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## One millionth test taker is a Texan!



In the group picture left to right: Steven Villavicencio, ACC-EMT Coordinator, Pat Recek, ACC-Dean of Health Sciences, Amanda Hancock, EMT, event honoree, Severo Rodriguez, Executive Director of NREMT, Rebecca Brock, ACC-Department Chair EMSP and Joseph Schmider, Texas State EMS Director.

Amanda Hancock became the one millionth person to take the NREMT computer based exam for EMS certification. On March 11, 2015, Amanda was recognized by NREMT in a ceremony at Austin Community College to commemorate the event.



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**The function of education** is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

—Martin Luther King, Jr.



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## TESTING

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**TOTAL NUMBER AUTHORIZED TO TEST:**  
**11,263** (ALL EMS LEVELS)

**Average # of Days for 1st Time Test-Takers All Levels**  
**27**

Course Completion Verified To Taking First Written Exam

## COURSE COMPLETION PASS RATES

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**70%**  
ECA

**70%**  
EMT

**67%**  
EMTI

**74%**  
EMTP

**Texas OVERALL PASS**

**75%**  
ECA

**79%**  
EMT

**68%**  
EMTI

**84%**  
EMTP

**Texas FIRST TIME PASS**

A complete list of Texas pass rates by program is available. [View PDF](#)



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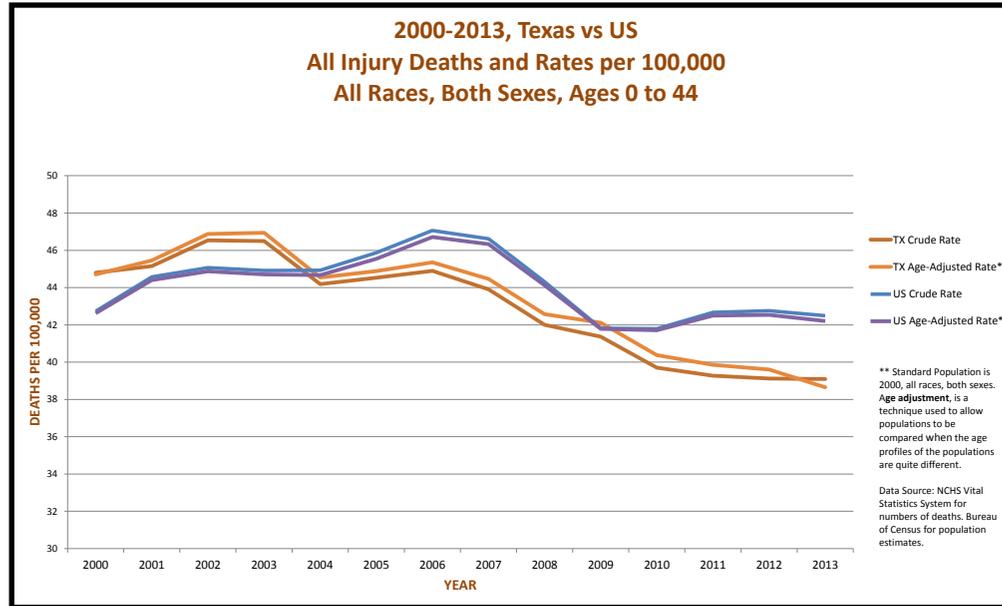
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**DID YOU KNOW?**

According to statistics compiled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the rate of fatal injuries for the 0-44 years age group in Texas has been trending downwards for at least the last decade. In 2013, Texas averaged about 3.5 fewer deaths per 100,000 persons (0-44 years age group) than the US national average.

For more information on fatal injury data, please visit [www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html).

For information regarding age-adjusted or crude rates, please visit [www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/statnt/statnt20.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/statnt/statnt20.pdf).

**MEDICAL DIRECTORS ONLINE COURSE AVAILABLE FREE UNTIL AUGUST 31**

This course is an entry level orientation for medical directors covering essentials for EMS oversight and direction. The course is free to Texas applicants and open to medical directors and interested EMS providers. Visit [www.medicaldirectoronline.com](http://www.medicaldirectoronline.com) for more course and registration information.



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## Where do I find it?

### Re: Texas EMS/Trauma Registry

#### Registry training:

[www.dshs.state.tx.us/injury/registry/Training.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/injury/registry/Training.shtm)

For answers to many questions about EMS/Trauma Registry, click on *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)* in the menu on the left side of the web page.



**How can we contact you if we don't have your current address?**



## Remember:



**EMS Personnel** can change their mailing address anytime online at:  
<https://vo.ras.dshs.state.tx.us/>

1. Login to your DSHS account.
2. Go to manage your license.
3. Choose mailing address change.
4. Click 'Select'.
5. Follow the steps to update address.

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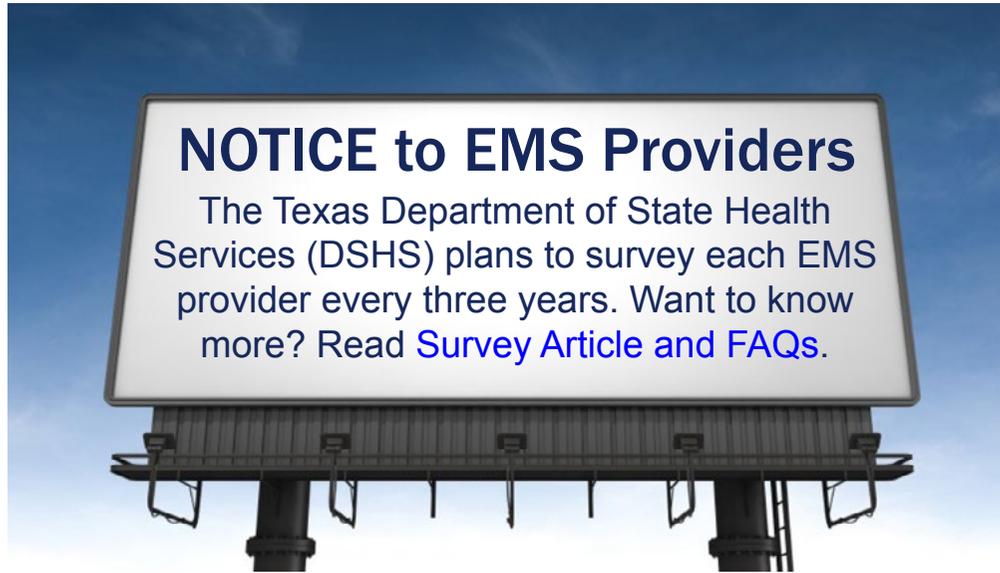
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**There are two new Pearson VUE Testing Centers now authorized for NREMT test delivery in Texas:**

**Sanford-Brown College**  
**1250 West Mockingbird Ln**  
**Suite 208, 2nd Floor**  
**Dallas, Texas 75247**

**Tarrant County College**  
**4801 Marine Creek Pkwy**  
**WCTS 1133**  
**Fort Worth, Texas 76179**

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**TEXAS  
EMS AWARDS**

**DO YOU KNOW A PERSON OR ORGANIZATION THAT EXEMPLIFIES  
THE BEST THAT EMS/TRAUMA SYSTEM HAS TO OFFER?**

**We want to hear from you.**

Submit nominations by October 2, 2015 and let us know what makes your nominee really stand out.

Winners will be announced at the Texas EMS Conference Awards Luncheon in Dallas, November 24.

**Click here for more details**

**Award Categories**

- EMS Educator
- EMS Medical Director
- EMS Administrator
- Public Information/Injury Prevention Citizen
- Private/Public Provider
- Volunteer Provider
- First Responder
- Air Medical Service
- Outstanding EMS Person of the Year
- Telecommunicator of the Year
- Trauma Center
- Regional Advisory Council

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**National EMS Week**  
**May 17 – 23, 2015**

Presented by ACEP in partnership with  
the National Association of EMT's (NAEMT)

Find ways to celebrate in your community [here](#).



**Want to follow the 84th Texas Legislative session online?**

Live streaming video of both the Senate and House can be found at [www.capitol.state.tx.us/Home.aspx](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Home.aspx)

Archived videos of legislative meetings

- Senate – [www.senate.state.tx.us/bin/live.php](http://www.senate.state.tx.us/bin/live.php)
- House – [www.house.state.tx.us/video-audio/](http://www.house.state.tx.us/video-audio/)



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## Life Flight: Trauma Center Houston

In March, Lifetime Television premiered a six episode docudrama focusing on Memorial Hermann Life Flight crew along with the trauma teams at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center in Houston. The show provides an in-depth look into the busiest Level 1 trauma center in the nation and follows critical cases from the air to the operating room. It is a glimpse into the Texas EMS/Trauma System and an opportunity to educate the public on trauma prevention. The season wrapped on March 16, but if you missed watching, you can still catch full episodes online at [www.mylifetime.com/shows/life-flight-trauma-center-houston](http://www.mylifetime.com/shows/life-flight-trauma-center-houston).



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External links to other sites are intended to be informational and do not have the endorsement of the Texas Department of State Health Services. These sites may also not be accessible to persons with disabilities.

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#### FEATURED ARTICLES

NASEMO introduces [Toward Zero Deaths National Strategy](#), a vision to reduce highway fatalities.

[Measles \(Rubeola\) in the U.S.](#) The National Biosurveillance Integration Center (NBIC) has released an event report detailing measles cases from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) along with state and local health departments. The report also includes government actions and additional resources.

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**Training and Tools for First Responders**-The Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium is offering online courses to develop and deliver relevant all-hazards training in support of rural homeland security requirements. All training delivered by the RDPC is certified by DHS and is offered tuition-free. For more information go to [www.ruraltraining.org](http://www.ruraltraining.org).

2 Texas EMS Statistics

**FDA launches drug shortages mobile app**- The Food and Drug Administration launched the agency’s first mobile application (app) specifically designed to speed public access to valuable information about drug shortages.

4 Texas vs US Fatal Injury Data

**Be a better medic by knowing the legal and legislative process**- We don’t all need to be EMS lawyers but knowing a few basics about the impact of court decisions will make you a better EMS provider.

**Additional Reading**

5 Do We Have Your Current Address?

Homes for Texas Heroes Home Loan Program: [www.tsahc.org/homeownership/loans-down-payment-assistance](http://www.tsahc.org/homeownership/loans-down-payment-assistance)

The program, spearheaded by the Texas legislature, provides a 30-year fixed rate home loan to Texas EMS personnel, firefighters, peace officers and others. In addition, this program offers down payment and closing cost assistance of up to 5% of the mortgage loan amount, in the form of a grant.

6 EMS Provider Notice

Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons: <http://bulletin.facs.org/>  
*The Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons is published monthly by the American College of Surgeons.*

7 Submit Award Nominations

Washington Update: [www.nasemso.org/NewsAndPublications/TheWashingtonUpdate/](http://www.nasemso.org/NewsAndPublications/TheWashingtonUpdate/)  
The Washington Update is produced bi-monthly by the National Association of State EMS Officials in cooperation with NHTSA OEMS, with funds also provided by HHS EMSC.

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EMSC Program News: <http://www.childrensnational.org/emsc/currentnews/programnews/>  
Ensuring that all children receive appropriate care in a health care emergency.

NACo County News: <http://www.naco.org/newsroom/countynews/archives/Pages/default.aspx>  
The voice of American counties.

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The Pony Express: <https://www.bcm.edu/departments/pediatrics/sections-divisions-centers/texasemsc/news>  
Official Newsletter of the EMSC State Partnership, Texas.

Integrated Healthcare Delivery: <http://ihdelivery.com/>  
Integrated Healthcare Delivery focuses on improving the patient experience of care through inter-professional collaborations.



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