

# PCC EMS Report

April 2025

- **(Friendly Reminder and Final Report)** The Senate Bill 8 (SB 8) provides 21.7 million dollars for EMS Recruitment and Retention project has ended with the end of 2024. DSHS partner with Regional Advisory Councils (RAC) and EMS Education programs and EMS Providers to provide scholarships for candidates.
  - I. New Statewide Career website, <https://EMS.texas.gov>
  - II. As of 2-01-2025 there are **10,915** additional certified EMS personnel than there were on October 1, 2022.
  - III. 3252 scholarships have been processed.
  - IV. On going audits to ensure personnel are continuing to meet the staffing requirements.
  - V. EMS Recruitment campaign material was developed and provide to each of the Regional Advisory Council and is available upon request.
  - VI. There is an 89R Session Rider being consider for the Texas Workforce Commission to provide funding for future scholarships.
- As of November 20, 2023, the Texas EMS Registry system upgraded to V3.5. 2025. Texas EMS and Trauma Registries (EMSTR) extends our thanks to EMS Providers who submitted 5 million patient care records in 2024. National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) will be pushing out a required patch in mid-April, more information will be forward. For any questions, please contact [injury.web@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:injury.web@dshs.texas.gov) .
- The Annual Texas EMS Conference will be in Fort Worth, Texas starting November 22 – 25, 2025 for more information please go to; <https://texasemsconference.com>
- The next Governors EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) meeting will be June 4th to the 6<sup>th</sup> in Austin. For more information and the meeting agenda please go to the following website. <https://dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/governor.shtm>
- GETAC has developed, a “Whole Blood Tack Force” leaded by Eric Epley, Executive Director for South Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC), the mission of this tack force is to develop a statewide pre-hospital whole blood program. This task force continues to meet and working together to develop a “Whole Blood” program in every County in Texas. There is legislation be considered to support this valuable project.