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If the alphabet soup of acronyms tossed around at meetings gets confusing, here's a cheat sheet to help you decipher and links to more information (when available):

ACEP – American College of Emergency Physicians (www.acep.org)
AHA – American Heart Association (www.americanheart.org)
CCMP – Comprehensive Clinical Management Program
DADS – Department of Aging and Disability Services (www.dads.state.tx.us)
DARS – Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (www.dars.state.tx.us)
DIRT – Data, Informatics and Research Task Force (GETAC)
DTF – Designated Trauma Facility
EEF – Extraordinary Emergency Funding
EMSAT – EMS Association of Texas
EMSEAT – EMS Educators Association of Texas
EMTALA – Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
GETAC – Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council
(www.tdh.state.tx.us/hcqs/ems/governor.htm)
HHSC – Health and Human Services Commission (www.hhsc.state.tx.us)
HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HSC – Health and Safety Code (Texas)
NAEMSE – National Association of EMS Educators
NAEMSO – National Association of State EMS Officials
NAEMSP – National Association of EMS Physicians
OOHDNR – Out-of-Hospital Do-Not-Resuscitate (www.tdh.state.tx.us/hcqs/ems/dnrhome.htm)
OEMS/TS – Office of EMS/Trauma Systems Coordination (www.tdh.state.tx.us/hcqs/ems/)
RAC – Regional Advisory Council
TAA – Texas Ambulance Association (www.txamb.com)
TAC – Texas Administrative Code (www.sos.state.tx.us/tac)
TBIAC – Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council (www.dshs.state.tx.us/braininjury)
TCEP – Texas College of Emergency Physicians (www.texacep.org)
TCFP – Texas Commission on Fire Protection (www.tcfp.state.tx.us/)
TSA – Trauma Service Area
TETAF – Texas EMS, Trauma, & Acute Foundation