



SETRAC Injury Prevention Committee

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Presenter: Kristen Beckworth Topic: Call to Order/Approval of Minutes	Suzanne mentioned before Kristen started the meeting for everyone to please mute when not speaking and when speaking please put their camera on. Kristen welcomed everyone to the injury prevention committee meeting. Minutes from November 7, 2024, were approved with no changes. Kristen advised attendance will now be tracked by the QR code at the end of each meeting or by going to www.setrac.org/injuryprevention.com . She advised she will give a code word at the beginning and end of the meeting to use when logging attendance. Kristen asked those online to remember to mute themselves when not speaking.	Minutes approved with no changes.
Presenter: Kodieann McQueen Topic: Best Practice Education o A Child Safety Seat Occupant Identification Program	Kristen shared a brief description of the W.H.A.L.E. (We Have A Little Emergency) project. Kodieann McQueen, Admin Director Trauma Bruns, & EMS, HCA Kingwood took over continuing with information about the W.H.A.L.E. program. She shared an experience they had where a week-old baby riding with mom involved in an accident where the mom was deceased on the scene and how it was a while before they could identify the baby reiterating why this program is so important. Both Kristen and Kodieann spoke on the packet that explained the way and gave pertinent information. The W.H.A.L.E Packet The Why In 2021,162,298 children were injured in automobile crashes. These crashes happen when children ride with parents, grandparents, or other caregivers. If the adult in the vehicle is seriously injured and unable to talk, emergency personnel have no easy way of identifying the child or his/her special needs-vital information that can help rescue efforts go more smoothly. Sometimes, just knowing the child's name can help rescue workers comfort a frightened child, while knowing whom to contact in an emergency allows them to notify parents or the next closest relative right away. That's when W.H.A.L.E. can make a difference. To participate in the program there is an information card to be filled out place it in the plastic self-adhesive holder which adheres to the back of the child safety seat and put the self-adhesive stickers on the rear side car windows and on the sides of the child safety seat.	The committee has no further recommendations



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	Contents of the Kit W.H.A.L.E. Information Card and Holder – Fill in all pertinent information on this card (child's name, date of birth, medical history, and emergency contacts), and affix the child's photo to the card (optional). To ensure privacy of these personal facts, fasten the card to the back of the safety seat, where it will not be visible from outside of the vehicle. Two W.H.A.L.E. Vehicle Window Decals These decals include the W.H.A.L.E. logo and should be attached to the inside of the lower rear corner of the vehicle's side windows. Rescuers will now that the occupants participate in the W.H.A.L.E. program and that they can find information on the back of the child safety seat. Kodieann mentioned they are looking at getting the W.H.A.L.E. program out in the community and giving the information when they give car seats out. For information on W.H.A.L.E. or materials go to www.txena.org/WHALE Sarah Beth put the W.H.A.L.E. website in the chat as well. Suzanne will present the program to the EMS committee at the end of the month for education purposes. Kristen asked that the website link be put in the minutes. Sarah Beth asked if SETRAC could fund a batch order of printing of the W.H.A.L.E. brochures. Suzanne said she will ask and let the committee know. Someone mentioned that Girl Scouts in the woodlands be looking for goal projects if manpower is needed.	
Presenter: Kristen Beckworth Topic: Community Education Workshop • Spring Health Fair Discussion • YMCA Winter Program • Safety Around Water	Kristen mentioned moving the committee forward with community outreach projects by looking at the data to see what community would benefit from the education and event. She shared Safety Around Water (SAW) a traveling team of lifeguards that go to apartment communities, communities that have pools that teach basic water skills to children in low-income areas. The program is running now until the spring there is a form to fill out for qualification purposes. Kristen dropped the link in the chat. https://clicktime.symantec.com/15xrmJoDyn8c8kuQkHW5V?h=dhYB2V86TpdInwm0cGJCZeaGnkj497XTu0XSnwNkKWs=&u=https://forms.office.com/r/gSpwQeD5Hr	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Dr. Kim Lopez Topic: Open Discussion Around the Room Updates ○ Child Fatality Review Team	Kristen opened the floor for around the room discussion. She shared that there would be a free child safety car seat check event January 15th in partnership with Spring Fire Department. They have several slots available	The committee has no further recommendations



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to those who live or office in the area or know someone who would benefit from the event she asked that they share the flyer shown. Certified car seat technicians will be there checking car seats for those in the area as well. For more information go to www.safekidsgreaterhouston.org. Sarah Beth shared a free Safe Travel For All Children course happening at the end of March for child passenger safety technicians for more information contact Marisol Nieves @ marisol.nieves@uth.tmc.edu. She also introduced Hersila Gopal, the new Adult Injury Prevention and Outreach Education Coordinator for Red Duke Traum Institute at Memorial Hermann TMC. Dr. Kim Lopez, the chair of the Harris County Child Fatality Review Team spoke in depth on their program. Their local team is a working group of collaborative partners that review child deaths on a local level from a public health perspective. Reviewing a child's death helps identify strategies to decrease preventable child deaths and work towards prevention. Their local team provide directions to investigations of child deaths to promote collaboration among agencies involved in responding to the fatalities and try to understand the causes and incidents of child deaths in our area. At the end of the year, they developed recommendations for policies and procedures to help reduce the deaths and suggested changes to laws, policies and practices in the communities that will reduce deaths and increase prevention. In the SETRAC region almost every county is covered by a child fatality review team. There are three counties that share one team as they are some of the smaller counties. Right now, Fort Bend does not have a child fatality review team it is a large county her hope is that they will be able to put one together. Their Team Key partners are Law Enforcement, CPS, Medical Examiner's office, Prosecutors, EMS, Public Health Officials, Pediatricians, Nutritionist, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Mental Health Workers, Social Workers, and Community Organizations. Texas Children's and Memorial Hermann Childrens hospitals are one of the key partners. For more information the link she was shared. https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Adult_Protection/Fataity_Review.asp Kristen opened the floor again for those who had any events coming up. She announced that there would be new leadership at the March meeting.



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Next Meeting/Adjournment	Trauma Day Thursday March 6, 2025 -10:00am – 11:00am In Person encouraged.	
Attendees	Brittany Salazar, Vickie Hipsher, Justin Thompson, John Pope, Kristen Beckworth, Tiffanie Guzman, Melanie Gander, Annika Butler, Janett Teran, Brian Brewer, Eric Parmley, Kodieann McQueen, Natasha Matulis, Jessica Vickers, Shiree Berry, Sharon Humphreys, Lori Foster, Rebecca Crocker, Michelle Hauth, Crystal Foster, Christy Gonzales, Sheila Lopez, Nichole Davis, Susannah Michael, R. Liza Gacia, Sarah Abbott, Sarah Black, Ben Shapley, Kelly Miller, Mary Lytwyn, Joshua Samp, LeAnne Yung, Candace Wren, Niragi Patel, Jessica Yell, Lauren Burns, Hanna Urech, Melanie Bradshaw, Pricilla Varas, Tammi Culp, Lindsey McCaleb, Alyssa Badillo, Trey Urech, Julie Matson, Herila Gopal, Robin Hazlett, Kendall Schmidt	Code Words January/Birthday