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2019 TEXAS EMS AWARDS

The Texas EMS Awards

were presented on November 26, 2019 in Fort Worth. Join us in congratulating the recipients

photo by Barry Jucha EMT, KB5EMT

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2019 Award Winners

EMS Public Information/ Injury Prevention
Casey Davis, EMT-P, Burleson

EMS Educator
Diedra Blankenship, LP, Temple

EMS Telecommunicator
El Paso Fire Department 911 Division
El Paso

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2019 Award Winners

EMS Administrator
Christopher Alexander, EMT-P, INST
Addison

EMS Air Medical
HALO-Flight
Corpus Christi

EMS Medical Director
Robert Dickson, MD
Conroe

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2019 Award Winners

EMS First Responder
Rice University EMS
Houston

EMS Citizen
Joseph Posey &
Christopher Posey
Thorndale

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2019 Award Winners

EMS Provider
City of La Porte EMS
La Porte

EMS Persons of the Year
Miguel Brito, EMT-P
Ryan Bader, EMT-P
Fort Worth

GETAC's Journey of Excellence Award
Mitchell Moriber, DO
Abilene

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DSHS Radiation Control exhibits at the Texas EMS Conference

Staff from the DSHS Radiation Control Program provided essential radiological response information to attendees at the November Texas EMS Conference.

The purpose of the booth is to educate and promote an understanding of radiation exposure and contamination to First Responders. Information was available on what to expect in response to a Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD) including contamination control, responder safety, PPE recommendations and limitations, and priority of life saving.

Key concepts included understading of triage in a radiological environment, contamination control and decontamination of ambulatory and non-ambulatory patients, and protocols to minimize spread of radioactive material in Ambulances. Hands on training and demonstration with radiation detectors was also available. Additionally, information on the DSHS radiation control program was available along with information on training and exercise support.

Please contact the Radiological Emergency Assistance by phone at (512) 458-7460 or by e-mail at RAMASSIST@dshs.texas.gov

DSHS Radiation Control staff attend Texas EMS Conference

2020 Texas EMS Awards Nominations are now open. Submit nominations by September 25. Click here for details

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Update For 2020

Beginning June 1, 2020, DSHS will require all EMS certificate/license holders, who have not already done so, to complete a fingerprint-based background check at the time of renewing certification/license.

What does this mean?
Before an application to renew can be approved, you will have to complete a fingerprint-based background check.

How will I know if I need to complete one?
A list of names of EMS certificate/license holders that have completed a fingerprint based background check is now available to view on our website at www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/recertinfo.shtm. Those that are not listed can visit our website for instructions on how to complete a fingerprint background check.

Can I complete a fingerprint based background check before I renew?
Absolutely. However, you will need to schedule an appointment for a fingerprint- based background check with IdentoGO, using the correct service code number for DSHS EMS. The service code number can be found on the Texas Service Code Form which is located on DSHS website at www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/.

What if I have already completed one for another agency?
Unfortunately, because of legal restrictions, criminal history information can't be shared between organizations. You will need to complete another fingerprint based background check for DSHS.

Will you provide updates on this new requirement?
Yes. For any future updates, please visit our website at www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/ and watch for updates here in the Texas EMS/Trauma Newsletter.

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2020 Coordinator Course and Update

DSHS will hold the 2020 EMS Coordinator Course in conjunction with the Texas EMS Educators Summit. The Texas EMS Educators Summit will handle course registration. The Coordinator Course will be held April 22nd and 23rd and the EMS Educators Summit starts on April 24th.

Any questions about the course or certification requirements should be sent to:
Course information: jaime.vallejo@dshs.texas.gov or mattie.mendoza@dshs.texas.gov
Certification requirements: emily.hyde@dshs.texas.gov
When asking a question by e-mail please be sure to include your full name, EMS Instructor ID # and telephone number.

Candidates should be prepared for two fast-paced, days of intense classroom instruction and interaction. DSHS staff, experienced coordinators, and education program medical directors, will provide an overview of the responsibilities of a Course Coordinator. The Coordinator Course certification exam will be offered at the end of the course for those who successfully complete and attend the full course.

Full details are available at: https://dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/CoordinatorCourse.shtm

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FY19 Uncompensated Trauma Care Funding Applications Accepted Until February 28

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) 2019 Uncompensated Trauma Care (UCC) Funding may be accessed at the link below. Additionally, the application information was emailed to all designated and "in active pursuit" hospitals with emailed copies provided to the Trauma Coordinator/Trauma Program Manager.

Note: Included in the FY 2019 UCC application is additional information regarding Senate Bill (SB) 500 funds available and eligibility requirements.

The application must be emailed no later than **February 28, 2020**. For full details on the application submission go to:
www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/DTFEMSHospUncomptedTraumaCareApp.shtm

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GETAC recognizes the following new and outgoing committee members:

Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee
Newly Appointed: Charles Benham, MD (San Angelo), Randall (Scott) Christopher (Lufkin), Joshua Cools (Houston), Stewart Jackson (San Angelo), Michael Mock (Houston)
Outgoing: Steve Clinkscales (Hillsboro), Tracey Granger (Edinburg), Lucille Maes (Angleton), Debra Wallace (Big Spring)

Cardiac Care Committee
Newly Appointed: Lisa Fox (Mesquite), Lloyd Tannenbaum, MD (Fort Sam Houston), Bentley Bobrow, MD (Houston)
Reappointed: David Wampler, PhD (San Antonio), Karen Yates (Mansfield)
Outgoing: Debabrata Mukherjee, MD (El Paso), Richard Smalling, MD (Houston)

Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee
Newly Appointed: Neil Gandhi, MD (Houston), Scot Leatherwood (Amarillo), Ronald Nichols (Nederland)
Reappointed: Wanda Helgesen (El Paso), Rene Perez (Harlingen), Kenneth Webb (Tyler)
Outgoing: Michael Beimer (Quanah), Joe Fowler (Denison), Chillon Montgomery (San Antonio)

Emergency Medical Services Committee
Newly Appointed: James Campbell (Conroe), Jason Dush (Austin), Pedro Palacios (El Paso), Vincent Pulley (Mathis), Ricky Reeves (Granbury)
Reappointed: Steven Dralle (San Antonio)
Outgoing: Chad Curry (Lubbock), Dave Ferguson (Manvel), Jorge Ruiz (Edinburg), Jonathon Sell (Booker), Dudley Wait (San Antonio)

EMS Education Committee
Newly Appointed: Derek Briggs (Abilene), Lesley Osborn, MD (Houston), Jamie Praslicka (Angleton)
Reappointed: Lee Gillum (Conroe), Scott Lail (Cleburne), Christopher Nations (Houston)
Outgoing: Jennifer Stout (Carlsbad)

EMS Medical Directors Committee
Newly Appointed: Yagnesh Desai, MD (Tyler), Robert Hancock, MD (Trophy Club)
Reappointed: Richard Bradley, MD (Houston), Renee Johnson, MD (Houston), Gerad Troutman, MD (Amarillo)
Outgoing: Charles Addington, MD (Wolfforth)

Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee
Newly Appointed: Cary Cain, PhD (Houston)
Reappointed: Marisa Abbe, PhD (Dallas), Anthony Marquardt (Austin), Jennifer Northway (San Antonio), Mark Sparkman, MD (San Antonio)

Pediatric Committee
Newly Appointed: Erin Lincoln, MD (Leander), Jessica Naiditch, MD (Austin), Karen Rhodes (Harlingen), Timothy Ruttan, MD (Austin), Christi Thornhill (Fort Worth)
Reappointed: Lillian Liao, MD (San Antonio)
Outgoing: Jenny Oliver (San Antonio), Christi Reeves (Houston), Sally Snow

Stroke Committee
Newly Appointed: Jennifer Skinner (Texarkana), Lee Birnbaum, MD (San Antonio), Adam Borowski, MD (China Spring), Saud Khan, MD (Mount Pleasant), Sean Savitz, MD (Houston), Gilberto Torres (Raymondville), Elizabeth Fagan, MD (Lucas)
Reappointed: Johanna Morton, MD (Austin)
Outgoing: Paul Hansen, MD (Plano), David Miramontes, MD, San Antonio, Deborah Motz (San Antonio)

Trauma Systems Committee
Newly Appointed: Raul Barreda, MD (McAllen), Rebecca Crocker (Houston), Julie Hollan (The Woodlands), Kate Schaefer (Childress)
Reappointed: Hillary Chollet, MD (Harlingen)
Outgoing: Rebecca Callaway (McAllen), Ian Mitchell, MD (San Antonio), Hoang Pham, MD (Webster), Jorie Klein (Dallas)

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EMS Discipline Matrix

The EMS Discipline Matrix will be published in the Texas Registry as discussed during the 2019 EMS Conference and GETAC meeting. The project is on track for publication on January 24.

The purpose of this matrix is to:

- Demonstrate possible penalties for an EMS Provider/Person in violation of EMS rules.
- Indicate possible penalties if an EMS Provider/Personnel demonstrates a repeated violation or evidence of malice is present.
- Ensure consistency in determining the outcome of possible violation penalties.

Once published, the matrix will be available on our website at: www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/.

Any questions concerning this document or process can be directed to State EMS Director Joseph Schmider, joseph.schmider@dshs.texax.gov.

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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

Nine Health Threats that Made Headlines in 2019: A CDC Review
https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2019/p1218-nine-health-threats-2019-review.html

U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao Announces Further Reductions in Roadway Fatalities in First 9 Months of 2019
https://www.nhtsa.gov/press-releases/roadway-fatality-reduction-nine-months-2019

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 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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