



**East Corridor Minutes**  
May 12, 2023  
Jack Hartel County Building  
318 San Jacinto Street  
Liberty, Texas 77575



**A. Call to Order**

Lydia Worthen called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

**B. Minutes** (C101)

Ms. Worthen requested review and approval of the March minutes. Kevin Hunt (Baptist Hospitals of SE Texas) made a motion to approve the minutes, Kristin Gerlich (Liberty Dayton Regional Medical Center) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

**C. New Business**

- **National Weather Service**

Doug Kramer with the National Weather Service gave a presentation regarding preparation for hurricane season. He also explained the difference between El Nina and El Nino.

- **SETRAC/CMOC 101**

Carrie Cox (SETRAC) announced SETRAC is offering CMOC 101 training on three different dates (June 16<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and October 4<sup>th</sup>) at TranStar in Houston with twenty seats available per class. Those individuals at hospitals on the CMOC on-call calendar should be trained first. Please contact Ms. Cox at [exercise@setrac.org](mailto:exercise@setrac.org) for more information regarding registration.

- **Regional Radiological Exercise Review**

Ms. Cox gave an overview of the scenario of the regional exercise and how the facilities and agencies worked through it. She stated, once all feedback is received, there will be two After Action Reports (one for the regional exercise and one for the tabletops) which she expects to be completed and released sometime late-June.

- **Tri-County “Ride the Lightning” MCI FSX Review**

Jeremy Way reported they conducted a full-scale MCI exercise in Port Arthur with approximately 64 different agencies (law enforcement, fire, nurses, EMS, OEM, TEDM, etc.) with three scenarios. The first being an active attack inside the Civic Center, the second was conducting an HVA, the third was a school bus accident with a tractor trailer causing a fire. There was in-depth discussion regarding the regional plan for MCIs and SETRAC’s role in assisting.

**D. HPP Capabilities Review**

*Deferred*

**E. EMTF Update**

Kyle Ericksen highlighted some of the items in his EMTF update as listed below (*filed with East Corridor minutes binder*).

Current Activations:

1. Preparing for Jeep Weekend – 5/19-5/21 (860, generator, MCI trailer, and request for 3 Voluntary ALS units)

#### Past Activations:

1. 5/2/2023 – San Jacinto Search Ops Support – 4 SETRAC personnel, 860, and generator
2. 4/22/2023 - The Woodlands Ironman – SETRAC LNO on scene and HFD Strike Team on standby
3. 3/31/2023 - AST/ASTL/MPV 602 activation for Final Four to assist HFD

#### Training/Exercises/Meetings:

1. EMTF Training –
  - a. ASMT – June 13-14 (3 seats open)
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month – WebEOC trainings at 1400 & 1800
  - c. 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month – Pulsara Training (invite will be sent to appropriate team members)
2. Exercises –
  - a. TDEM Full-scale Hurricane Exercise – May 15-17, 2023 (opportunities to participate for TFL, MIST, AST, ASMT, MMU/RNST. Additional information and requests will be provided closer to the exercise date.)
  - b. UTMB Hurricane Evacuation Exercise – date TBD (opportunities to participate for TFL, MIST, AST, ASMT, MMU/RNST. Additional information and requests will be provided closer to the exercise date.)
  - c. CMOC – Spring Radiological Functional Exercise April 12, 2023 (TFLs invited to attend).
  - d. East Corridor MCI Triage Full-scale Exercise 4/11/2023
3. Meetings:
  - a. Galveston Hurricane Evacuation Meeting
  - b. UTMB/AMR – meetings to discuss RITA/IDRU teams and response
  - c. TMORT – meetings to discuss team status and prepare for training opportunities
  - d. College Football Playoff meeting

#### New/Future Business:

1. Future Meetings – TDEM Conference 5/29-6/2
2. MPV 602 1.5 upgrades (Final Inspection 5/5/23)
3. EMTF-6 ListServ – any members can be on the ListServ to receive general and critical information. Please sign-up at the following address <https://list.setrac.org/mailman/listinfo/emtf6> . You may also email [Mikal.Orr@setrac.org](mailto:Mikal.Orr@setrac.org) to receive the link.
4. Member information – all members need to complete/update their contact information on Board #13 “EMTF Contacts” in WebEOC. The link to the EMTF WebEOC server is <https://webeoc.txemtf.org/eoc7/controlpanel.aspx>. If you do not have an EMTF WebEOC account, please email [support@strac.org](mailto:support@strac.org) to request one. Please CC [mikal.orr@setrac.org](mailto:mikal.orr@setrac.org) so that I know you have made a request for an account. If you have any questions, please contact Mikal Orr.
5. A request for TFL/MIST/AST/ASMT will be distributed for participation in the TDEM Hurricane Exercise, SETRAC Radiological Surge Exercise, and the Harris Co. Full-scale Exercise. Additional details will be distributed to the ListServ when more information is received.
6. SETRAC will transition from SmartNotice to OnSolve for event and emergency notifications. The transition is on-going. Please expect to receive emails or forms requesting updated information from agency’s leadership and some individual EMTF members.

## **F. Training and Exercise Update**

Ms. Cox highlighted some items on the May training schedule distributed to the corridor members (*filed with East Corridor minutes binder*).

### **G. Special Populations Update (C101)**

Fidel Calvillo highlighted some items in his update as outlined below (*filed with East Corridor minutes binder*).

In preparation for hurricane season, we hold an annual exercise for our Special Populations. Our annual Special Populations Exercise – Evacuation and Shelter in Place was completed on May 4<sup>th</sup>. An in-person tabletop was held on April 20<sup>th</sup> in Willis, TX. leading up to the virtual Full-Scale on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Over 70 attendees participated in the tabletop comprised from all over our 25-county region. A special thanks went out to facility staff that traveled over an hour to attend. The May 4<sup>th</sup> portion of the exercise had close to 300 facilities attending virtually. Facilities that submit the evaluation form for the exercise will receive a certificate of attendance and the AAR template for them to complete for their records to meet regulatory requirements.

Our first Emergency Preparedness Bootcamp will be May 9<sup>th</sup> in Texas city for our South Corridor area. On May 23<sup>rd</sup> a Bootcamp in Lufkin for our North Corridor will be held. We are finalizing a few items to hold a Bootcamp in Houston on June 14 for our Downtown Corridor. Once final, the registration information will be shared with our stakeholders.

FSEDs in TSA Q will be participating with our SETRAC Clinical committees (Stroke/Cardiac). Continue offering onsite EMTrack training to FSEDs. Continue to meet with new FSED Administrators and getting them familiar with SETRAC preparedness activities and reviewing their plans. FSEDs participated in the Rad Exercise in April.

#### **Ongoing Activities:**

We continue to onboard new facilities on a weekly basis. Onsite visits are ongoing. For any facility that would like to meet to discuss preparedness planning please contact (Fidel).

Boot camp planning continuing with jurisdictions.

Providing email updates to stakeholders as requested by our preparedness partners.

Presenting SETRAC emergency preparedness overview to facility corporate personnel and local healthcare groups.

Trainings- EMResource in person trainings were held in March. Will continue to offer in person training throughout the region. UTMB providing a free training on how to develop a Respiratory Program for health care facilities. Next training on May 11<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>. SETRAC Emergency Preparedness overview available to facility personnel.

### **H. Inventory Update**

Mr. Ericksen highlighted some of the items in his Inventory update as listed below (*filed with East Corridor minutes binder*).

- The TDEM Strategic PPE Stockpile Workgroup has picked back up. It will be a very slow process to determine the feasibility of the project, but Kyle Ericksen (SETRAC) will update as he has more information.
- SETRAC is actively working towards a new inventory tracking software that will streamline accountability for both the facilities and moving forward.
- SETRAC has recently supported the Iron Man Triathlon in the Woodlands, an Asset Showcase in Nacogdoches, and the Final Four NCAA Basketball Tournament
- If any agency or facility would like a tour of the SETRAC Warehouse to have a better understanding of the assets and resources we are able to provide, please contact Mr. Ericksen at [kyle.ericksen@setrac.org](mailto:kyle.ericksen@setrac.org).

- If a corridor feels that it would benefit from an Asset Showcase in their region, SETRAC would be happy to coordinate a day to provide the opportunity for partnering agencies to walk through our assets and learn more about our capabilities.
- For any training or planned event that you would like SETRAC to bring assets or resources to, please complete the “Non-Emergency Asset Request Form” on the SETRAC website and, as long as there is no real-world conflict, SETRAC will do their best to support your request.

## **I. Partner Updates**

No partner updates were submitted. Anyone wanting their partner update included in the minutes should send their update via email to Roxie Ward at [roxie.ward@setrac.org](mailto:roxie.ward@setrac.org). This will ensure updates are documented accurately in the minutes.

## **J. Other Business**

- **July Meeting Location**

Kera Thomas with Hardin County Health Services volunteered to host the July East Corridor meeting at their location.

## **Adjournment**

Kevin Hunt (Baptist Hospitals of SE Texas) made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kristin Gerlich (Liberty Dayton Regional Medical Center) seconded the motion, and Mr. Way adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm. The next East Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (July 14<sup>th</sup>) from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Hardin County Health Services (1135 Redwood Street, Kountze, Texas 77625).

**ATTENDEES:** Lydia Worthen, James Meaux, Melissa Brodie, Kristine Gerlich, Blake Jackson, Carrie Cox, Kyle Ericksen, Larry MacNeil, Kallyn McDaniel, Janet Hunter, Kera Thomas, Robert Snyder, Madison Gonzalez, Kevin Hunt, Alauna Hunt, Jeremy Way, Norma McCall, Kris Barnes, Cathy Muscat