

Injury Prevention Committee – The chair is Dr. Michelle McNutt. The committee met virtually on 08.13.2020. Robin Garza, Vice-Chair of the Injury Prevention Committee has relinquished her position as of 9.22.2020. The announcement will be made at the next committee meeting on 10.8.2020 and elections will commence at the meeting held in 2021. The current focus of the committee is ensuring nursing homes provide advance directives to pre-hospital agencies at time of patient transport. The topic will be shared with the EMS Committee for feedback while exploring additional avenues. Updates to the SETRAC Injury Prevention webpage to include relevant and current links to education and resources. The resources were reviewed and approved by the committee prior to addition to the webpage.

The Falls Prevention workgroup discussed virtual fall prevention programs. They are working to upload Bingocize, an evidence-based fall prevention program, to a virtual platform. The workgroup leader is now certified in Tai Chi which can be taught virtually. Additional fall prevention programs, to include the A Matter of Balance program, will not be suitable as it cannot be taught virtually. Workgroup goals were reviewed and updated to include virtual education. Identifying grants and funding for education remain a top priority.

The Firearm Safety workgroup discussed COVID-19 impacts and injury trends noting an increase in homicides since COVID-19. Pre and post COVID-19 will be compared once data is available. A heat map is being created to review additional data points from the medical examiner's data at the next meeting. Physicians are advocating to have firearm prevention conversations with patients and teaching peers how to initiate the conversation. This workgroup is on track to meet 2020 goals. Identifying grants and funding for education remain a top priority.

The Drowning Prevention workgroup reviewed water safety flyers and tip sheets created for high incident apartment associations, homeowner's association, and area hospitals identified by drill down of regional submersion data. Documents are being translated to Spanish prior to distribution.