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### Primum non nocere; First, Do No Harm A Renewed Call to Action, to a Culture of Safety

By Robert D. Greenberg, MD, FACEP  
Chair, Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)  
Photo by Barry Jucha EMT, KB5EMT

At our most recent Texas EMS Awards ceremony Cleburne's Fire Chief Scott Lail introduced and explained the Texas Table of Honor. The table is a tribute to colleagues who have died in the line of duty. There are four empty chairs at the table, one each for EMS, Fire, Air Medical, and police and armed forces. Most attendees see empty chairs. I, and I know many others, sadly see those we knew. It is a striking memorial and I know we can work together to minimize the number of faces seen each year.



The Texas EMS Hall of Fame honors EMS personnel who lost their lives while on duty [www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/emshon.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/emshon.shtm). If you review the list of inductees, you will see that overwhelming vehicle crashes are the cause of our losses.

Also at November's EMS Conference and GETAC meetings, Douglas Kupas, MD, FAEMS, FACEP, State EMS Medical Director for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a noted expert in EMS safety, discussed the use of lights and sirens to include the dangers and lack of effectiveness in improving care. His publication is one of the best among other studies and position papers from many organizations advocating for change in the use of the most dangerous equipment we have; our vehicles.

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These are not new ideas or research findings. For years whenever my mother hears sirens she says “uh-oh.” At the same time, I am recalling the most recent statistics on patient refusals and no transports. When I was an EMT in Louisiana in the early 80s, I became acquainted with the “Clawson cards” the basis of medical priority dispatching. Even then, we recognized that not all calls necessitate the same level of urgency. The 80s! In Louisiana!!

As stated in my prior message; if we do not do this **FOR** ourselves, someone else will do it **TO** us. There are many resources at our disposal that must be utilized. These include pre-arrival instructions, priority dispatch guidelines, guidelines for the use of lights and sirens and field pronouncement protocols to name a few. There are also technologies that improve the safety of our vehicles and the vehicular responses. Appropriate use of restraints and passenger positioning recommendations are not complicated to institute.

This is a personal and professional obligation for all of us. We are obligated to our families, ourselves and the public that we have sworn to serve to avoid unnecessary risk. I am asking for culture change. It is the hardest thing to change, but it is the one thing WE have the most control over.

**I challenge every RAC, every service and every individual to heed my call to improve safety in EMS. We must evaluate our use of lights and sirens and avail ourselves of the tools available to protect our most valuable assets, our people.**

First, do no harm.

Bobby



**EMS Public Information/Injury Prevention  
MedStar Mobile Health Care, Fort Worth**



**Designated Trauma Facility  
Texas Children's Hospital, Houston**

# 2018 Award Winners

photo by Barry Jucha EMT, KB5EMT



**EMS Educator  
Brian Ayres, LP, Galveston**



**EMS Telecommunicator  
Wilson County Sheriff's Department – Dispatch  
Floresville**



**EMS Administrator  
Kevin Cunningham, EMT-P, INST, Cedar Hill**

**EMS Air Medical  
Cook Children's  
Teddy Bear  
Transport  
Fort Worth**





**EMS Medical Director  
Emily Kidd, MD, Austin**



**EMS Citizen  
Caden Adams  
Midlothian**



**EMS Provider  
Big Spring Fire  
Department  
Big Spring**



**EMS First Responder**  
**University Emergency Medical Response, Richardson**



**Outstanding RAC  
Award**  
**Border RAC  
El Paso**



**EMS Person of the Year**  
**Andrew Needum, LP, Celina**

### GETAC's Journey of Excellence Award

Jodie  
Harbert III,  
LP, ACOR,  
Fort Worth



### GETAC's Lifetime Achievement Award

William "Bill"  
Moore,  
MD, FACEP  
Tyler



## 2019 Texas EMS Awards

Nominations are now open Let us know what makes your nominee really stand out as the best in Texas. Winners will be announced at the Texas EMS Conference Awards Luncheon

**SUBMIT NOMINATIONS BY SEPTEMBER 27**

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)



## 2019 Coordinator Course and Update

DSHS will hold the 2019 Course Coordinator course and update in conjunction with the Texas EMS Educators Summit. The sessions will be held at the Moody Gardens Hotel - Galveston. You must register and pay through the Texas EMS Educators Summit website (pricing details below). Registration information can be found at [www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/CoordinatorCourse.shtm](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/CoordinatorCourse.shtm).

### Coordinator Course

Dates: April 10 – 11

Cost: \$800 if registered by March 20, 2019. The course registration fee will increase to \$900 after March 20.

Candidates should be prepared for two fast paced and intense days of classroom instruction to prepare to become a Course Coordinator. The occupational licensing exam will be offered at the end of the course for those who successfully complete and attend the full course.

Course registration and the DSHS certification application are separate processes. You are encouraged to review the requirements for certification before you register for the course or apply for certification; you will be asked to attest that you have reviewed and meet the requirements for certification when registering for the course.

Any questions about the course or certification requirements should be sent to the following email: [Jaime.Vallejo@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:Jaime.Vallejo@dshs.texas.gov). When asking a question by e-mail please be sure to include your full name, EMS ID # and telephone number.

### Coordinator Update

Date: April 13

Cost: \$25 if registered by March 20, 2019. \$35 after March 20, 2019. (Fee is included in the Summit Registration)

This update is not mandatory but recommended. If you have a question or would like to suggest a topic to be covered at the update send it to:

[Jaime.Vallejo@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:Jaime.Vallejo@dshs.texas.gov). When asking a question or suggesting a topic by e-mail please include your full name and telephone number.



### Notice: Email Addresses

Beginning in February, the Office of EMS/Trauma Systems will include the email address of all licensed EMS Providers on our public downloadable lists located on our website at:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/formsresources.shtm#Open>

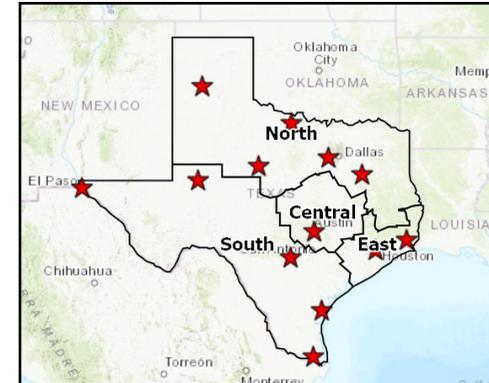
The lists currently include the address for the headquarters and as our system continues to move towards an electronic process, this addition will help reduce the amount of paper we collect and store.

## EMS interactive web map launches January 2019

We are excited about the release of our first interactive map featuring views of trauma service area boundaries and other geographical related information for the following:

- EMS Ground and Air Providers
- Hospital Designation Programs
- EMS Education Programs
- DSHS EMS Regional Offices

The map will not provide real time license status information, but it will be refreshed several times per year. Look for our map and the user guide that will contain tips on viewing and using map at [www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/emstraumamap.aspx](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/emstraumamap.aspx).



**Click to see the newest addition to our website!**

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## FY18 Uncompensated Trauma Care Funding Applications Accepted Until March 13

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Office of EMS and Trauma Systems (OEMS/TS) is pleased to announce that the application needed to apply for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Uncompensated Trauma Care (UCC) Funding is available on our website. To be eligible for the FY18 UCC Funding, a hospital must be a designated trauma facility by the application due date or meet "in active pursuit of trauma designation" requirements by the application due date. The application must be emailed no later than **March 13, 2019**.

For full details on the application submission go to:

[www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/DTFEMSHospUncomptedTraumaCareApp.shtm](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/DTFEMSHospUncomptedTraumaCareApp.shtm)

# GETAC recognizes the following new and outgoing committee members:

## **Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee**

**New:** Cherish Brodbeck (Dallas), Tracey Granger (Edinburg), Brandon Leasure (Amarillo), Kellie Quinn, DO (Temple)

**Reappointed:** Lynn Lail (Grand Prairie), Michael Farris (Grand Prairie), Trey Howard (San Antonio)

**Outgoing:** Shawn Salter (San Antonio), Justin Fairless, MD (North Richland Hills), Rickey Reed (Mansfield)

## **Cardiac Care Committee**

**New:** Jebadiah Bera (Kyle)

**Reappointed:** Erika Anderson (Dallas), Todd Haugen (El Paso), Patrick Murphy (Austin)

**Outgoing:** Jeffrey Mincy (Gatesville)

## **Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Committee**

**New:** Rick Antonisse (Arlington), Sharon Beasley (Austin), Keith Noble (Austin), Erik Richenberger (Conroe)

**Reappointed:** Angela Gentry (Temple), Jacob Johnson (Irving)

**Outgoing:** Jayson Aydelotte, MD (Austin), Robert Kirk (Victoria), Ricky Reeves (Lewisville), Sue Vanek (Plano)

## **EMS Committee**

**New:** Robert Fox (Victoria), Douglas Hooten (Fort Worth), Jeffrey Mincy (Gatesville), Justin Wells (Houston)

**Reappointed:** James Jones (Lumberton), Tami Kayea (Dallas), Eddie Martin (Ozona), Brian Petrilla (Rosenberg)

**Outgoing:** Glenn Johnson (Garland)

## **EMS Education Committee**

**New:** Matthew Craft (Lubbock), Terri King (Georgetown), Wilfred Langfeldt (El Paso), Melissa Stuve (Corpus Christi)

**Reappointed:** Macara Trusty (Fort Worth)

**Outgoing:** Jodie Harbert (Hurst), Christopher Nations (Houston), Taylor Ratcliff, MD (Temple), Allen Welch (Beaumont)

## **EMS Medical Directors Committee**

**New:** Richard Bradley, MD (Houston), Renee Johnson, MD (Houston)

**Reappointed:** Craig Manifold, DO (San Antonio), David Persse, MD (Houston), Katherine Remick, MD (San Marcos)

**Outgoing:** Sharon Ann Malone, MD (Van Alstyne)

## **Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee**

**New:** Debra Curti (Lubbock), Ruben Pena (Weslaco), Lisa Sicilio (College Station)

**Reappointed:** Shelli Stephens-Stidham (Dallas), Cassandra Dillon (Corsicana), Courtney Edwards (Dallas), Julia Perez (El Paso)

## **Pediatric Committee**

**New:** Gabriel Marsh (Fort Worth)

**Reappointed:** Charles Jaquith (Waco), Verne Walker (Granbury)

## **Stroke Committee**

**New:** Melisa Frisby (Austin), Candace McAlpine (Dallas), Johanna Morton, MD (Austin), Vanessa Rodriguez (Brownsville)

**reappointed:** Darrell Pile (Houston)

**Outgoing:** Holly Barnes Ivy (Waco), Sarah Hancock (Lubbock)

## **Trauma Systems Committee:**

**New:** Rebecca Callaway (McAllen), Melinda Griffin (Victoria), Hoang Pham, MD (Webster), Monica Sanders (Conroe), Elizabeth Scherer, MD (San Antonio), Kenneth Wamer (San Angelo)

**Reappointed:** Jorie Klein (Dallas), Alex Ramos (El Paso), Lori Robb (Waco), Kathy Rodgers (Beaumont), Lori Vinson (Dallas)

**Outgoing:** Richard Carpio (El Paso), Christ De La Garza (New Braunfels), Brian Eastridge, MD (San Antonio), Rajesh Gandhi, MD (Fort Worth), Chase McGlinchey (Houston)



## PCR Requirements

This is a friendly reminder that an EMS Provider is responsible to ensure that a patient care record (PCR) is completed within 24 hours of transport, refusal or no patient after being dispatched. It does not matter if it is an emergency dispatch or schedule transport, a PCR is required to be completed and give to the receiving facility and forward to the state.

View [Texas Administrative Code 157.11 \(n\)](#) for EMS provider responsibilities.

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## Staff Announcements

We are pleased to announce that two of our staff members have been promoted to new positions in the Office of EMS/Trauma Systems.

Valerie Tumlinson is the new manager for the DSHS EMS Arlington office. Valerie has been with DSHS Arlington office staff since 1994 and progressed to a program specialist in 2002. She is certified as an AEMT and a pharmacy technician.

Mattie Mendoza has been promoted to Public Health and Prevention Specialist IV in the central office. Mattie has been serving the State of Texas since 1998 with the Department of Aging and Disabilities and DSHS. She worked within the DSHS office of EMS Licensing and Certification assisting individuals and providers with the licensing/certification process. Mattie will be responsible for EMS education programs, investigations and surveys. Mattie maintains certification as an EMT.

Their EMS experience, knowledge of EMS laws, rules and processes will benefit the DSHS mission and the Texas EMS System.



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.

## NEWS FROM THE WEB

### FEATURED ARTICLES

Texas health concerns: Vaccination rates, maternal health, chronic disease

KEYE Austin: <https://cbsaustin.com/news/local/texas-health-concerns-vaccination-rates-maternal-health-chronic-disease>

State health officials call on legislators for funds to fight maternal deaths, tuberculosis

Austin American Statesman: <https://www.statesman.com/news/20190114/state-health-officials-call-on-legislators-for-funds-to-fight-maternal-deaths-tuberculosis>

### Additional Reading

NHTSA's EMS Update: <https://www.ems.gov/newsletter/jan2018/jan2018EMSUpdate.html>

Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice and Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA) <https://www.emscompact.gov/>

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.

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.*

Washington Update: <https://nasemso.org/news-events/washington-update/>

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.

NACo County News: <http://www.naco.org/news>

The voice of American counties.

The Pony Express: <https://www.bcm.edu/departments/pediatrics/texasemsc/?pmid=15790>

Official Newsletter of the EMSC State Partnership, Texas.

Integrated Healthcare Delivery: <https://www.emsworld.com/article/11294452/integrated-future>

Integrated Healthcare Delivery focuses on improving the patient experience of care through inter-professional collaborations.

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