory/venues/venues-austin>



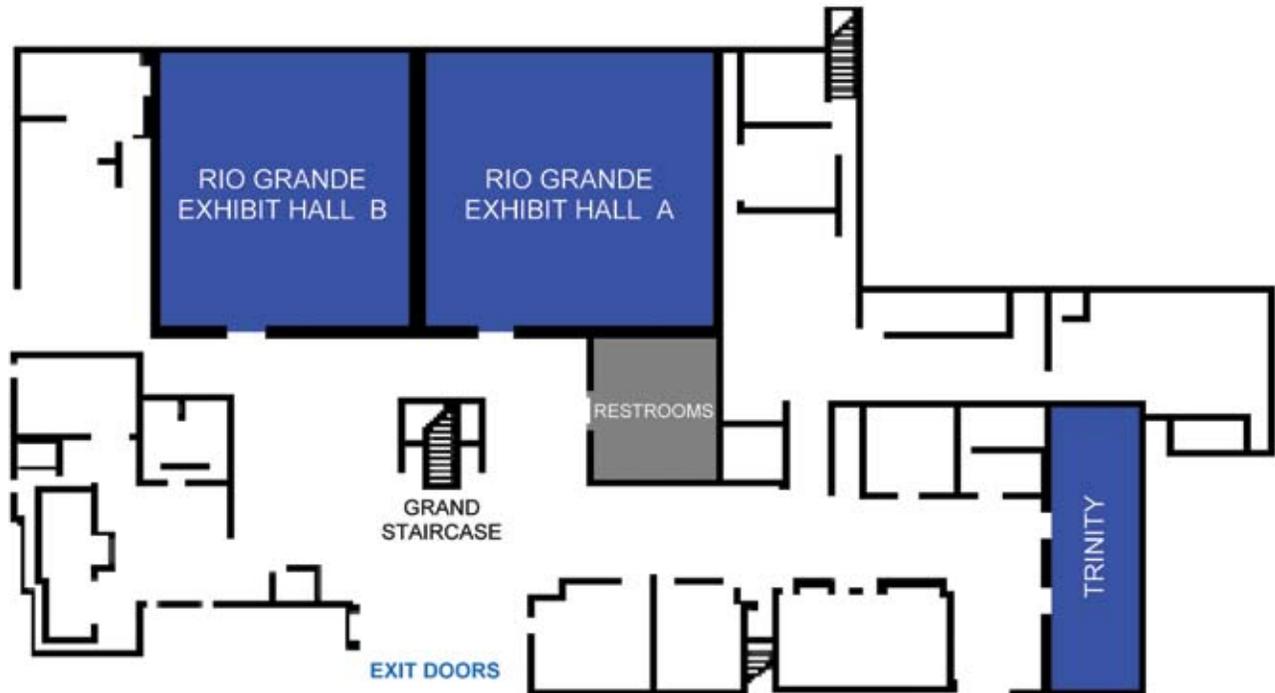


# Renaissance Hotel Map

## ATRIUM LEVEL (upper level)



## PLAZA LEVEL (lower level)



 Indicates Vital Statistics Conference Rooms