

EMS Medical Director Survey - Part A
RESPONSES – March 2002

1. Your Primary Specialty: **Responses - 124**

- EM – **52/42%**
- FP – **48/39%**
- IM – **7/6%**
- Pedi – **5/4%**
- GenSurg – **7/6%**
- OrthoSurg – **0/0%**
- Other – **5/4%**

2. Board Certified: **Responses - 121**

- No – **23/19%**
- Yes – **98/81%**
- in (what Board) _____

3. Post-graduate training _____

4.Your Age: **Responses - 121**

- <30 – **1/1%**
- 30-39 – **25/21%**
- 40-49 – **40/33%**
- 50-59 – **42/35%**
- 60-69 – **8/7%**
- 70+ – **5/4%**

	Any specific EMS related training?	Yes	No	When (year)	Practical Value (0-10)
5.	In Residency Responses - 107	42/39%	65/61%	1969 - 1998	Responses - 29 Range – 0 – 10 Average 6.7
6.	NAEMSP Medical Director’s Course Responses - 91	21/23%	70/77%		Responses - 15 Range – 2 – 10 Average 7.9
7.	TCEP Medical Director’s Seminar Responses - 95	45/47%	50/53%		Responses - 33 Range – 2 – 10 Average 7.3
8.	EMT training (ECA, Basic, I, Paramedic) Responses - 89	23/26%	66/74%		Responses - 20 Range – 2 – 10 Average 8
9.	Other (specify) Responses -				

Are you a member of:

- 10. TCEP (Texas College of Emergency Physicians) **Responses - 115** Yes **48/42%** No **67/58%**
- 11. TMA (Texas Medical Association) **Responses - 117** Yes **90/77%** No **27/23%**
- 12. EPT (EMS Physicians of Texas) **Responses - 106** Yes **31/29%** No **75/71%**
- 13. NAEMSP (National Association of EMS Physicians) **Responses -105** Yes **27/26%** No **78/74%**

- 14. Are you certified in (circle if “yes”): ACLS ATLS PALS/APLS
Responses - 113 **103/91%** **7/6%** **3/3%**
- 15. Are you certified to teach (instructor/affiliate faculty): ACLS ATLS PALS BTLS/PHTLS
Responses - 45 **41/91%** **1 / 2%** **3 / 7%**

16. How many agencies do you currently serve as Medical Director? **Responses – 118/ Average 2.28**

- 1 **71/60%**
- 2 **28/24%**
- 3 **6/5%**
- 4 **3/3%**
- 5 **1/1%**
- 6 **5/4%**
- 7 **0/0%**
- 8 **0/0%**
- 9 **1/1%**
- 10 **3/3%**
- 11 **0/0%**
- 12 **1/1%**
- 13 **2/2%**

17. ..Circle how many years you have served as a *Texas* EMS Medical Director. If you have also served in another state(s), underline your *total* number of years as an EMS medical director. **Responses – 117**

- <1 **10/9%**
- 1-3 **31/26%**
- 4-6 **21/18%**
- 7-10 **21/18%**
- 11-15 **16/14%**
- 16-20 **7/6%**
- 21-25 **8/7%**
- 26-30 **3/3%**
- >30 **0/0%**

18. Regarding your agency: Circle the best choice from each column. If you serve multiple agencies, fill this out for one agency and then complete lines 19+ (as needed) for the same information on the other agencies.

Type of Agency Responses – 113	Type Entity Responses – 113	Size of Response Area (sq mi) Responses – 110	Population of Response Area Responses – 115	Total Response Calls per month (average) Responses – 108	Years as Medical Director of this agency Responses – 117	<u>Your</u> work distance from Agency (miles) Responses – 115
a.Vol EMS 25/22%	a. Federal entity 0/0%	a. <9 sq. mi ² 3/3%	a. <1,000 2/2%	a. <5 0/0%	a. <1 11/ 9%	a. 0 18/16%
b.Paid EMS 57/50%	b. County entity 34/30%	b. .10-25 mi ² 14/13%	b.to 2.5K 4/3%	b. 6-12 3/3%	b. 1-3 35/30%	b.<5 58/50%
c.Pdpercall EMS 9/8%	c. State entity 0/0%	c. .26-100 mi ² 34/31%	c. to 5K 16/14%	c. 13-50 27/25%	c. 4-6 21/18%	c. 5-10 19/17%
d.Vol Fire/EMS 3/3%	d. Municipal entity 35/31%	d. 101-1000 mi ² 36/33%	d. to 10K 21/18%	d. 51-100 20/19%	d. 7-10 21/18%	d.11-25 15/13%
e.PaidFire/EMS 17/15%	e. ESD 2/2%	e. 1K-2500 mi ² 13/12%	e. to 50K 36/31%	e.101-250 23/21%	e. 11-15 16/14%	e.26-50 2/2%
f.Pd/call F/EMS 2/2%	f. Hospital based 17/15%	f. >2500 mi ² 10/ 9%	f. to 100K 9/8%	f. 251-500 16/15%	f. 16-20 5/4%	f.51-100 3/3%
	g. Private provider 15/13%		g.t o 250K 11/ 10%	g.501-1000 8/7%	g. 21-25 6/5%	g.100-150 0/0%
	h. Self governed 8/7%		h. to 500K 4/3%	h. 1001-5K 8/7%	h. 26-30 2/2%	h.151-200 0/0%
	Other 2/2%		i.>500K 12/ 10%	i.>5000 3/3%	i. >30 0/0%	i.>200 0/0%

If more than one agency, use letter designations (a, b, c, etc) to answer each column.

19.							
20.							
21.							
22.							
23.							

(Please use back or attach for additional—bless you—agencies)

If you serve multiple agencies, please fill this page out as a composite of the agencies:

Please rank your level of involvement in each of the following areas:

Area of Involvement ↓ // Level of Involvement →	Very (THE decision maker)	Much	Some	Minimal	None
24. System design decisions Responses – 110	11/10%	36/33%	36/33%	18/16%	9/8%
25. Development of Protocols Responses – 110	57/52%	32/29%	14/13%	5/5%	2/2%
26. Budget decisions / priorities Responses – 110	3/ 3%	6/5%	46/42%	30/27%	25/23%
27. Quality Improvement activities (general) Responses – 102	24/24%	35/34%	34/33%	5/5%	4/4%
28. Run sheet review Responses – 107	24/22%	27/25%	36/34%	15/14%	5/5%
29. Specific case review Responses – 106	36/34%	31/29%	26/25%	10/9%	3/3%
30. Field ride-alongs Responses – 107	8/7%	8/7%	31/29%	35/33%	24/23%
31. Adverse event review Responses – 109	46/42%	38/35%	13/12%	9/ 8%	3/3%
32. Complaint review Responses – 108	27/25%	40/37%	24/22%	13/12%	4/4%
33. Routine audits Responses – 107	11/10%	23/21%	34/32%	22/21%	17/16%
34. Educational activities (general) Responses – 104	10/10%	29/28%	42/40%	19/18%	4/4%
35. Program development Responses – 108	11/10%	26/24%	42/39%	20/19%	9/8%
36. Direct teaching Responses – 108	8/7%	31/29%	42/39%	19/18%	8/7%
37. Screening / Hiring applicants Responses – 108	0/0%	15/14%	16/15%	37/34%	40/37%
38. Credentialing (general) Responses – 105	10/10%	20/19%	26/25%	27/26%	22/21%
39. Test development Responses – 108	10/9%	16/15%	27/25%	29/27%	26/24%
40. Skills assessment Responses – 56	4/7%	9/16%	22/39%	10/18%	11/20%
41. Medic interviews Responses – 108	6/6%	16/15%	33/31%	29/27%	24/22%
42. Scenario testing Responses – 109	13/12%	16/15%	30/28%	23/21%	27/25%
43. Final clearance decision Responses – 108	24/22%	17/16%	27/25%	19/18%	21/19%
44. Granting of specific individual privileges Responses – 108	34/31%	18/17%	19/18%	17/16%	20/19%
45. Field Training Officer development Responses – 104	7/7%	15/14%	25/24%	22/21%	35/34%
46. Involvement with Medical Dispatch Responses – 105	3/ 3%	9/9%	30/29%	31/30%	32/30%
47. Do you provide on-line medical direction? Responses – 107	16/15%	22/21%	26/24%	18/17%	25/23%
48. Do you provide on-scene medical direction? Responses – 105	10/10%	4/4%	25/24%	29/28%	37/35%
Regarding your trauma RAC (Regional Advisory Council)					
49. Your level of knowledge of your RAC Responses – 105	16/15%	24/23%	34/32%	22/21%	9/9%
50. Your level of involvement with your RAC Responses – 107	14/13%	14/13%	24/22%	32/30%	23/21%
51. Value of your RAC to you/your agency Responses – 100	12/12%	27/27%	22/22%	30/30%	9/9%

52. Your direct annual compensation (salary / stipend) for serving as Medical Director: **Responses - 120**

Nothing 62/52%	\$100-1000 4/3%	\$1000-10K 25/21%	\$10K-50K 21/18%	\$50K-100K 6/5%	>\$100K 2/2%
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53. Do you receive (other) benefits for serving as Medical Director? **Responses - 115**

No **9/8%**

Yes **106/92**

If yes, what? _____

54. Do you have specific malpractice insurance coverage for EMS activities? **Responses - 110**

No **60/55%**

Yes, paid by: **50/45%**

Self 14/24%	Practice Group 6/10%	Hospital 5/9%	EMS Organization 26/45%	Other (specify) 7/12%
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55. What is your yearly cost for EMS malpractice coverage (if you can separate it from main policy)? _____

56. Have you ever been sued for EMS related issues? **Responses - 117**

No **116/99%**

Yes **1/1%**

If yes, how many times **2** Outcome **dropped x2** _____

57. Has your agency been sued for EMS related issues? **Responses - 114**

No **87/76%**

Yes **27/24%**

If yes, how many times (last 5 yrs)? **Responses – 18 / Range 1 – 5 / Average 1.8**

58. Do you have additional administrative liability coverage for non-medical issues? **Responses - 116**

Yes **25/22%**

No **91/78%**

If yes, who pays it? _____

The TEXAS STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS RULES, Chapter 197, Emergency Medical Service, discusses the relationship of Texas physicians to Emergency Medical Services. The qualifications and responsibilities of the Medical Director are discussed under 197.3. Off-line Medical Director. (Available at www.tsbme.state.tx.us → Rules/Regulations/Guidelines → Board Rules).

Please answer the next two questions according to this rating scale (some imagination required):

(Also, please rate yourself! Some of us look much better than we are as Medical Directors because we have such good Directors and other personnel in our agencies.)

5 - Highly knowledgeable/competent/effective; not perfect, but close to the ideal; the top echelon.

4 - Does a good job; knowledgeable, competent, but realize obvious room to improve.

3 - Does a fair job; not nearly to goal, but not bad;

2 - Some knowledge and effectiveness; maybe lost, but not in total darkness.

1 - Not real sure what EMS is, but has agreed to sign when it's needed.

59. How do you feel regarding your (personal) qualifications for the job of Medical Director? **Responses - 116**

5 **23/20%**

4 **52/45%**

3 **30/26%**

2 **8/7%**

1 **3/3%**

60. How do you feel regarding your (personal) performance of this job? **Responses - 114**

5 **18/16%**

4 **51/45%**

3 **31/27%**

2 **11/10%**

1 **3/3%**

61. Do you feel you need more training to competently and comfortably serve as Medical Director?

Responses - 119

I'm OK 18/15%	It wouldn't hurt 66/55%	Could really use some help 29/24%	Almost desperate 3/3%	Desperate 3/3%
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62. If you think you need more training, what has kept you from getting it? (Circle all that apply)

Responses – 206 (multiple responses allowed)

- Time **72/35%**
- Expense **37/18%**
- Distance **32/16%**
- Unaware of availability **46/22%**
- It's not that high a priority **17/8%**
- Other(s): **only physician in town 2/1%**

63. If a well-developed course for EMS Medical Directors were available, would you be seriously interested in taking it? (2 or 3 days, "reasonable" cost and availability) **Responses – 106**

Yes **87/82%**

No **9/8%**

Maybe (elaborate): **10/9%**

64. Do you feel there should be some training requirement for EMS Medical Directors? **Responses – 116**

Yes **86/74%**

No **30/26%**

65. Do you feel there should be specific defined and recommended training offered and available for EMS Medical Directors? **Responses – 116**

Yes **103/89%**

No **13/11%**

66. Do you feel there should be a certification for EMS Medical Directors? **Responses – 116**

Yes, mandatory 14/12%	Yes, but optional (an achievement/recognition/status, but not required) 70/60%	No 32/28%
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67. Serving as EMS Medical Director involves what portion of your professional time? **Responses – 120**

- <5% **53/44%**
- 5-10% **40/33%**
- 11-25% **14/12%**
- 26-50% **5/4%**
- 51-75% **6/5%**
- 76-100% **2/2%**

How do you feel about the training of your EMS personnel:
(Circle score from 5-Very Satisfied to 1-Very Dissatisfied)

68. Quality of the initial training of personnel in my system? **Responses – 115**

5 **30/26%**
4 **53/46%**
3 **26/23%**
2 **6/5%**
1 **0/0%**

69. How confident are you in your staff's "readiness" today? **Responses – 119**

5 **43/36%**
4 **51/43%**
3 **21/18%**
2 **3/3%**
1 **1/1%**

70. How do you feel about the continuing education programs available for your staff? **Responses – 114**

5 **28/25%**
4 **45/39%**
3 **27/24%**
2 **11/10%**
1 **3/3%**

71. Accessibility of training for your personnel? **Responses – 120**

5 **35/29%**
4 **34/28%**
3 **35/29%**
2 **13/11%**
1 **3/3%**

72. What is your Texas Department of Health Region? (Optional if it obviously identifies you)

Responses – 44

1 **2/5%**
2/3 **12/27%**
4/5 **4/9%**
6 **4/9%**
7 **9/20%**
8 **4/9%**
9/10 **7/16%**
11 **2/5%**