



**North Corridor Minutes**  
January 8, 2025  
Nacogdoches Medical Center  
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961  
2:00-3:30 pm



**Call to Order**

Stephen Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

**Minutes** (C101)

Mr. Bennett requested review of the November minutes. Justin Cude (Allegiance Mobile Health) made a motion to approve the minutes, Jonathon Walker (Nacogdoches County EMS) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

**New Business**

- **Generac-New State Initiative**

Evan Voss with Generac gave a brief overview of the grant program and updated the corridor members on the most current information regarding the new state generator initiative. At this time, the rules are set to be released in October, and they are expecting the grant funds to be distributed in the fourth quarter of 2025. Generac will work with the grant process with the facilities at no charge. There was an in-depth question-and-answer session held with Mr. Voss at the end of his presentation.

**HPP Capabilities Review** (C101)

- **Pulsara Update**

Gary Litton announced SETRAC will begin MCI drills with Pulsara this month. Anyone needing assistance as the drills are pushed out can contact Mr. Litton. Pulsara trainings are being scheduled and our new Pulsara representative is willing to come to the facilities to assist if needed.

- **Decon Training**

With the new calendar year, decon training is available. Any facility needing decon training can reach out to Mr. Litton at [gary.litton@setrac.org](mailto:gary.litton@setrac.org) and he will assist with scheduling. Mr. Litton stated he would like to invite local EMS partners to the decon trainings to give them some insight into the process from the hospital side.

- **Drill Participation**

SETRAC has discussed the regional drill participation has been low. North Corridor rarely goes under fifty percent, but there has been a time in the past the North Corridor was at 100% percent most of the time. SETRAC has discussed bringing back the CEO letters of participation but is waiting to allow the coordinator an opportunity to share the importance of the drills before going back to sending the letters out again. Timothy Chapman gave an overview of the monthly drills and related trainings.

- **Hazardous Vulnerability Assessment (HVA)**

Mr. Litton announced the Regional HVA has been completed and the North Corridor was at 100% submission. He thanked everyone for their participation.

- **World Cup Update**

Mr. Litton advised there is not an update for today, and he advised this update will remain on the agenda going forward for updates and awareness. The World Cup will be like the Super Bowl on

steroids and, due to recent events in New Orleans and Las Vegas, the security levels are high, so processes and planning are important. There will be trainings scheduled leading up to this event as well.

- **Review Risk Assessment** – The Risk Assessment has been reviewed and completed by the RHPC group with all risks assessed from the lowest to the highest risks and posted on the SETRAC website.

### **EMTF Update (C306)**

Grant Kelley reported EMTF has been busy since the last meeting (see below):

Activity:

- EMTF Prehospital IDRU course was held on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Plans to hold a second Prehospital course in Q1 of 2025.
- EMTF prepositioned WLFS Wild Land Fire Support teams to multiple various locations in our region they activated 2-Task force leaders, 1-technical specialist, 1-Mist, 3-Wildland Paramedic Units, and 2-Ambulances to support the Wildland Firefighters. The total length of deployment was from 10.04 to 11.07.
- EMTF hosted an EMTF day at the SETRAC warehouse and went over EMTF101 and EMTF Deployment Basics. These courses are a part of the new curriculum and a prerequisite for attending the MIST course, among others.
- During the Texas EMS Conference the newest response element of the EMTF was announced and on display. The RRU (Radiological Response Unit), and a full-time employee has been hired on to develop the Mission, SOG, and training regimen for the RRU. EMTF Region 6 will be receiving a large cache of equipment to compliment the prehospital and hospital RRU teams. Training will begin in 2025 and become operational early 2026.

Upcoming meetings AMBUS workgroup on January 9<sup>th</sup> hosted at SETRAC.

Sign in Roster if you would like to be added to EMTF 6 List Serve or Mass Notification system (please provide method of providing updated contact information).

### **Training & Exercise (C104)**

Mr. Chapman reviewed the Training and Exercise Schedule distributed to the coalition members highlighting the following items (*filed with RHPC Board minutes filed binder*):

- World Cup Tabletop Exercises - These will be held at the March/April corridor meetings and the regional exercise is scheduled for May 8, 2025.
- CMOC 101 Trainings – These are scheduled to begin again starting January 10<sup>th</sup> and then two per month after that at the Houston Emergency Center (registration needed for training).
- Decon Training Revamp – These will be offered two per facility (awareness/operations levels). Compliance with meetings attendance and involvement is necessary to receive trainings.
- Technology Trainings - These will move to every other month due to low participation. If your facility has multiple people that need training, please reach out to [exercise@setrac.org](mailto:exercise@setrac.org). Drills are every month with “easy drill to complete” instructions provided on EMResource.

### **Special Populations Update (C104)**

Mr. Litton reported Fidel Calvillo presented on the tornados that struck nursing homes in Texas City at the National Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Conference this year and it was well received. He stated there are not many organizations like SETRAC that focus on the special populations. He also encouraged the corridor members to invite those special populations groups they know to the corridor meetings for their information and input. There was discussion regarding how to distribute communications to these groups about meeting participation and important information they need for awareness and preparedness.

### **Inventory (C104)**

Troy Erbentraut reported the remaining PPE from COVID that was expired has been disposed of. SETRAC is now using StarLink for internet on all assets as well as “StarLink Go Boxes” have been setup and are available to the region. SETRAC has purchased wristbands for the region and the EMS Committee is in the process of distributing them.

### **Partner Updates (C101)**

There was discussion regarding new position at St. Luke's Health Memorial Livingston and Woodland Heights Medical Center construction.

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.

### **Open Discussion/Other Business**

#### **Upcoming Weather**

Jon Clingaman advised they are expecting the rain to begin tomorrow with the chance of winter precipitation further north throughout the week. There is always some uncertainty; therefore, preparing for the worst is suggested should the forecast change. There is talk about forecast models showing another ice apocalypse 2021 in the next two weeks; this is not confirmed but it is out there.

#### **Hot Topics**

Mr. Bennett stated he would really like to see more corridor presentations regarding partner events/incidents at the meetings and asked the corridor members to forward any hot topic suggestions to Mr. Litton at [gary.litton@setrac.org](mailto:gary.litton@setrac.org), especially for the next meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Mitigation Funds**

Mr. Clingaman reported there are special mitigation funds (approximately \$2 million) available to assist with projects for those that are a special district and/or government entity.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business or discussion, Justin Cude made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jonathan Walker second the motion, and Mr. Bennett adjourned the meeting at 3:21 pm. The next North Corridor meeting is scheduled for Wednesday (March 12<sup>th</sup>) at Tyler County Hospital, 1100 W. Bluff Street, Woodville, TX 75979.

**ATTENDEES:** Sondra Williams, Tara Triana, Johnnie Perry, AJ Rose, Curt Joiner, Gary Litton, Carmen Stuck, Ken Jobe, Jon Clingaman, Sharon Owens, Christopher Iguess, Ashley London, Janay Yancey, Joshua Phipps, Grant Kelley, Brian Corley, Justin Cude, Jonathon Walker, Timothy Chapman, Jason Minchew, Troy Erbentraut, Rober Scott, Monty Cartwright, John Farthing, Carrie Elder