

# **Disaster & Emergency Preparedness Committee**

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council

Department of State Health Services

## **Committee Chair's report** August, 2012

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### **Committee Discussion Items:**

#### **GETAC Disaster / Emergency Preparedness Committee Summary**

**August 15, 2012, 9:00 – 11:30 am**

Welcome

Review [GETAC-Disaster-Committee@list.strac.org](mailto:GETAC-Disaster-Committee@list.strac.org) email list

Moment of silence for Constable Brian Bachman

#### **STEAR (State of TX Emergency Assistance Registry), Sharon Nalls:**

- Favorably reviewed by Chief Kidd.
- Will not roll out in coastal regions this year.
- Letter of introduction being drafted that will go to county judges.
- Nursing Facilities will need to identify a daily custodian to update their information.
- Database & link will be beta tested in September.
- Houston testing questionnaire to gauge public reaction.
- No negative comments for registration form & questionnaire yet.
- Looking at how successful they are at doing geocoding before going live.
- Online registration available.
  - Access to online registration will be available at fairs for people who don't otherwise have online access.
  - If registered online, system will send email if their data is changed.
  - Will doublecheck information.
  - Online registration also allows for Nursing Facilities to enter patients into system rather than bulk faxing paper registration to 211.
- iPAWS will allow for the OEM to send a message to a certain geofence location to have a notifications on your phone. Can opt out of Amber, Silver, local warnings. Can't opt out of presidential warnings. The STEAR will look at this next.

#### **EMTF Workgroup Report, Victor Wells:**

- 'One Team, One Fight' is a concept that brings the State together as one EMTF team, with 8 pieces.
- The EMTF program hit 2 year mark on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Using common terminology:
  - Agreement: DSHS to Lead RAC MOA
  - Sub-agreement: Lead RAC to Provider
  - Direct Agreement: DSHS to Provider (this will no longer be in effect after December 31, 2012)

- Version 1 Sub-agreement: Lead RAC to Providers. Some Lead RACs (Houston, Dallas, Austin) have these signed with providers. Each region has its own version of the document. DSHS will honor the Version 1 agreement as long as ALL agencies in that EMTF are on the same agreement.
- Version 2 Sub-agreement: Lead RAC to Provider. EMTF SCO and Lead RACs are developing this MOU. Will be the interim solution for EMTF Statewide until there is unified agreement between all agencies (Next Gen).
- Next Generation Sub-agreement: Unified agreement between TEEX, TDEM, DSHS, EMTF – Still one year away
- Introduced coordinators & TFLs.
- Participated in Exercises:
  - Operation locked & loaded - EMTF set up for TDEM. Testing deployable capability.
  - Exercise 'Lean on Me': had EMTF- 95 Ambulances, 2 RNST, 3 MMUs deployed.
- WebEOC Use:
  - Using WebEOC to access MOAs
  - Incident-specific placarding: accessed through WebEOC. Has lead crew member's number on the placard so that they are reachable.
- TX AMBUS program:
  - Carrizo Springs response to Tornado – AMBUS,
  - AMBUS response in Metroplex.
  - AMBUS Workgroup will discuss how to track & demonstrate local & regional responses of AMBUS assets.
  - Identified \$63.75 hourly rate.
  - Fleeteyes demonstration.
- Typing MMU: Standardized document for deployment.
  - Type I – Full MMU Setup- 32+ beds, 24/7 response, Used for: Replacement of ER that is Off-Line / Anticipated Significant Patient Surge / Large Scale Community Disaster. 35 man team.
  - Type II – Same footprint as Type I, half the personnel.
  - Type III – 8-12 beds, 8 man team. Used as: Alternate Care Center / Special Events Medical Operations. Ideally used for planned community events.
  - Type IV – 6-8 beds. MMU Trailer, minimal tentage. 9 man team. Used for: Inoculation Clinic / Minor Care Clinic / First Responder Force Protection.
  - Type V – Roving Shelter Support / Force Protection. 7 man team in vehicle.
- State Coordinating Office will develop a 2-page guide to let local responders know what EMTF assets are available and how to access them.
  - Will include 'What is TDMS?', 'What is EMTF?' and a map with call center numbers for individual regions.
  - Mark Sastre is working on a You Tube video that explains EMTF.

#### **Disaster Medical Care with Scarce Resources, Mitch Moriber:**

- Using Utah guidelines as a starting point. Calling them guidelines or strategies, not standards.
- Have developed & accepted as standard inclusion & exclusion criteria.
- Still to cover / plans for future:
  - Children's criteria
  - Force protection
  - Cost of & how best to sustain CIKR (Critical Infrastructure, Key Resources) in an incident. .
  - EMS criteria for transportation
  - Social media use
  - Utilization of WebEOC.
  - Educate elected officials & community leaders.

- Ventilator allocation: working on concept of 'centers of excellence'
  - Education of public
- Hopefully squeeze in 4-6 meetings the rest of this year.

#### **ISDMC (Interstate Disaster Medical Collaborative):**

- Met with other states in Dallas to discuss how states with MMUs can work better together.
- May lead to interstate deployments of assets.
- Identified silos of success.
- ISDMC will build a clearing house of information for MMU teams across states.

#### **FRAC (First Responder Authentication Card) Summary:**

- Pilot project using smart cards for State First responder credentialing.
- Moving toward identity proofing & identity management.
- EMV (Europay Mastercard / Visa) is an initiative by MC & Visa to bring additional security and decrease fraud.
  - Not an identity card, it's an account card.
  - Will be widespread in US by 2014.
  - Will make more common infrastructure for FRAC.
- Working with DPS to align the FRAC project with the State.
  - Challenge is getting the right people at the right table together. Slow moving, but effective.
  - September 17<sup>th</sup> is next meeting date.
- Pilot project:
  - Rollout 500 FRAC cards before next legislative session
  - Looking for sub-populations of first responders for the pilot.

#### **TxETN (Texas Emergency Tracking Network), Kris Ramsey:**

- Collaboration of four different tracking products centrally managed through WebEOC. 4 components:
  - WebEOC
  - EMTrack
  - Radiant RFID
  - Sabine Neches Chief's Association
- Each system is:
  - Used independently from day to day
  - Administered at the local / regional level
  - Connected at the direction of TDEM and DSHS to form the Texas Emergency Tracking Network
- Tabletop Exercise was held on Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> to address server integration, training issues.

#### **Social Media Usage in Emergency Management, Lach Mullen:**

- Social media policy needs to ensure quality content. Answer these questions:
  - How will you use services?
  - Who will have access?
  - How can the public interact?
  - How will records be retained?

- What information will you share?
- Demand quality.
- Develop training programs and job aids for the Social Media person in your organization. Doesn't have to be the 'youngest' person.
- Have 'approved fact sheets'. Approved by IC. Sent to JIC & PIO for use in social media.
- If no Info/Intel department in your EOC, can funnel the info to JIC.
- Mr. Mullen will share examples of social media policy appropriate for your type of organization.
- Check with your legal/executive office.
- There are also alternate Terms of Service (TOS) that you can use. Go to apps.gov. Or ask social media site for 'TOS like you gave the Feds...'

#### **Announcements / Future Agenda Items:**

- Add ElectroMagnetic Pulse (EMP): Dr. Maggie Strecker-McGraw to agenda.
- Mega busses travel IH-35, I-30, IH-25, and IH-10. Hold 80+ people. Potential for Mass Casualty Incident.

#### **Committee Action Items:**

1. None for this Meeting.