

# Governor's EMS/Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

## Disaster / Emergency Preparedness Committee

Sunday, November 11, 2012, 10:30 am – noon, Hilton Austin Downtown, 500 4<sup>th</sup> St., Austin, TX

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I. Call to Order / Roll Call	Eric Epley, committee chair, called the November 11, 2012 GETAC Disaster / Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting to order at 10:45 am. Roll call was done. Quorum confirmed. Introductions were done. Minutes from August 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved. Review list server email list if you would like to be added to the group, contact <a href="mailto:regan.fritts@strac.org">regan.fritts@strac.org</a> .	Quorum Confirmed. Minutes Approved.	Eric Epley Regan Fritts																																																						
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<b>WORKGROUP REPORTS</b>											

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMTF Coordinators:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Developing local, regional, state level SOGs for EMTF Coordination Centers</li> <li>○ Rename agenda item 'Develop EMTF Coordination Center Standards &amp; Operational Guidelines'</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Thank you Victor &amp; all EMTF Coordinators, TFLs...</li> </ul>	Typing' from agenda. Rename agenda item.	Regan Fritts
VI. RMOC discussion	'RMOC discussion' was tabled.	'RMOC discussion' tabled.	Eric Epley
VII. Emergency Medical Task Force Governance Structure Report	Rename agenda item 'Emergency Medical Task Force Governance Report'.	Rename agenda item 'Emergency Medical Task Force Governance Report'.	Regan Fritts
VIII. Disaster Medical Care with Scarce Resources Workgroup Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventing a pandemic (Human-to-human spread)</li> <li>• Timeline:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conventional</li> <li>○ Contingency</li> <li>○ Crisis standards                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3 Triage levels:                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level I (surging)</li> <li>• Level II (at capacity)</li> <li>• Level III (over capacity-OMG)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Next mtg January 19<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Thank you, Dr. Moriber, for the work. Important to talk about the integration of Emergency Management with healthcare focus.</li> <li>• Will have report at next meeting on integration.</li> </ul>	Report next meeting on integration.	Mitch Moriber
IX. TDMS Training Committee Report	<p><b>Mass Fatality Management (MFM): Kelly Curry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission: "How we can increase preparedness through planning, training, and exercise for the local and regional public safety and health care systems to respond to and manage all three components of mass fatality incidents – site, morgue, and family assistance."</li> <li>• Short term goal is assessment:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identifying Resources:</li> <li>○ equipment that has been purchased or is slated to buy with HPP &amp; PHEP funds</li> <li>○ Subject matter experts</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Accepted as information.	Kelly Curry

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Survey of plans TDEM. Partially completed</li> <li>○ Survey of EMC In Development</li> <li>• Long term considerations:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Immediate response team (similar to one team EMTF model, maybe more of a MIST-type model.)</li> <li>○ Train/exercise</li> </ul> </li> <li>• This is a sensitive and serious topic.</li> <li>• Lots of forward-looking issues to uncover including legal, faith, etc.</li> <li>• This WILL be a journey, but "clear eyes, full hearts, can't fail"</li> </ul>		
X. Ambulance ConOps Workgroup	'Ambulance ConOps Workgroup' report was tabled.	'Ambulance ConOps Workgroup' report tabled.	Eric Epley
XI. ElectroMagnetic Pulse (EMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a nuclear device was detonated from 200 miles above US soil it could affect the Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) in the entire nation.</li> <li>• Effectively lose electrical grid.</li> <li>• 3 transmission corridors in US:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ East Coast</li> <li>○ West Coast</li> <li>○ Texas</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Need the right people at the table to talk about this.</li> <li>• Suggestions:</li> <li>• Bury Commo equipment (HAM radios...) in basements</li> <li>• Credible internet links will be shared on list server.</li> </ul>	Share credible internet links on list server.	Dr. Maggie Strecker-McGraw
XII. Discuss Common VHF Channel Coastal Deployment Plan Concept	'Discuss Common VHF Channel Coastal Deployment Plan Concept' was tabled.	'Discuss Common VHF Channel Coastal Deployment Plan Concept' tabled.	Eric Epley
XIII. Discuss ESAR-VHP	'Discuss Texas Volunteer Registry / Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP)' was tabled.	'Discuss Texas Volunteer Registry / Emergency System for	Eric Epley

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		Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) tabled.	
<b>XIV.</b> TDEM First Responder Council / TEMAC Report	'Texas Department of Emergency Management(TDEM) First Responder Council / Texas Emergency Management Advisory Committee (TEMAC) Report' was tabled.	'Texas Department of Emergency Management(TDEM) First Responder Council / Texas Emergency Management Advisory Committee (TEMAC) Report' tabled.	Eric Epley
<b>XV.</b> First Responder Authentication Credential (FRAC) Summary	'First Responder Authentication Credential (FRAC) Summary' and 'Texas (FRAC) Pilot Project, Fall 2012' reports were tabled.	'First Responder Authentication Credential (FRAC) Summary' and 'Texas (FRAC) Pilot Project, Fall 2012' reports tabled.	Eric Epley
<b>XVI.</b> Tracking spending and cost of response for hospitals for more appropriate planning	'Tracking spending and cost of response for hospitals for more appropriate planning' was tabled.	'Tracking spending and cost of response for hospitals for more appropriate planning' tabled.	Eric Epley
<b>XVII.</b> Prioritize Next Steps / Assign	'Prioritize Next Steps / Assign Workgroups to tasks' was tabled.	'Prioritize Next Steps / Assign	Eric Epley

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<b>XVIII.</b> General Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change of GETAC Committee Structure:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DSHS gave committee chairs 3 options                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A – 50 minute meeting                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limits stakeholder input by time</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ B – 90 minute mtg stacked on top of each other                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limits stakeholder input by attendance</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Leave it like it is...                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most people in audience prefer this.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Committee chairs were not consulted on change</li> <li>○ Difficult to get through agenda in 90 minuts</li> <li>○ Strength of GETAC is input from stakeholders. Any move to limit that is not good.</li> <li>○ Extending the day may save money for DSHS, but not for Stakeholders.</li> <li>○ Not opposed to streamlining &amp; making things more efficient. Not every committee needs the same block of time. Some don't need to meet at all.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mr. Wait, chair of GETAC EMS Committee, asked EMTF, TDMS, TDEM and GETAC Disaster / Emergency Preparedness Committee to continue pushing for EMS involvement in Emergency Management planning. Ambulance agencies in the northeast need help &amp; don't know how to get it. Pat ourselves on back &amp; remain diligent about the disaster management. Need to reach out to assist our partners. Be ambassadors of lessons learned.</li> </ul>	Accepted as information.	Eric Epley
<b>XIX.</b> Summary for GETAC Meeting	'Summary for GETAC Meeting' was tabled.	'Summary for GETAC Meeting' tabled.	Eric Epley
<b>XX.</b> Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESF-9 Directive: Dr. Matt Minson               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Contamination of environment</li> <li>○ Will do functional exercises in Disaster City</li> <li>○ Invited D/EP Committee to participate, even as observers.</li> <li>○ Contact Stacy Mason with TX-TF-1 for more information.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• There was an AMBUS deployment from El Paso to New Mexico.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 100 individuals</li> <li>○ Call from ESD fire chief for AMBUS &amp; New Mexico DoT</li> <li>○ Transported 78 individuals in 3 hours from exposure to assessment site</li> <li>○ Ms. Helgesen thanked DSHS for their help</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Accepted as information.	Matt Minson

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<p><b>XXI.</b> Thank outgoing committee members, welcome new.</p>	<p>Mr. Epley thanked outgoing committee members for their service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doug Havron</li> <li>• Frank Marshall</li> <li>• Matt Minson</li> <li>• Dave Taylor</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Epley announced the 2013-2015 re-appointed committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brad Goudie</li> <li>• Mitch Morber</li> <li>• Ira Nemeth</li> <li>• Ricky Reeves</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Epley welcomed &amp; introduced new committee members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gwen Campbell (2013-2015)</li> <li>• Nick Sloan (2013-2015)</li> <li>• Edwin Smith (2013)</li> <li>• Micah Wilson (2013)</li> </ul>	<p>Accepted as information.</p>	<p>Eric Epley</p>
<p><b>XXII.</b> Review and list agenda items for next meeting</p>	<p>I. Workgroup Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. STEAR (State of TX Emergency Assistance Registry) workgroup report</li> <li>B. Texas Disaster Medical System (TDMS)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) workgroup report                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. EMAC Credentialing Report</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Discussion of RMOCs</li> <li>3. Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) governance report</li> <li>4. AMBUS (Ambulance Bus) Working Group Report</li> <li>5. Develop EMTF Coordination Center Standards &amp; Operational Guidelines</li> </ul> </li> <li>C. EMTF Ambulance Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Workgroup</li> <li>D. Disaster Medical Care with Scarce Resources Workgroup Summary</li> <li>E. TDMS Mass Fatality Management &amp; Education Committee Report</li> <li>F. Ambulance ConOps Workgroup</li> <li>G. Medical Incident Support Team (M-IST) and Ambulance Staging Manager (ASM) Courses Report</li> </ul> <p>II. ElectroMagnetic Pulse (EMP) Presentation and Discussion</p> <p>III. Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) First Responder Council / Texas Emergency Management Advisory Committee (TEMAC) Report</p>	<p>Accepted as information.</p>	<p>Eric Epley</p>

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<b>XXIII.</b> Next Meeting Date	Next meeting date: February 2012.	Accepted as information.	Eric Epley
<b>XXIV.</b> Adjournment	November 11, 2012, GETAC Disaster / Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm.	Meeting adjourned.	Eric Epley

Respectfully Submitted,

Regan Fritts, STRAC  
Special Projects Coordinator

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