

Texas EMS Trauma News

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The Texas EMS Awards were presented on November 21, 2017 in Fort Worth. Join us in congratulating the recipients

2017 EMS Awards

EMS Citizen
Belinda Perez

EMS Educator
Jacob Braddock, AAS, NRP

Designated Trauma Facility
University Medical Center

EMS Telecommunicator
Cypress Creek Communications Center

EMS Administrator
Kevin Deramus, LP

EMS Air Medical
Texas Children's Hospital Kangaroo Crew

EMS Medical Director
S. Marshal Isaacs, MD

EMS First Responder
Hutto Fire Rescue

EMS Public Information/Injury Prevention
Williamson County EMS

EMS Volunteer Provider Award
Lynn County Hospital District EMS

EMS Provider
City of Beaumont Public Health-EMS

EMS Person of the Year
Rory Barros, EMT
Received by his wif Amy Barros

Outstanding RAC Award
BRAC

GETAC's Journey of Excellence Award
Linda Dickerson

2018 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 28. Go to <http://dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/conference.shtm> for details.

2018 Coordinator Course and Update

DSHS will hold the 2018 Course Coordinator course and update in conjunction with the Texas EMS Educators Summit. The sessions will be held at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, Corpus Christi. You must register and pay through the Texas EMS Educators Summit website (pricing details below). Registration information can be found at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/educationprograms.aspx>

Coordinator Course. Dates: April 11 – 12. Cost: \$800. The course registration fee will increase to \$900 on April 1st.

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: DSHSEMS@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 14. Cost: Free

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: DSHSEMS@dshs.texas.gov. When asking a question or suggesting a topic by e-mail please include your full name and telephone number.

FY 2018 – 2019 DSHS Texas EMS/Trauma Systems Funding Streams

View funding chart at <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/Trauma/pdf/FY2018-2019-EMSTraumaSystemsFundingStreams.pdf>

Update on FY16 Uncompensated Trauma Care Fund

The Office of EMS/Trauma System is working on the close out of state fiscal year 2016 uncompensated Trauma Care Fund for eligible hospitals. We recognize this is taking longer than it has in past years and appreciate your patience with this process.

No action is required by any hospital to complete this process.

Movement on the Hospital Level of Care Designations for Maternal Care and Centers of Excellence for Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy designation rules.

The public comment period for the Hospital Level of Care Designations for Maternal Care and Centers of Excellence for Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy designation rules ended on December 22, 2017. The department has reviewed the comments received by email and from the December 20, 2017 public hearing on both sets of rules. The department has responded to comments made on each of the rules. The final adoption documents will be forwarded to the HHSC Commissioner for review and approval.

What happens next: Once approved by the HHSC Commissioner the adopted rules will be published in the Texas Register. After publication, the Rules will go into effect in 20 days. The expected adoption date is March 1, 2018.

Flu Information for Health Care Professionals and Labs

Visit the DSHS Texas Flu site for information and resources on flu vaccinations, prevention and infection control www.dshs.texas.gov/flu/healthcare.aspx. Texas Flu Home: <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/flu/>.

GETAC Committee Changes

During the October 2017 Governor's and EMS Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) Retreat the following committees were renamed to more appropriately reflect their purpose and scope.

- The Air Medical Committee is now the "Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee".
- The Education Committee is now the "EMS Education Committee".
- The Injury Prevention Committee is now the "Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee".
- The Medical Directors Committee is now the "EMS Medical Directors Committee".

GETAC recognizes the following new and outgoing committee members:

Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee: New: Justin Boyd (Spearman), Steven Clinkscales (Hillsboro), Michael Farris (Grand Prairie), Trey Howard (San Antonio), Lucille Maes (Angleton), Stacy Putnam (San Antonio), Jim Speier (Tyler) Outgoing: John Jones (El Paso), Shirley Scholz (Lubbock)

Cardiac Care Committee: New: Erika Anderson (Dallas), Craig Cooley, MD (San Antonio), Patrick Murphy (Austin) Outgoing: Timothy Mixon (Temple)

Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Committee: New: William Craig, FACHE (Arlington), Brent Hahn, Fire Chief (Kemah) Outgoing: Tim Berry (Lubbock), Sharon Nalls (Houston)

EMS Education Committee: New: Christopher Nations (Houston) Outgoing: John Creech (Lake Jackson)

EMS Committee: New: Chad Curry (Lubbock), Karl Ferguson (Manvel), Glenn Johnson (Garland), Jorge Ruiz (Edinburg), Nathan Young (La Marque), Bryan Taylor (Gaines) Outgoing: Heidi Cardenas (Garland), Lucille Maes (Angleton)

Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee: New: Kayla Rae Black (Van Horn), Anthony Marquardt (Austin), Jennifer Northway (San Antonio) Outgoing: Sandra Williams (San Antonio)

EMS Medical Directors Committee: New: Heidi Abraham, MD (San Antonio) Outgoing: Jeff Beeson, DO (Celina), Steven Ellerbe, DO (Liberty)

Pediatric Committee: New: Jeffrey Mills (Houston), Crissie Richardson (Temple), Belinda Waters (Lubbock) Outgoing: Erin Lincoln (Temple), Stacy Steans (El Paso), Joseph Santos (Houston)

Stroke Committee: New: Lisa Hutchinson (Tyler), Robin Novakovic, MD (Dallas) Outgoing: Edwin Walker (El Paso)

Trauma Systems Committee: New: Richard Carpio (El Paso), Christa De La Garza (New Braunfels), Stephen Flaherty, MD (El Paso), Chase McClinchey (Houston), Scott Sagraves, MD (Belton) Outgoing: Elmo Lopez (Laredo),

NEWS FROM THE WEB

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. Questions, comments or suggestions about Texas EMS Trauma News? Contact us at EMSTraumaNews@dshs.state.tx.us.

FEATURED ARTICLES

A shrinking number of rural Texas hospitals still deliver babies. Here's what that means for expecting moms Texas Tribune: <https://www.texastribune.org/2018/01/17/shrinking-number-rural-texas-hospitals-still-deliver-babies-heres-what/>

Updates Released for EMR and EMT National EMS Scope of Practice Model: <https://www.ems.gov/pdf/2007-National-EMS-Scope-of-Practice-Mode-Cover-Letter-and-Change-Notices.pdf>

Additional Reading

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

Homes for Texas Heroes Home Loan Program: 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: <http://www.nasemso.org/WashingtonUpdate/>. 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=157910>

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.