



# SETRAC EMS Committees

Friday, May 11, 2018  
Houston Transtar, 6922 Katy Road, Houston, TX 77024

<p><b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b> John Kowalik called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees.</p>
<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b> No introductions were made.</p>
<p><b><u>DSHS EMS Compliance 6/5s Update</u></b> No updates.</p>

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<p><b><u>AIR MEDICAL</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alternate Ground LZ – Medical Center</b> Hospitals are reviewing the procedures they have in place which includes de-icing their landing pads and having alternate landing zones when unable to land on rooftop landing pads.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>New Business</u></b> No items to report.</p>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Closed.</p>
<p><b><u>EMS SQI</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DEA Regulations</b> The DEA is no longer requiring EMS to be distributors, just registrations for each building. The DEA has advocated that EMS agencies not change their internal processes. The 222 forms at some point will be going away. ARCOS reporting is no longer required for distributors.</li> </ul>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Update to be provided at a future meeting.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Drug Shortage</b> No updates at this time.</li> <li>• <b>Tactical EMS Workgroup</b> The first meeting will be held around the first of June. The goal is to develop regionalized standards for tactical EMS, which would help build trust with law enforcement.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trauma Committee Update</b> Dr. Rob Todd has been selected as the new committee chair. A trauma research workgroup is being formed with will need EMS participants.  The Stop the Bleed ad hoc committee is asking to be recognized as its own committee instead of falling under the Trauma Committee. The Trauma Committee voted in approval at the last meeting and will present the request to the SETRAC Board. Over 10,000 people have been trained so far, however, more participation is needed with help from EMS in rural areas.</li> <li>• <b>Injury Prevention (IP) Committee Update</b> The committee's focus is on falls prevention. The region has picked up the "A Matter of Balance" (AMOB) program. Three EMS agencies are currently participating in the workgroup. The committee is working on building an assessment tool to refer out to citizen assist calls for multiple falls. The next meeting will take place on June 14<sup>th</sup> via conference call.</li> <li>• <b>Pediatric Committee Update</b> No updates.</li> <li>• <b>Stroke Committee Update</b> The committee continues to look at LVO data collection and</li> </ul>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Update to be provided at a future meeting.</p> <p>Update to be provided at a future meeting.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>



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<p>revising the prehospital stroke guidelines to include LVO patients.</p> <p>Donald Garrett announced several Memorial Hermann facilities recently were surveyed for stroke with positive feedback, The Southwest, the Woodlands, and the Memorial City locations may soon be accredited as comprehensive stroke centers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Cardiac Committee Update</b>            The committee is working on rolling out education on the administration of lytics for patients that need to be transferred for PCI if unable to meet the time guidelines.             The committee is also working to develop a report specifically for non-PCI centers to look at door-in door-out times and lytics administration for STEMI patients that are transferred. There are also plans to develop a post arrest tool-kit and work with the AHA on regional community education.         </li> <li> <b>EMS Data Reporting</b>            The SETRAC database was recently migrated to a new system. Quarter 1 2018 data needs to be entered into the new database.         </li> <li> <b>Houston Fire Girls School MCI Overview</b>            Recently, a preparatory school for girls in downtown Houston had a gas leak. The ambus was deployed to what was first reported as a mass casualty event but was later determined to be minimal. Lessons learned from the event include separating possible victims to keep the panic levels down and communicating the type of MCI event taking place to hospitals so they can properly prepare for treating patients (trauma, exposure, etc.)         </li> </ul>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>Grace Farquhar will send out links for database users to create their accounts in the new database.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Closed.</p>
<p><b><u>EMS CARE AND TRANSPORT</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p>		



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New DSHS EMS Rule – RAC Participation</b> No report.</li> <li>• <b>EMS County Funding</b> The deadline to submit reimbursement packets is July 31<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>• <b>EMS Run Affidavits</b> All agencies state-wide will need to submit affidavits for 2017 EMS runs, which will be due in late summer to DSHS. SETRAC will need to have the affidavits before then to ensure all are received and the region receives our accurate share of funding.  Dues letters will be going out in the next couple of weeks.</li> </ul>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>Funding packets need to be submitted to SETRAC by July 31<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>Affidavits should be turned into SETRAC by the July EMS Committee meeting.</p>	<p>Closed.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Update to be provided at the next meeting.</p>
<p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local Project Grant Funding – Tourniquet Purchase</b> A lump sum of approximately \$43,000 has been made available to the RAC to be used from May 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>. At the previous meeting, the committee agreed to use the funds for purchasing tourniquets and paying for training.</li> <li>• <b>Local Project Grant Funding – Training</b> Suggestions include Administrator of Record courses, DICO courses, active shooter training, and stroke education, A survey will be sent to the committee to determine for which trainings the funds should be used.</li> <li>• <b>CEO Report</b> No report.</li> <li>• <b>Legislation Update</b> The state legislators are getting ready to go into session and will be looking at local governments and taxes. EMS agencies are encouraged to attend meetings in Austin to voice concerns as</li> </ul>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Update to be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>Update to be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>



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<p>budgets could be affected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>GETAC</b>            Dr. Greenberg is working to have a Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST) form pushed through legislation to accompany DNR forms (or can have instead of a DNR form.) One thought is that the form could be beneficial when needing to evacuate nursing homes during a disaster. The goal is to allow EMS in the field to align itself with how the hospital is functioning. GETAC will have a separate EMS committee meeting in June (possibly in Conroe in June. A request can be made to have the MOST form added to the agenda.            Discussion is also taking place about moving away from using disaster tags and using a wrist band that would stay with the patient until discharged from the hospital.         </li> </ul>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p>
<p><b><u>EMS DISASTER</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Old Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Communication Systems Update</b>            No update at this time.         </li> </ul> <p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>EMTF Update</b>            A handout with updates was provided to the committee. Information on training courses can be found at <a href="http://www.setrac.org/EMTF">www.setrac.org/EMTF</a>.             The MUR-C team is currently in west Texas to assist first responders who may need medical assistance. This team, while initiated in the region, has not been officially adopted by EMTF but is receiving recognition across the state and the nation.         </li> </ul>	<p>No action items or recommendations.</p> <p>No action items or recommendations.</p>	<p>Standing report.</p> <p>Standing report.</p>



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<p>A third ambus will be added to the region soon (Fort Bend County) along with a fourth to be added by the end of the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (RHPC) Update</b> More EMS representation is needed at corridor meetings. These meetings provide a great opportunity to interact with hospital emergency managers, go through disaster plans, and work out issues.</li> </ul> <p>SETRAC is one of 10 organizations in the nation that has been selected by the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to assist across the nation during disasters. SETRAC would be tasked with helping areas get organized and provide any requested skill sets. As a member of SETRAC, stakeholders may be asked to help assist.</p>	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
<p><b><u>HILT Demo</u></b> A presentation and demonstration on the HILT, which is geared towards preventing injuries to first responders when picking up and moving patients.</p>	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
<p><b><u>NEXT EMS COMMITTEE MEETING</u></b> The next meeting will take place on July 20, 2018, at 10:00am at Houston Transtar.</p>	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
<p><b><u>OPEN DISCUSSION</u></b> No items to discuss.</p>	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
<p><b><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING TRAININGS</u></b> No updates.</p>	No action items or recommendations.	Standing report.
<p><b><u>ADJOURN</u></b> There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.</p>		