

PCC EMS Report

July 2026

- The Annual Texas EMS Conference will be in Fort Worth, Texas starting November 22 – 25, 2026 for more information please go to; <https://texasemsconference.com>
- The next Governors EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) meeting will be August 25 until the 28th 2026. 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” lead by Eric Epley, Executive Director for South Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC), the mission of this task force is to develop a statewide pre-hospital whole blood program. This GETAC task force continues to meet and working together to develop a “Whole Blood” program in every County in Texas. 89R session provide \$10 million dollars to support this project. Contracts are in place and equipment is being purchased by EMS Providers and Regional Advisory Councils.
- **Session 89R Update**

During the 89th regular legislative session, the Governor signed into law several pieces of legislation that will impact the Texas Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Trauma system. The following is a summary of some of the key legislation affecting the system. You may want to review each of these bills, and others, to fully understand their impact. Full bill details can be found at <https://capitol.texas.gov/>

 - a) HB 33 will require emergency services and school officials to plan and drill together in the event of a school shooting.
 - b) HB 742 will require education for EMS personnel on Human Trafficking.
 - c) HB 3000 will direct the Comptroller to provide grants for the purchase of ambulances in rural counties. Comptroller received 170 applications.
 - d) SB 1021 will make a conviction of Stalking a disqualifier for certification of the conviction is on or after September 1, 2025.
 - e) HB 149 will require disclosure when artificial intelligence is used in patient care.

The adoption of rules was moved to March of 2027, will do briefing on the rules at this meeting.

- **Workforce Scholarships for EMS**

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is now accepting applications for the Emergency Medical Response Service Staffing Program. The program addresses emergency medical response staffing needs across Texas and provides grants to Texas Department of State

Health Services (DSHS) licensed EMS providers to fund scholarships for individuals pursuing careers as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) at the Basic, Advanced, and Paramedic levels.

More information is available at: <https://www.twc.texas.gov/emergency-medical-response-service-staffing-program>

- A special thanks to the Regional Advisory Councils and all of the statewide emergency services organizations and healthcare facilities as together plans were develop to handle the impact from the World Cup!