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# Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council

**Monday, November 20, 2023**

**4: 00 PM (CDT)**

Alan Tyroch, MD, FACS, FCCM, Chair

Ryan Matthews, LP, Vice Chair

# 1. Call to Order

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## 2023 Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council Meeting 4th Quarter



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*This meeting is being conducted live and virtually through  
Microsoft Teams.*

Public participation is available at:

Hilton Austin Hotel, Salon H

500 East 4th Street

Austin, Texas 78701

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# Rules of Participation

- Please be respectful during the meeting to ensure all members can be heard.
- Please do not monopolize the time with your comments.
- Please limit comments to three minutes or less.
- Please allow others to voice their opinion without criticism.
- Everyone's voice and opinion matters.

**Please understand that the meetings are live on TEAMS and recorded.**

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- Committee members: Please have your camera on and state your name when speaking.
- Council: Please have your camera on during today's meeting. When speaking or making a motion, please state your name for the meeting record.



## 2. Roll Call

### Council Members:

- If attending virtually, please have your camera on during today's meeting.
- For members in the room, please remember to speak directly into the microphone so that online participants can hear your comments.



### 3. Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council Vision and Mission

#### **Vision:**

*A unified, comprehensive, and effective Emergency Healthcare System.*

#### **Mission:**

*To promote, develop, and advance an accountable, patient-centered Trauma and Emergency Healthcare System.*



# Moment of Silence

*Let's take a moment of silence for  
those who have died or suffered  
since we last met.*



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# 4. Approval of Minutes

## Review and Approval of Minutes

- August 18, 2023



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# 5. Chair Report and Discussion

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- **Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair**



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# State Reports



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# 6.a. Center for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (CHEPR)

Jeff Hoogheem, Director



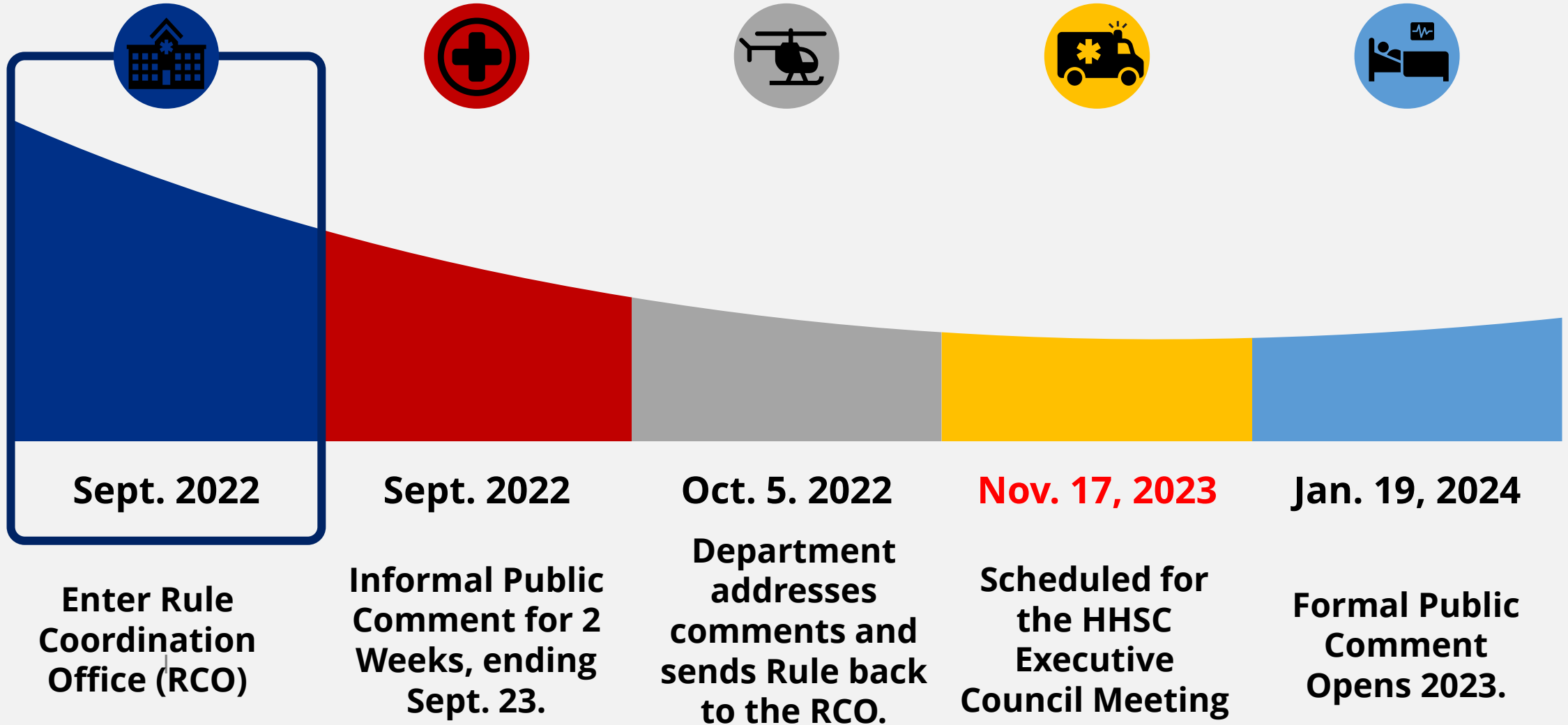


# 6.b. EMS Trauma Systems Update

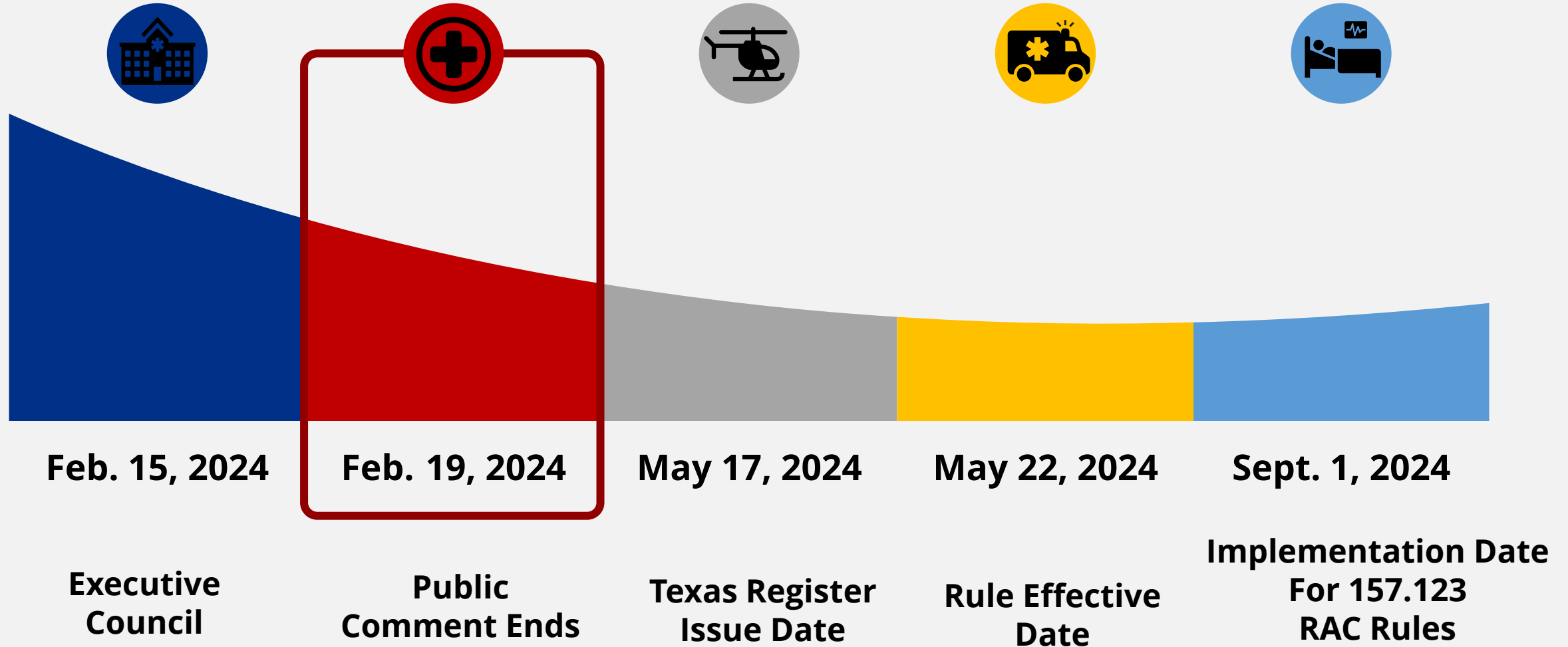
Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, Director



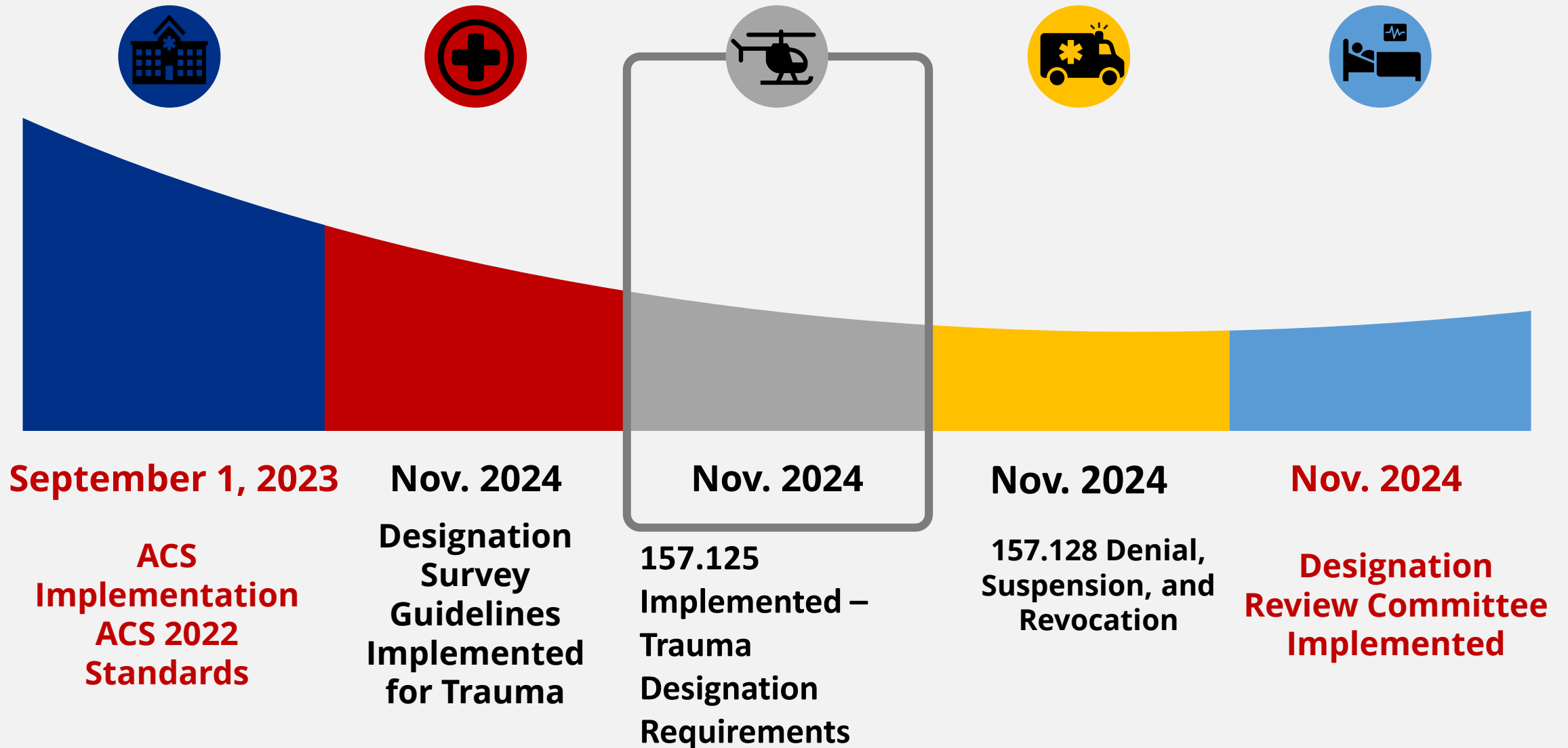
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	RCO sends rule packet to DEC for review and approval.		
9/29/23	RCO sends rule packet to Legal for review and to provide comments and Chief Counsel or General Counsel approval.	30	11/9/23
11/10/23	RCO sends rule packet to Office of the Governor for review.	20	12/11/23
12/12/23	RCO routes rule packet to the Office of the Executive Commissioner to obtain approval by Executive Commissioner.	14	1/3/24
1/4/24	RCO submits packet to HHSC Executive Council Liaison.	1	1/4/24
1/4/24	RCO submits information to <i>Texas Register</i> for publication.	3	1/8/24
<b>1/19/24</b>	<b><i>Texas Register</i> issue date.</b>		31 calendar days
<b>2/1/24</b>	HPAC meeting.	1	2/1/24
<b>2/8/24</b>	MCAC meeting.	1	2/8/24
<b>2/15/24</b>	<b>Presentation at HHSC Executive Council.</b>	1	2/15/24
2/19/24	<b>Public comment period ends.</b>	1	2/20/24
2/21/24	Program staff prepares the adoption packet: adoption rule, adoption preamble, and adoption Executive Commissioner memo.	10	3/5/24
3/6/24	Program staff submits adoption packet to program management for approval.	10	3/19/24
3/20/24	Program routes adoption packet to RCO.	1	3/20/24
3/21/24	RCO Rules Specialist reviews and provides comments.	4	3/26/24
3/27/24	Program reviews and responds to edits from the RCO.	3	3/29/24
4/1/24	RCO sends rule packet to SEPA for review.	4	4/4/24
4/5/24	RCO sends rule packet to DEC-PR for review and approval.	2	4/8/24
4/9/24	RCO sends rule packet to Legal for review and to provide comments and Chief Counsel or General Counsel approval.	10	4/22/24
4/23/24	RCO routes rule packet to the Office of the Executive Commissioner to obtain approval by Executive Commissioner.	7	5/1/24
5/2/24	RCO submits information to <i>Texas Register</i> for adoption.	1	5/2/24
<b>5/17/24</b>	<b><i>Texas Register</i> issue date.</b>		
5/22/24	<b>Rule Effective Date.</b>		

# Rule Discussion



Scheduling in-person and virtual meetings for stakeholder discussion of rules



Dates published by December 15<sup>th</sup>

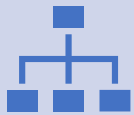


Note: all comments must be received in writing

# 2023 Exceptional Item

- \$6.6 M
- \$3.3M Annually
- \$150,000 to each RAC
- Contract amendment mid-September
- The additional \$3.3 million per year for the RACs is now considered part of our agency's "base budget"
- Medical Advisory Board

# Department Focus



Structure and Process of Services



Establish Consistency in Practice



Fall Newsletter – Reviewed the Changes Implemented



# GETAC Committee Guidelines

Department of State Health Services

Consumer Protection Division

EMS-Trauma Systems Section's Designation Unit



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# Designation Survey Guidelines

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# Designation Survey Guidelines

Goals of  
Designation  
Survey Guidelines

Survey  
Expectations

Designation  
Survey Process

Consultation  
Surveys

Designation  
Survey Overview

Department-  
Approved Survey  
Organization's Role

Survey Schedule

Summary

# Texas System Performance Improvement Plan



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# Uncompensated Care Funding



Reviewing the application



Excel data sheet – minor modifications



Data – focusing on cost of readiness



Goal for turn around – December 15<sup>th</sup>

# CRASH Project

- Moved to February Strategic Meeting

# Planning for 2024

All GETAC Austin meetings are at the Double Tree Hotel

- Retreat – February 1<sup>st</sup> afternoon; February 2<sup>nd</sup> morning
- Q1 – March 6-8
- Q2 – June 12-14
- Q3 – August 21 – 23
- November – Conference in Ft. Worth

# Designation Update

Elizabeth Stevenson, BSN, RN  
Designation Programs Manager



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# Designated Trauma Facilities

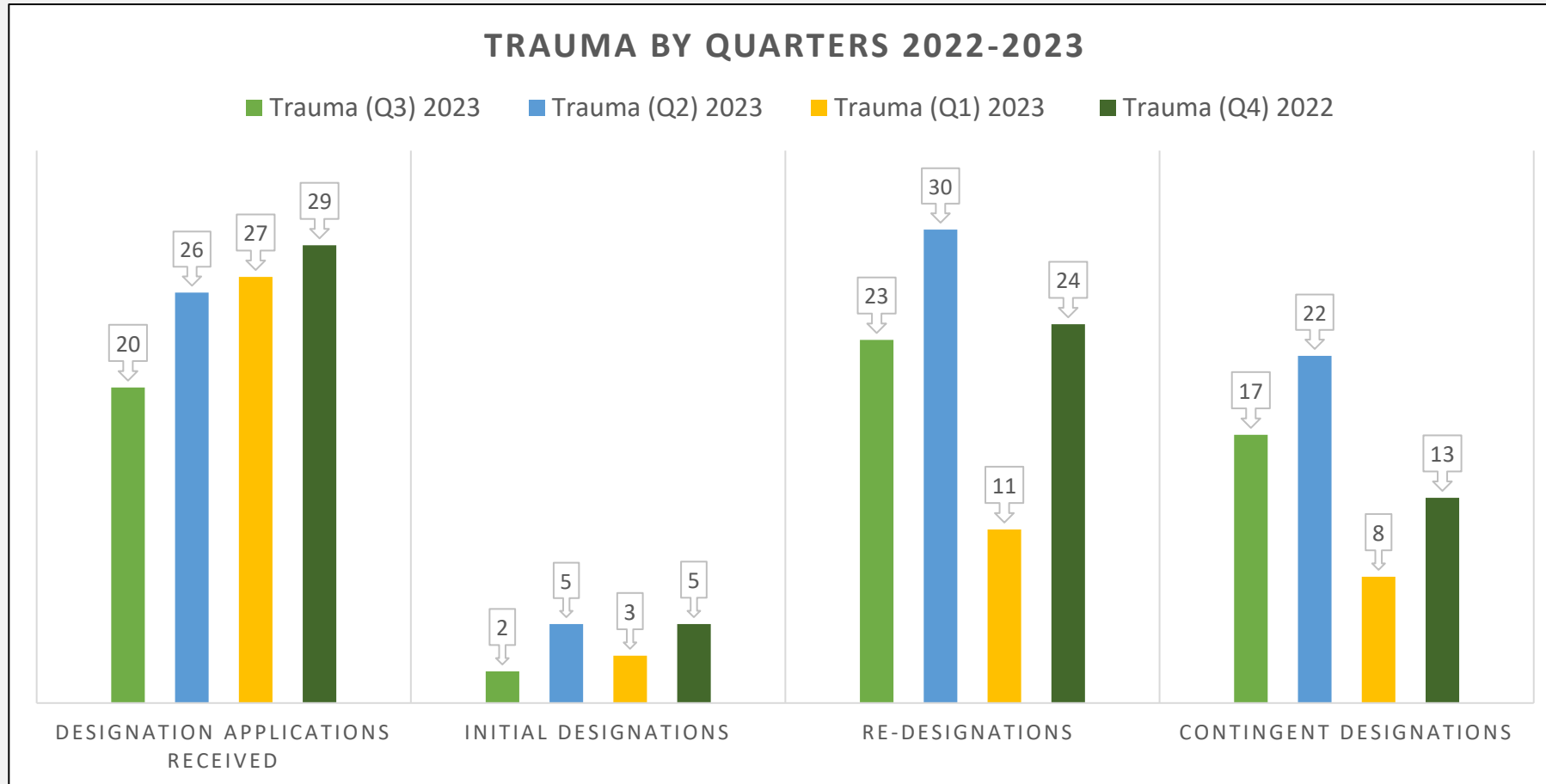
Designated Trauma Facilities	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022
Total	302	303	301	306
Level I	22	22	22	21
Level II	28	27	26	26
Level III	58	60	61	62
Level IV	194	194	192	197

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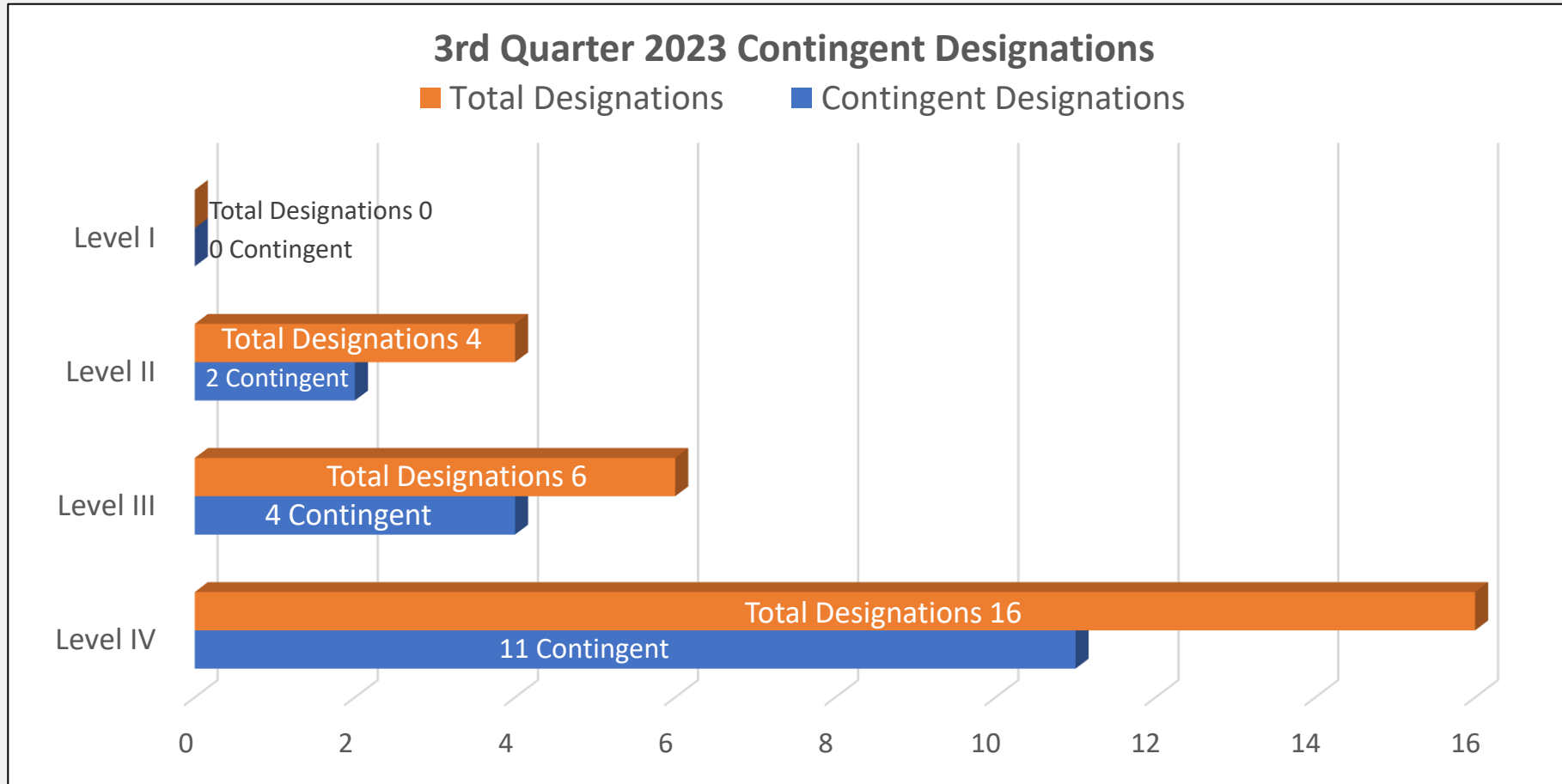
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- 2 - Level IV facilities did not redesignate
- 1 - Level IV IAP designated
- 1 - Level III downgraded to Level IV (Mid-cycle)
- 1 - Level III upgraded to Level II

# Trauma Designation Data



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<b>Trauma 2023-2022</b>	<b>Trauma (Q3) 2023</b>	<b>Trauma (Q2) 2023</b>	<b>Trauma (Q1) 2023</b>	<b>Trauma (Q4) 2022</b>
<b>New IAP Recognitions</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Facilities In Active Pursuit</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Level I	0	0	0	0
Level II	0	0	0	0
Level III	3	3	4	3
Level IV	5	4	4	6
<b>Designated at a Higher Level</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Designated at a Lower Level</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# Common Deficiencies

## Common Themes for Contingencies and Focused Reviews:

### Level II/III

Credentialing of Specialties

Back Up Call Schedules

PI – Actions Taken

PI – Loop Closure

### Level IV

Nursing Documentation

PI – Identification of Variances

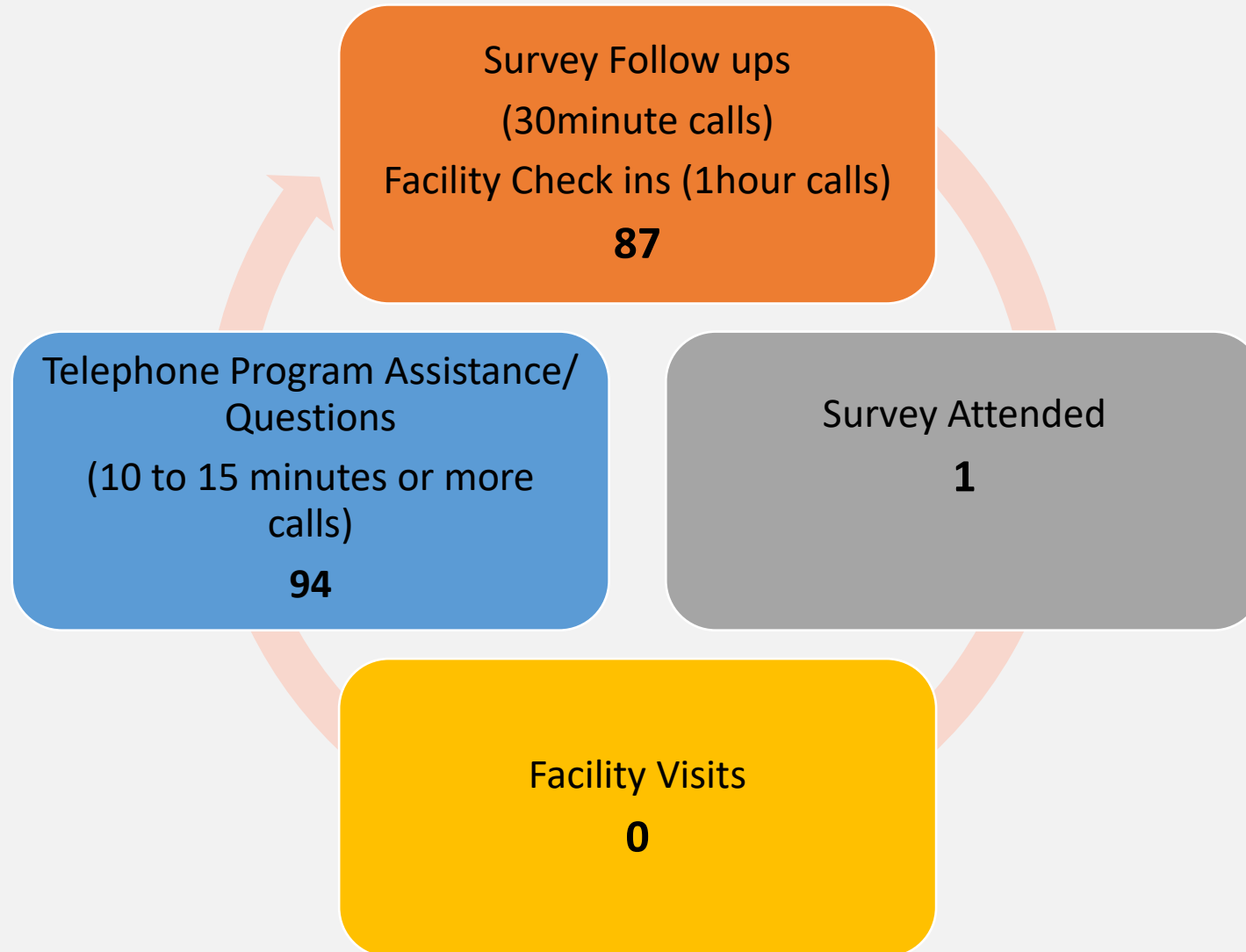
CME – ED providers

Credentialing of ED providers

ATLS for ED providers

PI – Loop Closure

# Trauma Designation Support



# Trauma Designation Assistance

## Department Actions:

- ISS Scoring/TQIP Assistance Workgroup

## Website resources developed:

ISS Cheat Sheet

TQIP Benefits for Administrators

Mentorship FAQ's

- RAC Chairs and EDs invited to monthly facility calls
- No monthly Trauma meeting calls in December
- Starting January 2024 - Level I/II Trauma Facility monthly calls



# Designated Stroke Facilities

Designated Stroke Facilities	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023
Total	187
Comprehensive Level I	43
Advanced Level II	3
Primary Level III	39
<i>Primary Level II</i>	79
Acute Stroke Ready Level IV	12
<i>Support Level III</i>	11

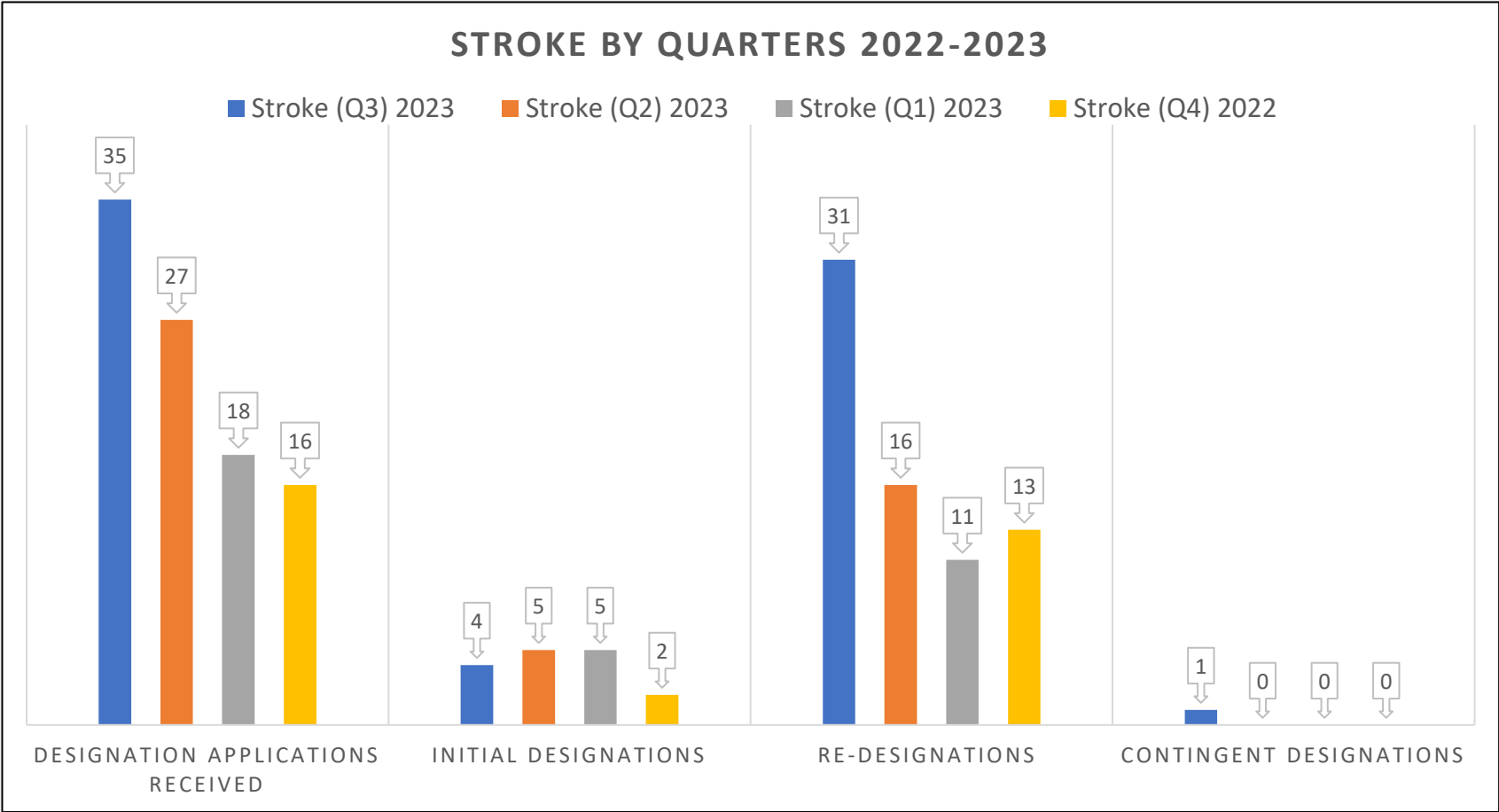
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3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023	187
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023	185
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023	184
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022	180

Since 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022

- Withdrew:
  - 2 Support Centers
  - 2 Primary Center
- Initial Designations:
  - 6 Acute Stroke Ready Centers
  - 5 Primary Centers

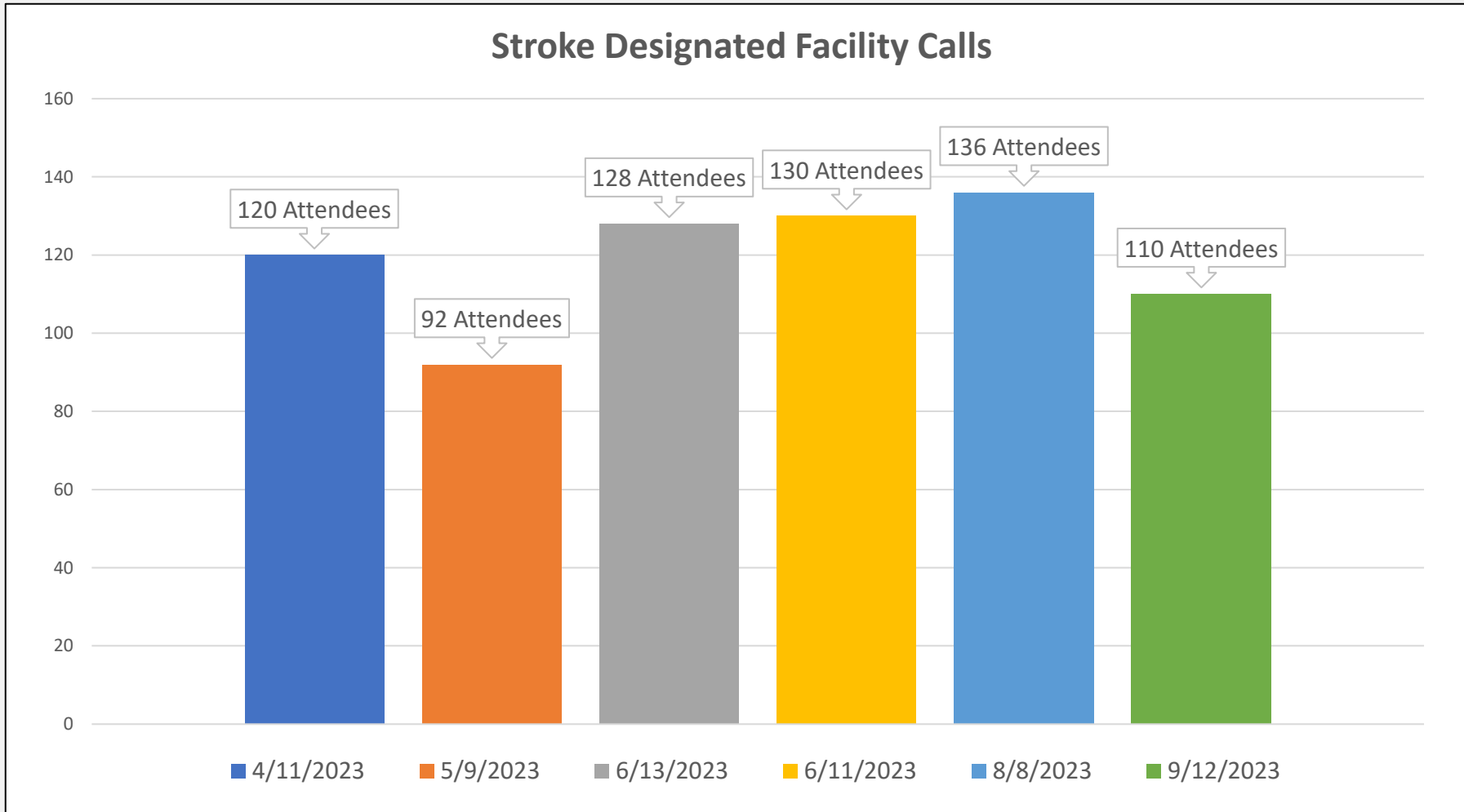
# Stroke Designation Data



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Stroke Designation Applications	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022
Level I	10	5	5	12
Level II	2	1	0	0
Level III	15	14	9	3
Level IV	8	7	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>

# Stroke Designation Information



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## Stroke Workgroup Projects

- Stroke Application Data - Completed
- Level IV Acute Stroke Ready DSHS Guidelines - In Progress
- Level III DSHS Primary Guidelines
- Level I DSHS Comprehensive Guidelines

RAC Chairs and EDs invited to monthly facility calls

No monthly Stroke meeting calls in December

# Designation Application Process Performance Measures

Goal – 30 days

Trauma – 69 days

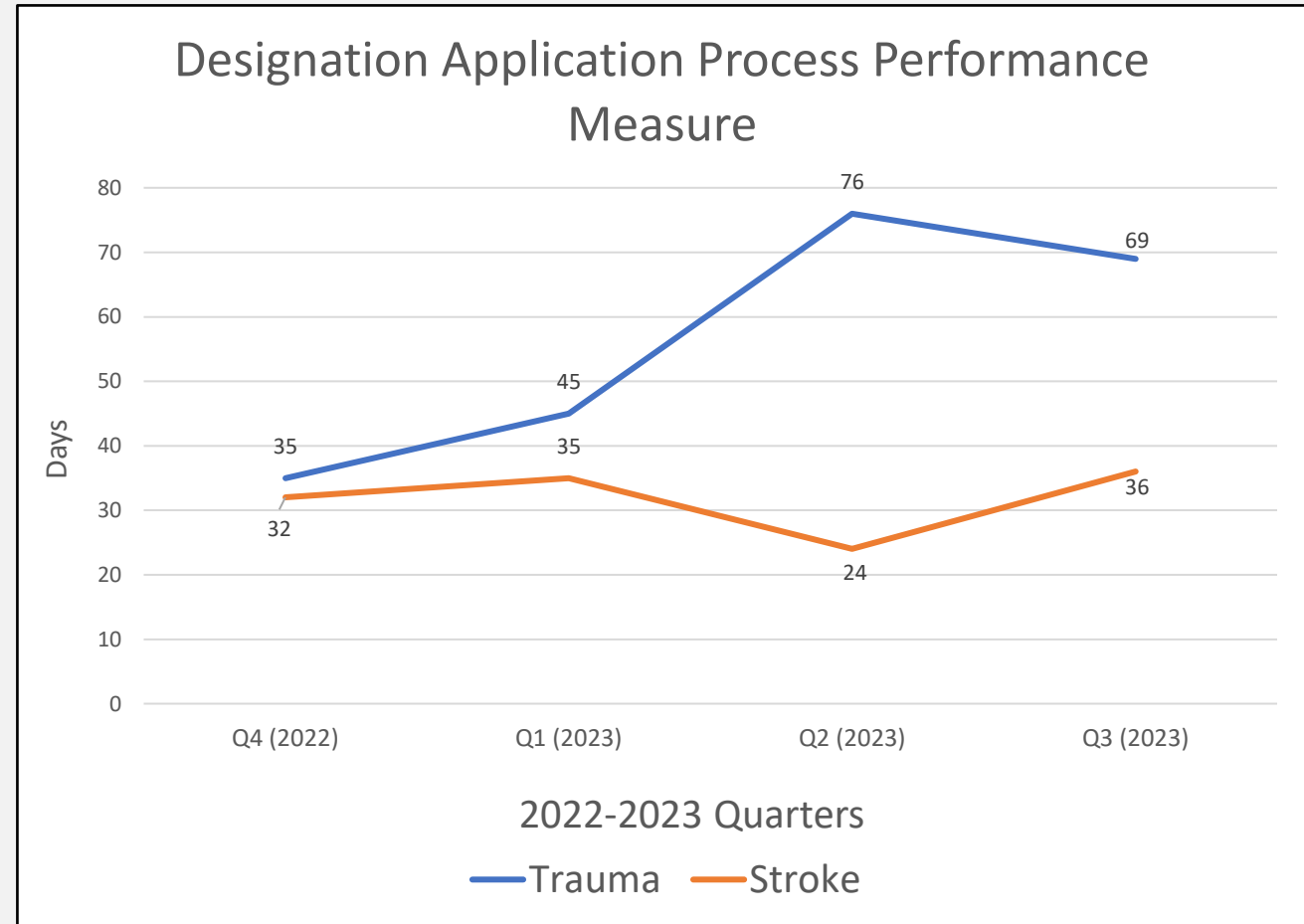
Stroke – 36 days

Department Receipt of a Complete Application including Fee through Facility Receipt of Approved Designation Documents.

Approved Documents to Facility Distribution:

Goal – 2 days

Avg – 3 days



# EMS System Update

Joe Schmider

Texas State EMS Director



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# Senate Bill 8 Update

LIFE SAVING.   
LIFE CHANGING.

Emergency Medical Services

[EMS.Texas.gov](https://www.ems.texas.gov)

- Over 2,183 Education Scholarships processed or in process
- EMS Scholarships in each RAC
- Over \$11,530,400 M in scholarships processed
- 2,520 new certified EMS personnel since 10/1/22
- 9/1/23 end of Incentive program
- 2019 – 68,461 certified personnel; today – **75,163**

# CAMPAIGN: *Life Saving. Life Changing.*

**TOTAL MEDIA BUY – \$439, 871**

- Statewide Run: Sep 1 - Oct 31, 2023
- 27 million impressions
- TV, digital, social media, radio, billboards



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# WEBSITE & TOOLKIT

**NEW WEB ADDRESS – [EMS.Texas.gov](https://www.ems.texas.gov)**

## **MATERIALS TO RECRUIT/RETAIN**

- Texas-Specific Career Infographics
- Template Commercials, Billboards, Brochures, etc.
- Recruitment Strategies
- Retention Best Practices
- English and Spanish Testimonials
- Distribution to RACs and state associations (in Sep)



# New Rules December 1, 2023

## SB 422 Military Occupation Licensure

DSHS – Licensure exemption  
subchapter F Out of State  
License 1.81

**Amend:** to add in military  
member

DSHS – Licensure  
exemption subchapter G Out  
of State License 1.91

**New:** to include military  
veterans



# Opening Up TAC 157.11

- To add SB 2133 language Dialysis Transports and to do some clean of the rule.
- The new subsection requires EMS providers to have a plan for transporting dialysis patients to and from an outpatient end stage renal disease facility during a declared disaster if the patient's normal and alternative modes of transportation cannot be used.



# EMS Licensing Processing Time September & October FY 2024

## Overall – All Applications

- **EMS Personnel:** DSHS processed 4,536 applications; the median processing time was 23 days.
- **EMS Educators:** DSHS processed 331 applications; the median processing time was 116 days.
- **EMS Providers:** DSHS processed 69 applications; the median processing time was 75 days.
- **First responder organizations:** DSHS processed 62 applications; the median processing time was 83 days.



# NEMESIS: V5 Moving Forward!

For more information on  
NEMESIS and national  
dashboards go to  
<https://NEMESIS.org>.



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# EMS/Trauma Systems Funding

Sunita Raj, EMS/Trauma Systems Manager



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# EMS/Trauma Systems Funding

**Appropriation: FY 24 – 111 M**

**0001 – General Revenue: \$7,549,524**

**0512 – Bureau of Emergency Management Account: FY 23 - \$2.6M/ FY 24 - \$3,1 M**

**5007 – Commission on State Emer Comm Account: FY 23 – \$1.8M/ FY24 - 1.75 M**

**5108 – EMS, Trauma Facilities/Care System: FY 23 – \$3.5M / FY24 - \$3.5 M**

**5111 – Trauma Facility and EMS Account: FY 23 – \$112.8M / FY24 - \$96M**



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# Extraordinary Emergency Funds (EEFs):

- FY24: \$1M was made available on 9/1/2023
  - 9 Applications received
  - 4 Awarded, 1 Denied
  - Total Expended: \$761,141.08
  - Funds available: \$238,858.92
  - Grant requests applications are under review

## Requested items:

- Repair Ambulance And Replace Ambulance
- Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator
- New Ambulance
- Ambulance Radio



# Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Contracts

- RAC Contracts include:

- EMS Allotment
- RAC Allotment
- RAC Systems Development
- EMS/LPG

- Contract dates:

- Start 9/1
- End 8/31

- Lump sum payments made for all portions

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
EMS	\$4,595,519	\$4,795,847	\$4,876,435
RAC	\$2,428,599	\$2,597,147	\$2,650,510
System Dev.	\$2,400,000	\$2,278,187	\$2,278,187
LPG	\$650,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9,424,118</b>	<b>\$9,671,181</b>	<b>\$9,805,132</b>



# FY21 UCC Funding Update

- 297 Applications received
- \$9,995,174.67 funds distributed from 5007, 5108, & 5111
- \$188,400,189.56 provided from SDA Trauma Add-On

Level	5007	5108	5111	SDA	Total
I	\$320,543.45	\$332,486.82	\$3,143,535.78	\$126,428,371.69	\$130,224,937.74
II	\$76,300.33	\$79,143.26	\$383,600.23	\$28,770,553.37	\$29,309,597.19
III	\$84,104.85	\$87,238.58	\$2,394,510.51	\$14,007,735.03	\$16,573,588.97
IV	\$74,613.27	\$77,393.34	\$2,838,006.69	\$19,193,529.47	\$22,183,542.77
IAP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$103,697.46	\$0.00	\$103,697.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$555,561.90</b>	<b>\$576,262.00</b>	<b>\$8,863,350.67</b>	<b>\$188,400,189.56</b>	<b>\$198,395,364.13</b>



# Questions for EMS/Trauma Systems?

*Thank You*



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# 6.c. DSHS Office of Injury Prevention Reports



# 6.c.i. Texas EMS and Trauma Registry

Jia Benno, MPH  
Office of Injury Prevention Manager



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# Texas 2019-2022 Heat Activations


November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Jia Benno, MPH

Injury Prevention Unit Director

# Texas EMS and Trauma Registries




- The Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Registries (EMSTR) collects data from EMS providers, hospitals, justices of the peace, medical examiners, and rehabilitation facilities.
  - EMS providers must report all runs to EMSTR under Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Chapter 103. A run is a resulting action from a call for assistance where an EMS provider is dispatched to, responds to, provides care to, or transports a person.
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# Data Definitions




**Heat Activations in Texas** - To look at heat activations, EMSTR included patients where the primary symptom, provider's primary impression, or provider's secondary impression included heat stroke, effects of heat and light, heat exhaustion, heat fatigue, exposure to excessive heat, sunburn, and more.



# Methodology Notes

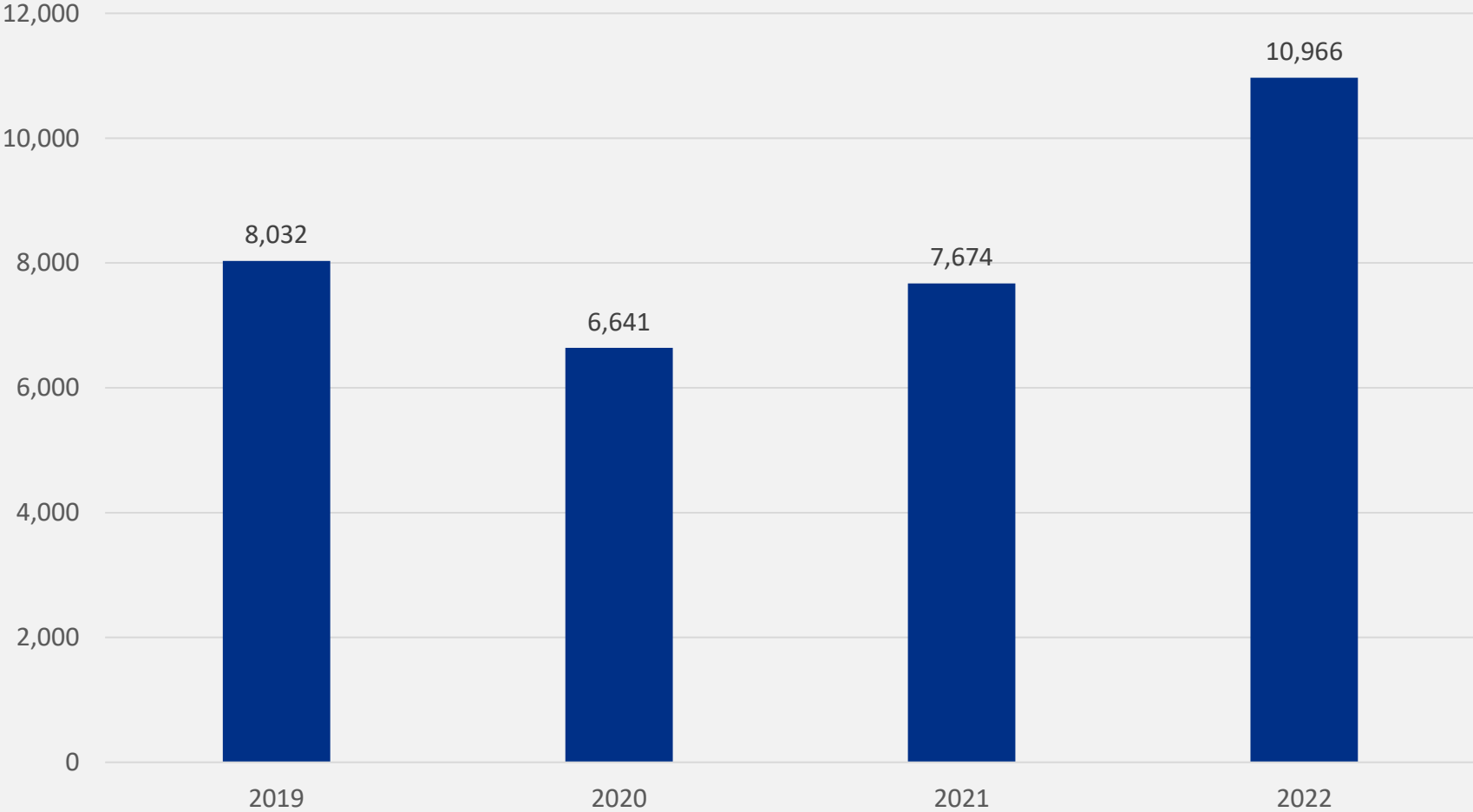


- This report includes data from 2019-2022.
  - Per epidemiology best practice, EMSTR suppressed data when there were less than 5 records to protect identifiable data, noted with an asterisk (\*).
  - EMSTR used three age groups for this analysis:
    - Pediatric – Children under the age of 15;
    - Adult – Ages 15-64; and
    - Geriatric – Ages 65+.
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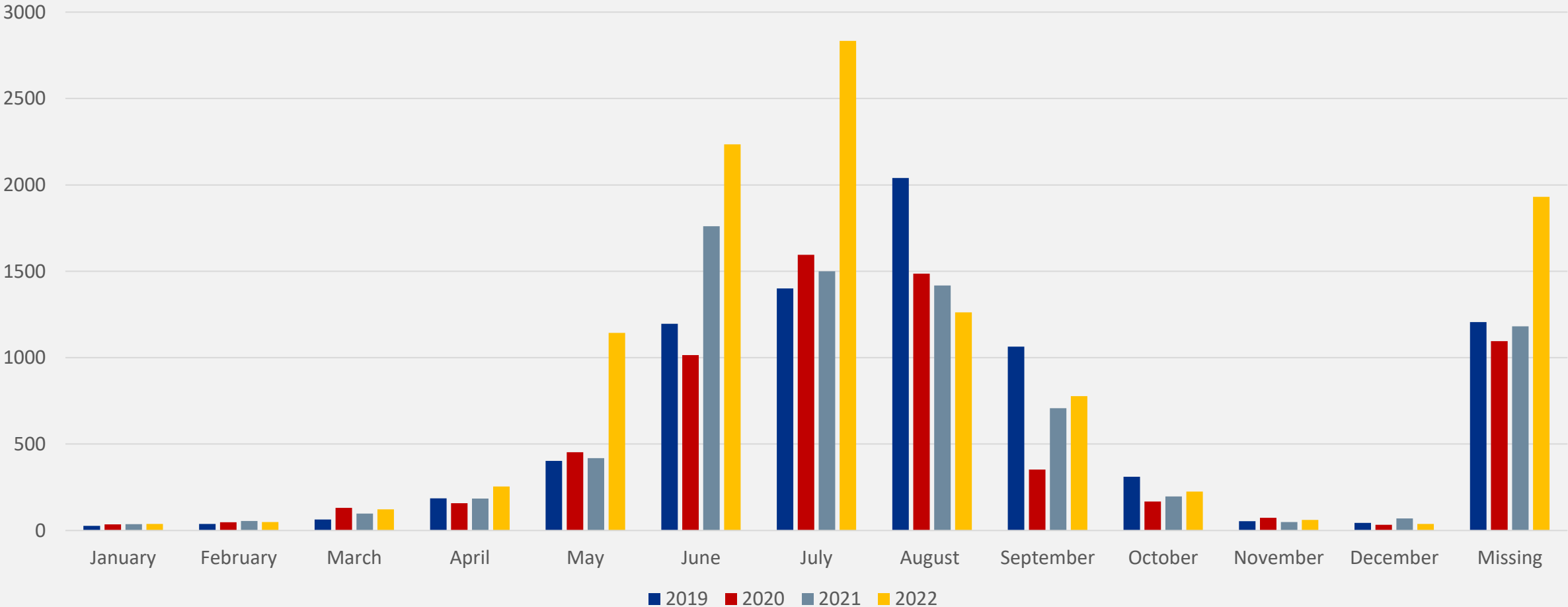
# 2019-2022 Heat Related Activations



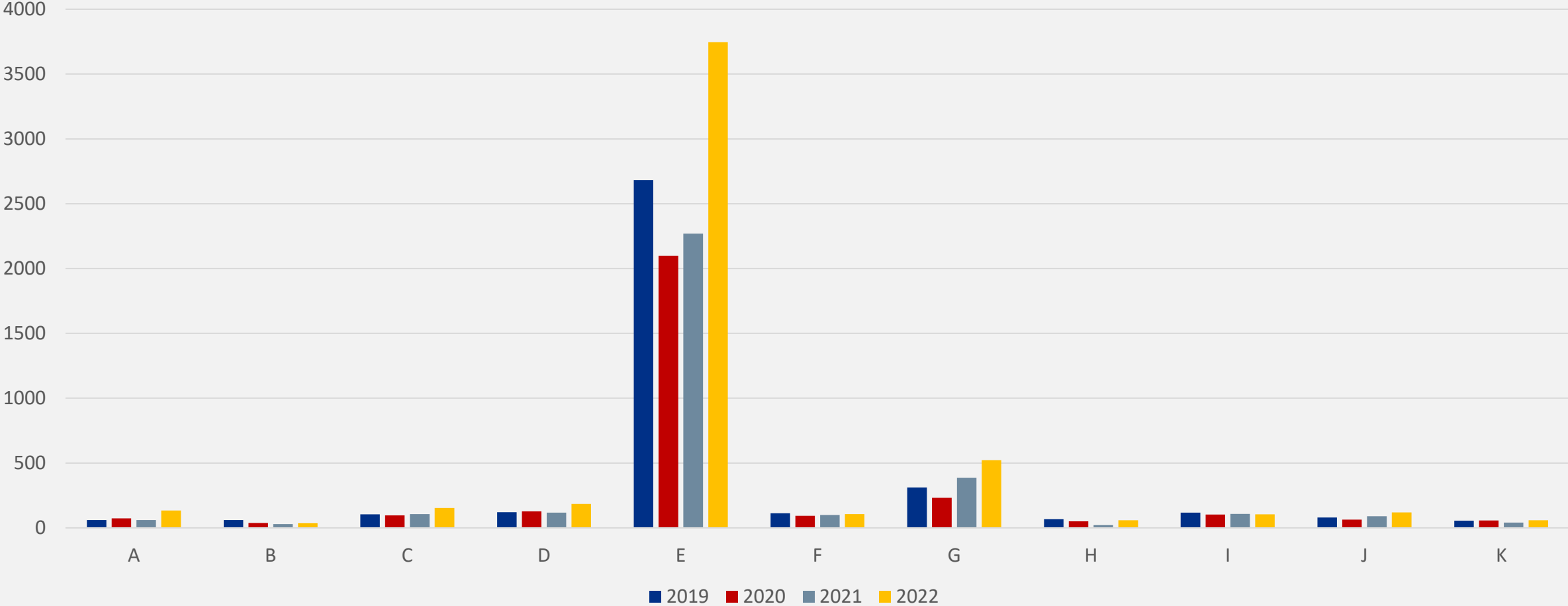
# Heat Related Activations by Year



# Heat Related Activations by Month

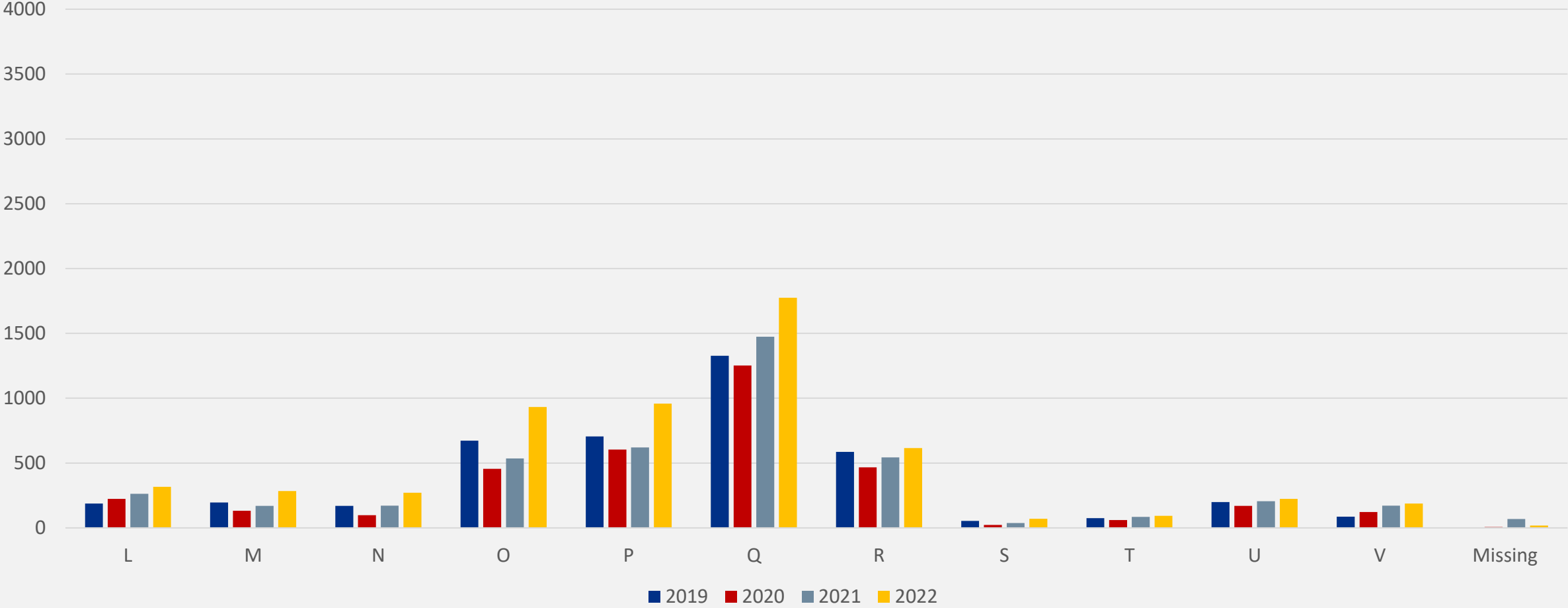


# Heat Related Activations by Regional Advisory Council (RAC) (A-K)

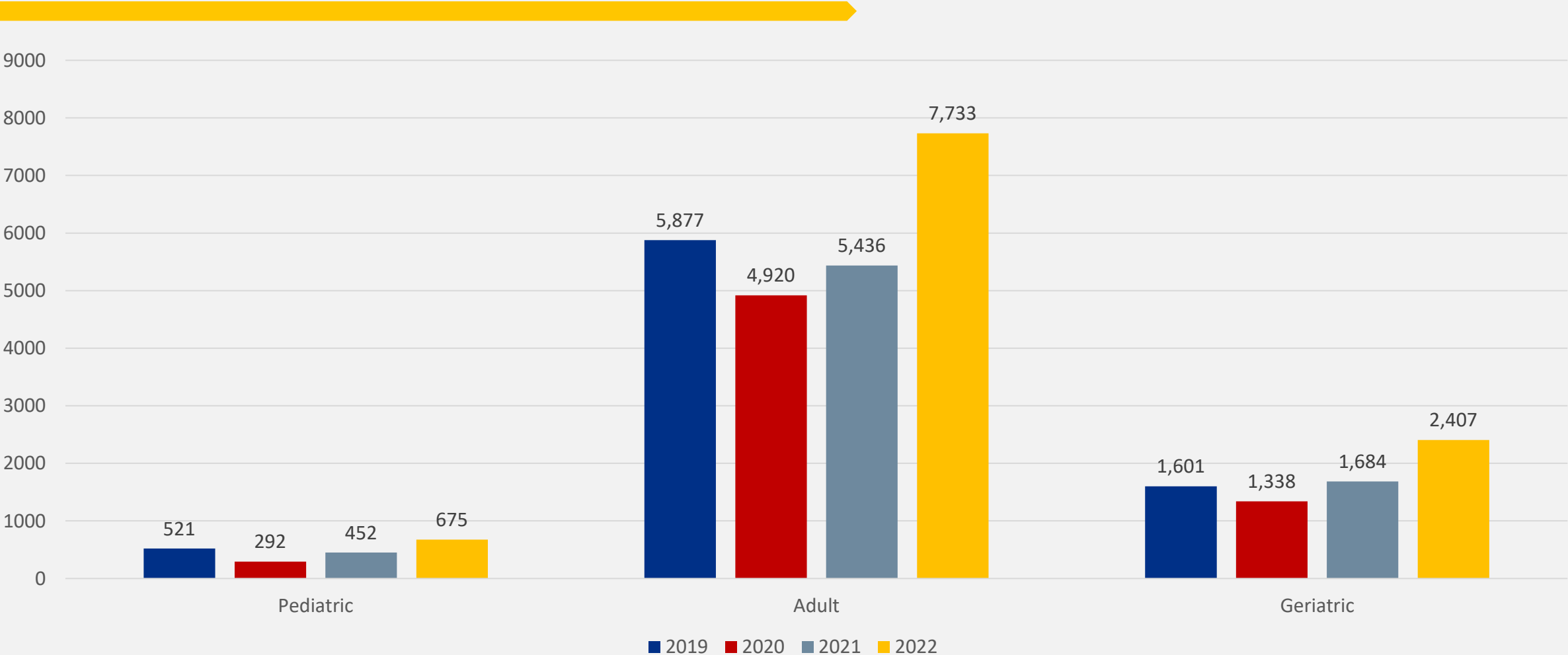




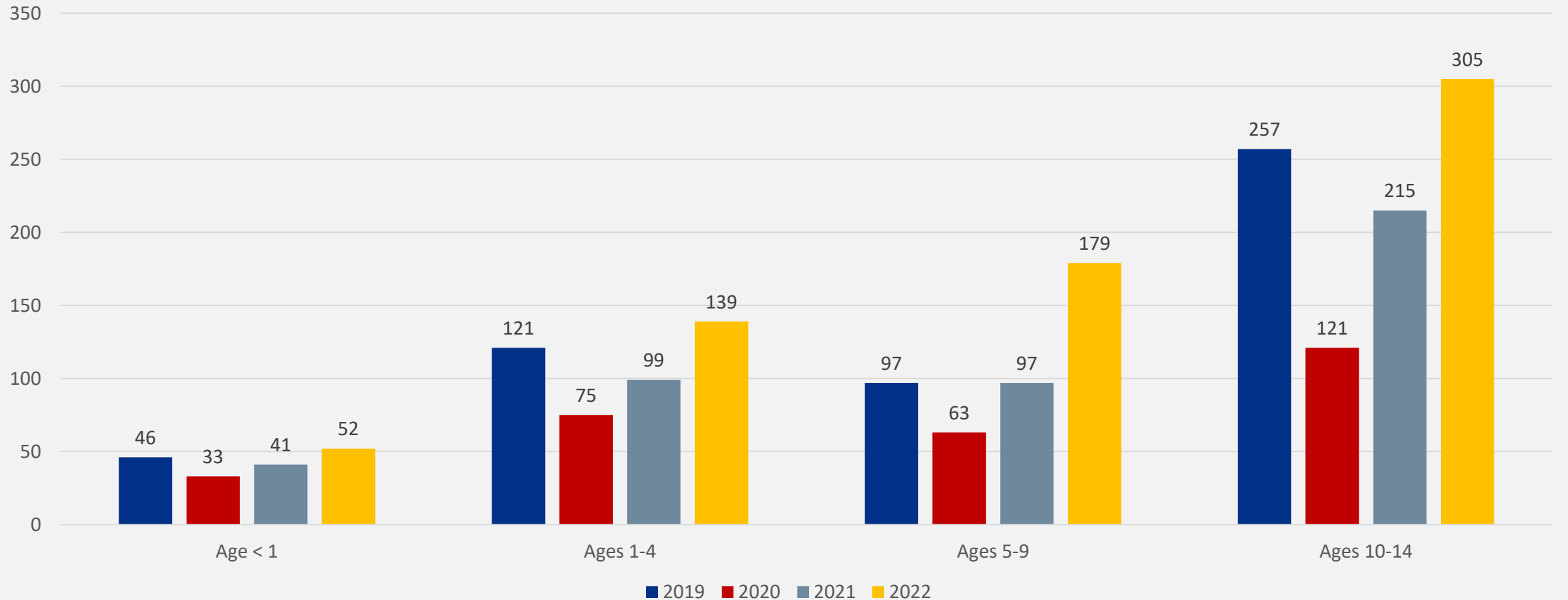
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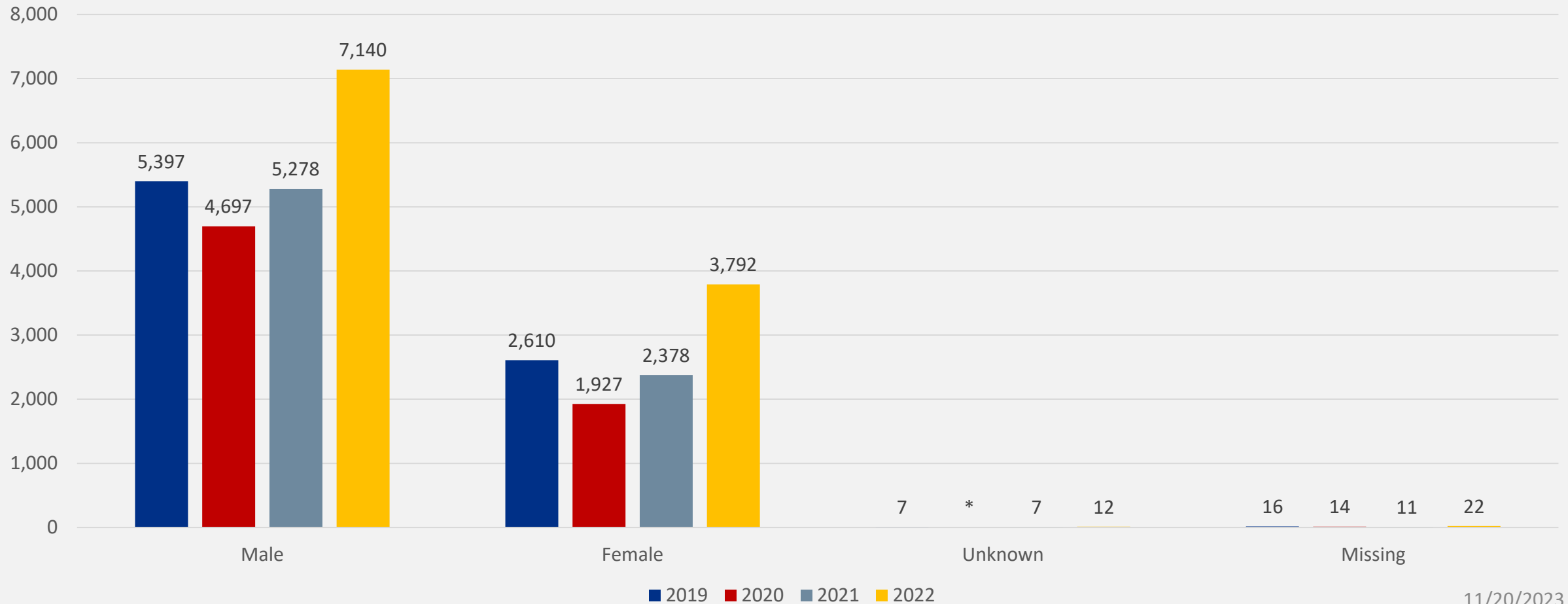
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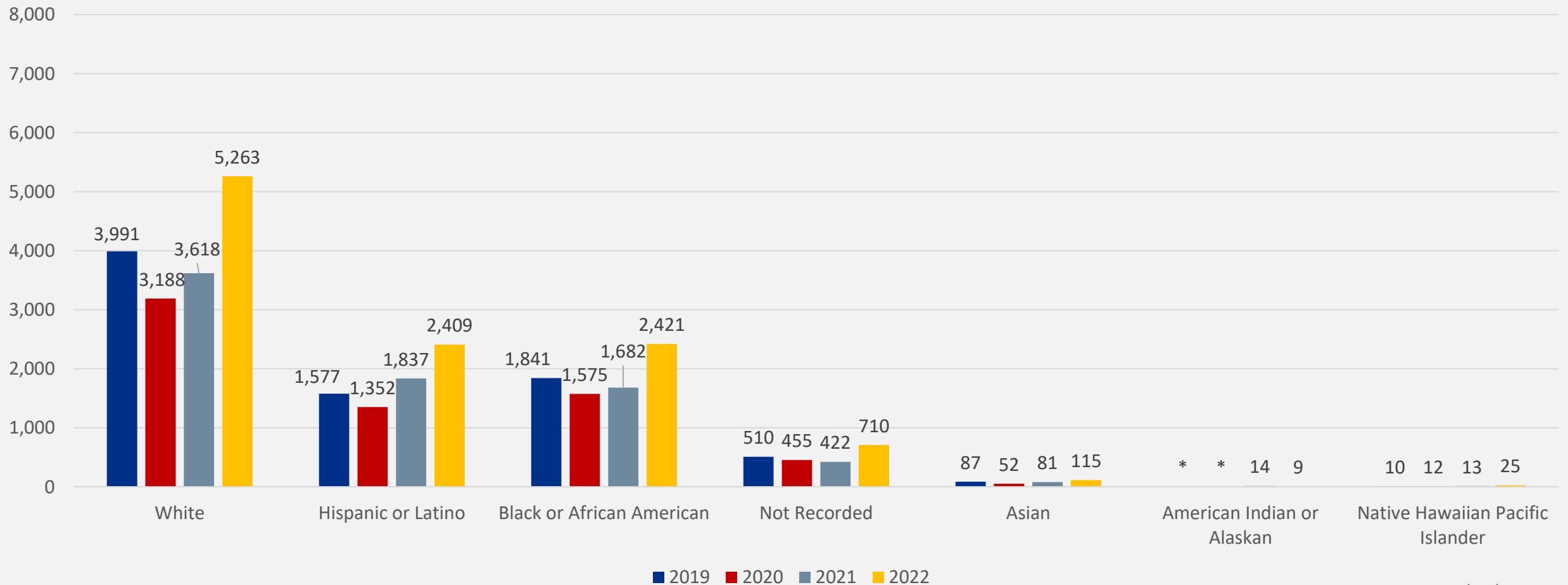
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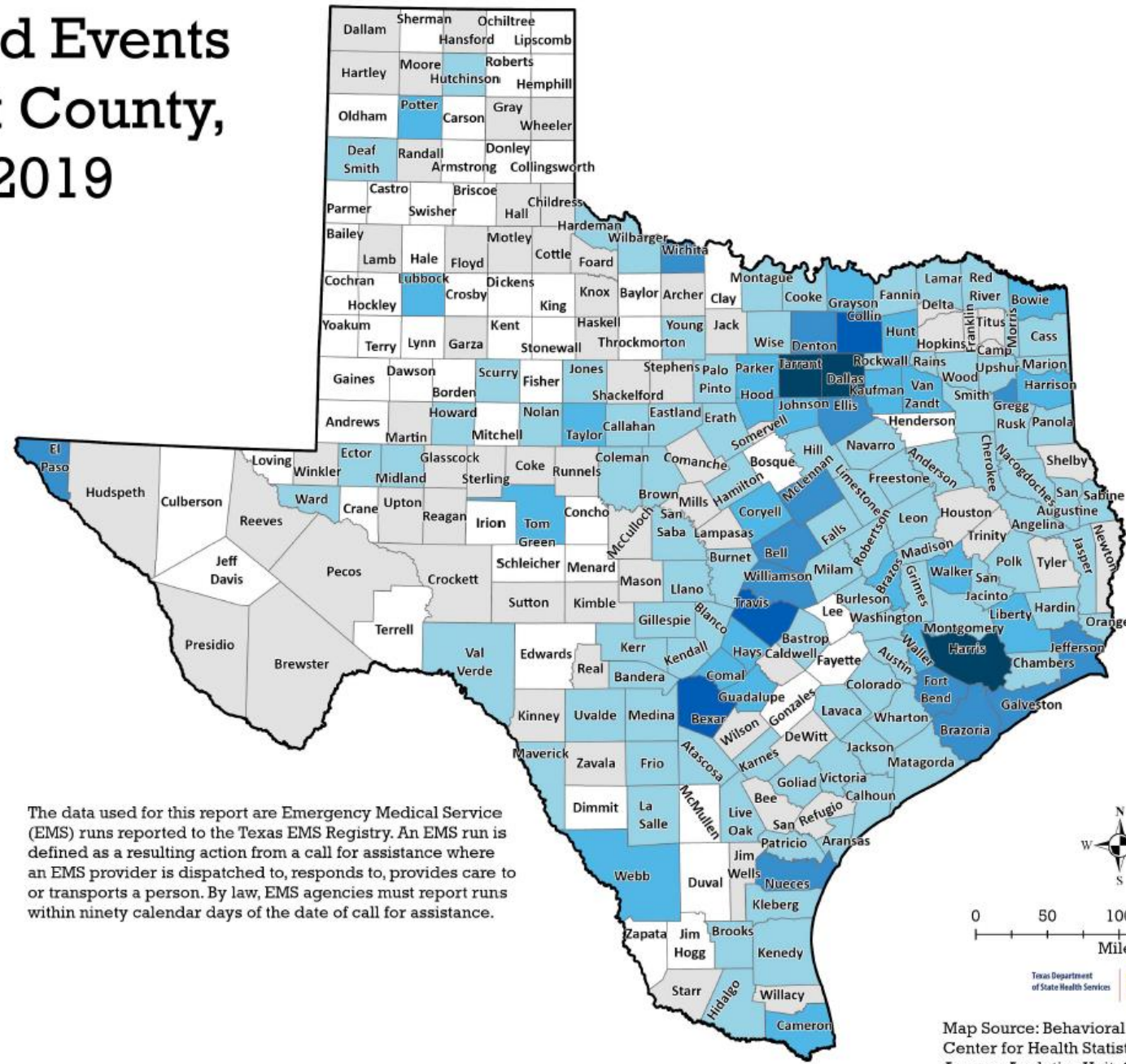
# Heat Related Activations by Sex



# Heat Related Activations by Race and Ethnicity



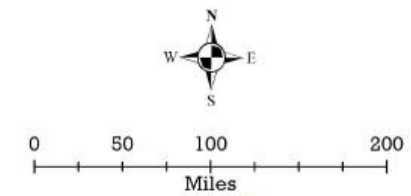
# Heat Related Events by Incident County, Texas, 2019



**Heat Related Events by Incident County, Texas, 2019 (N=7,623)**

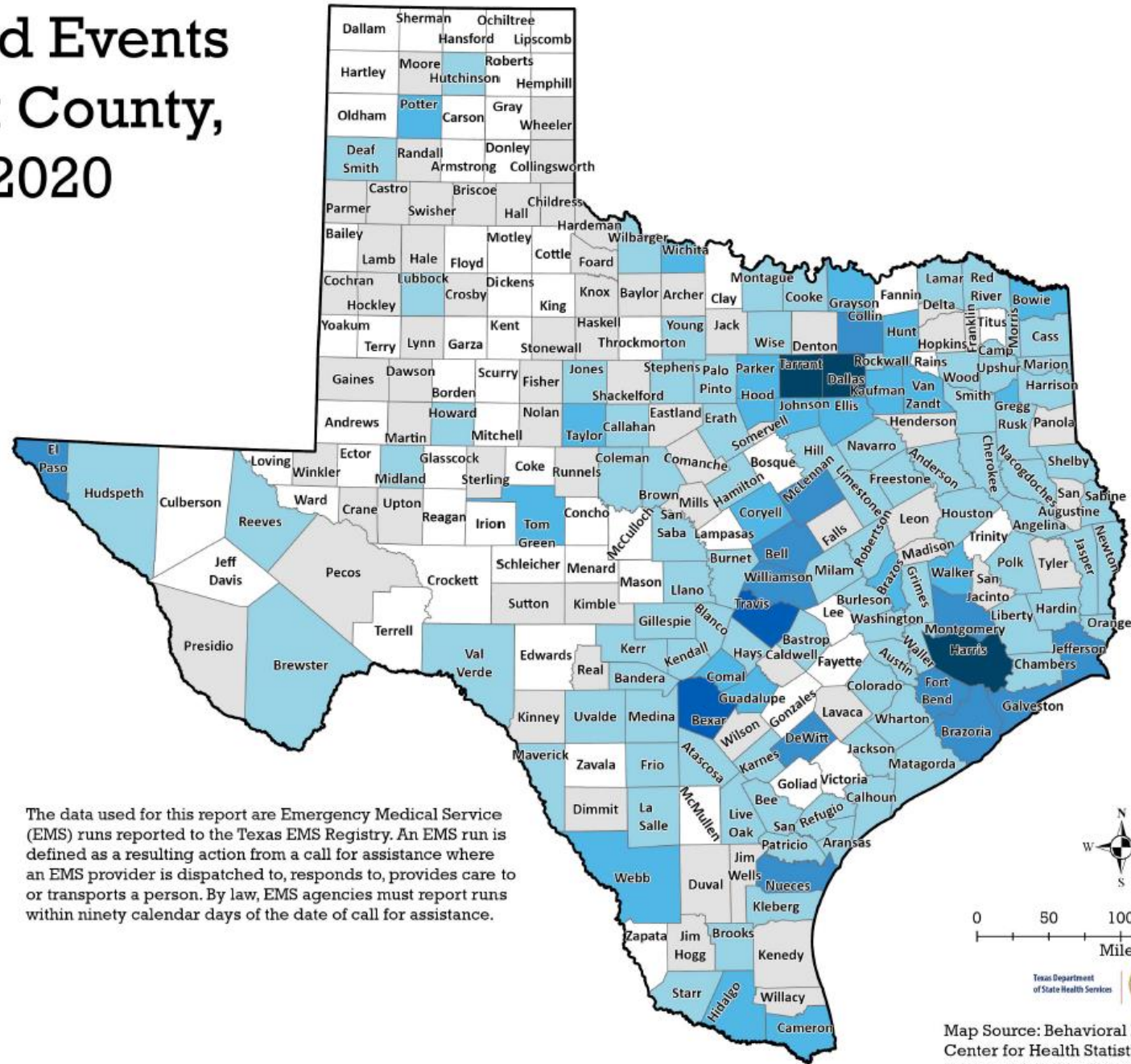
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Agency Analytics Unit, GIS Team, October 2023

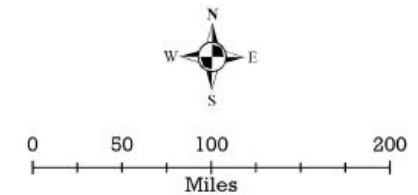
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**Heat Related Events by Incident County, Texas, 2020 (N=6,641)**

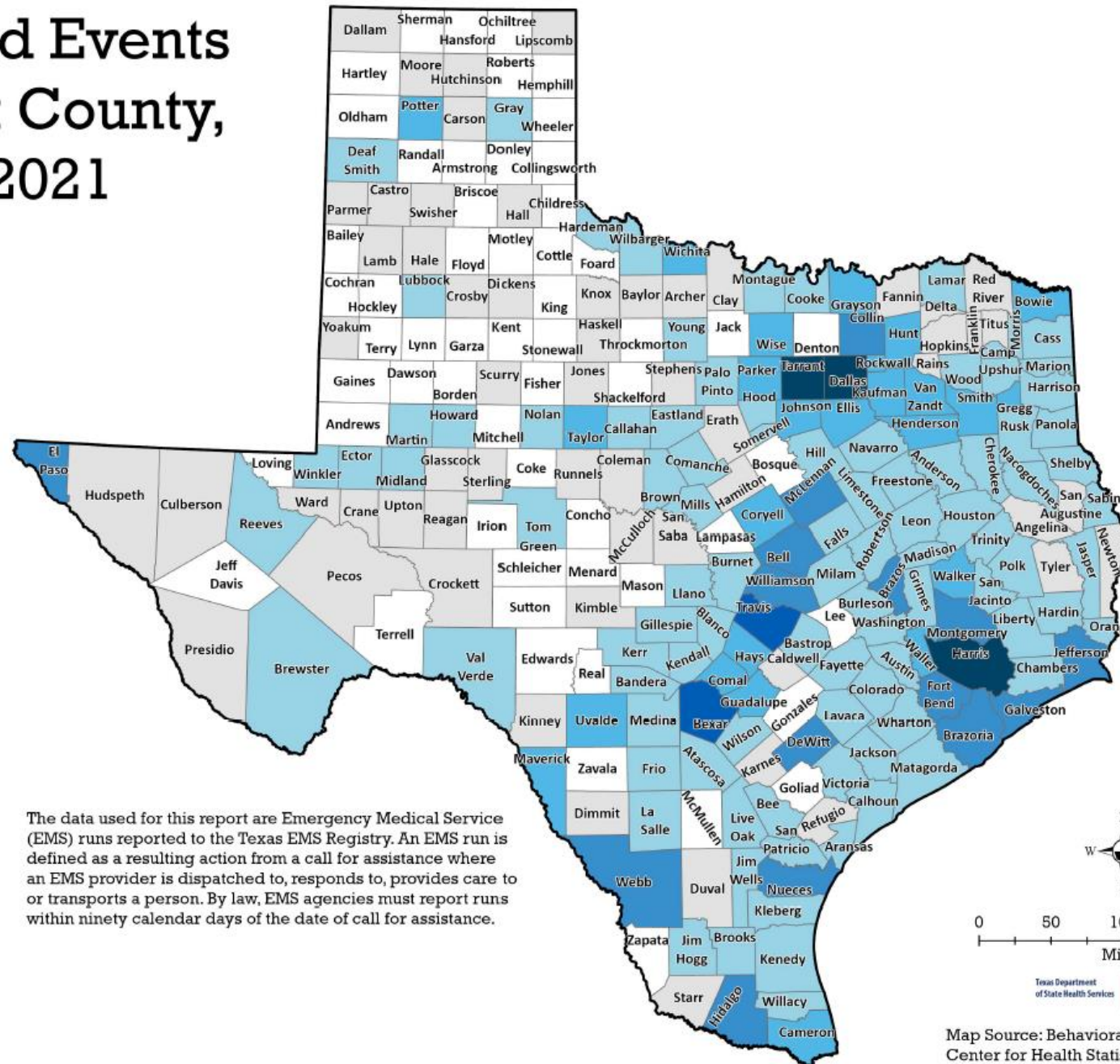
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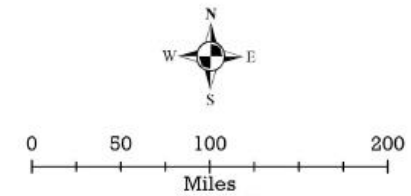
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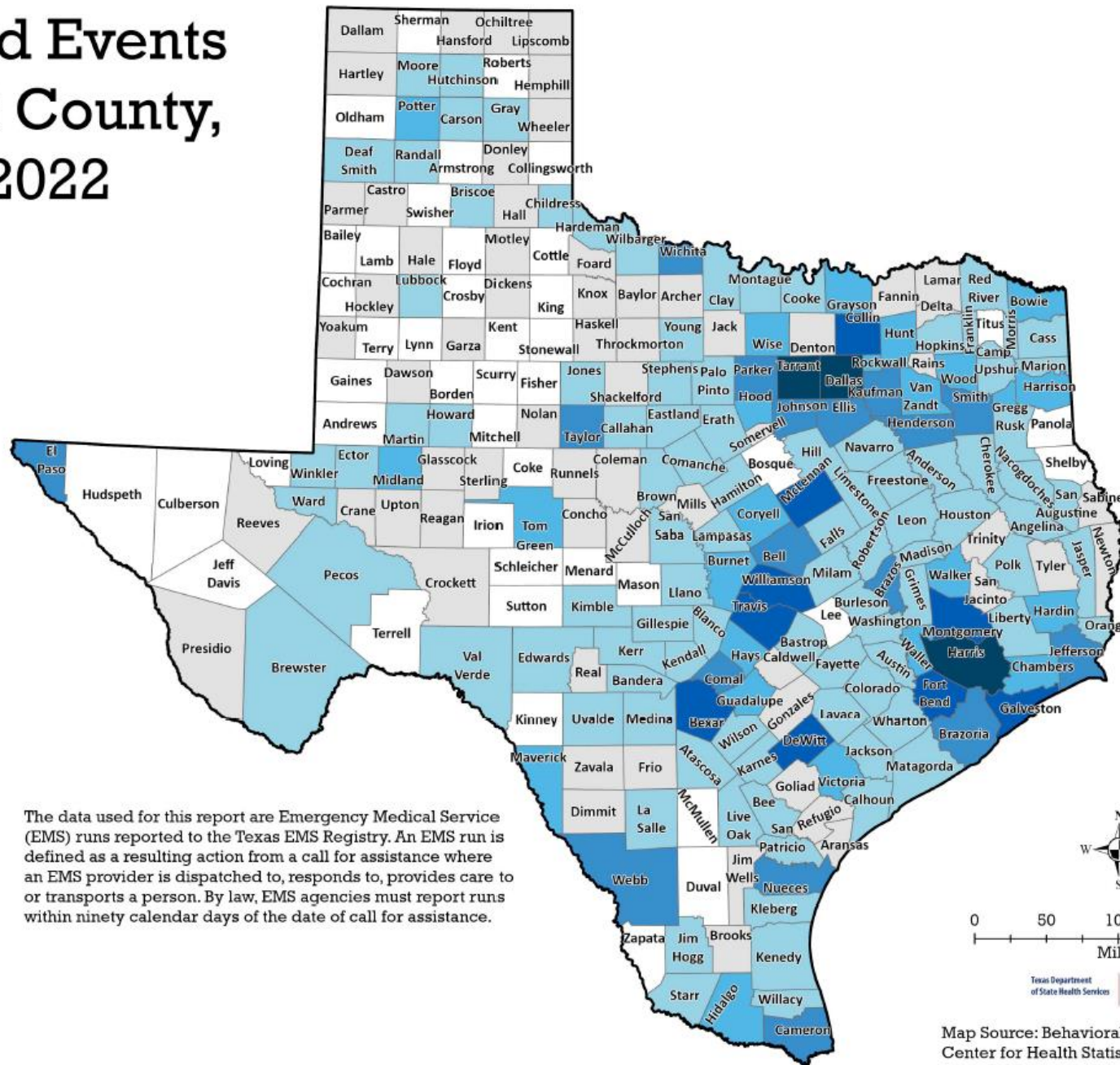
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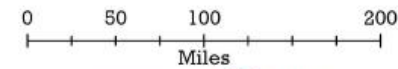
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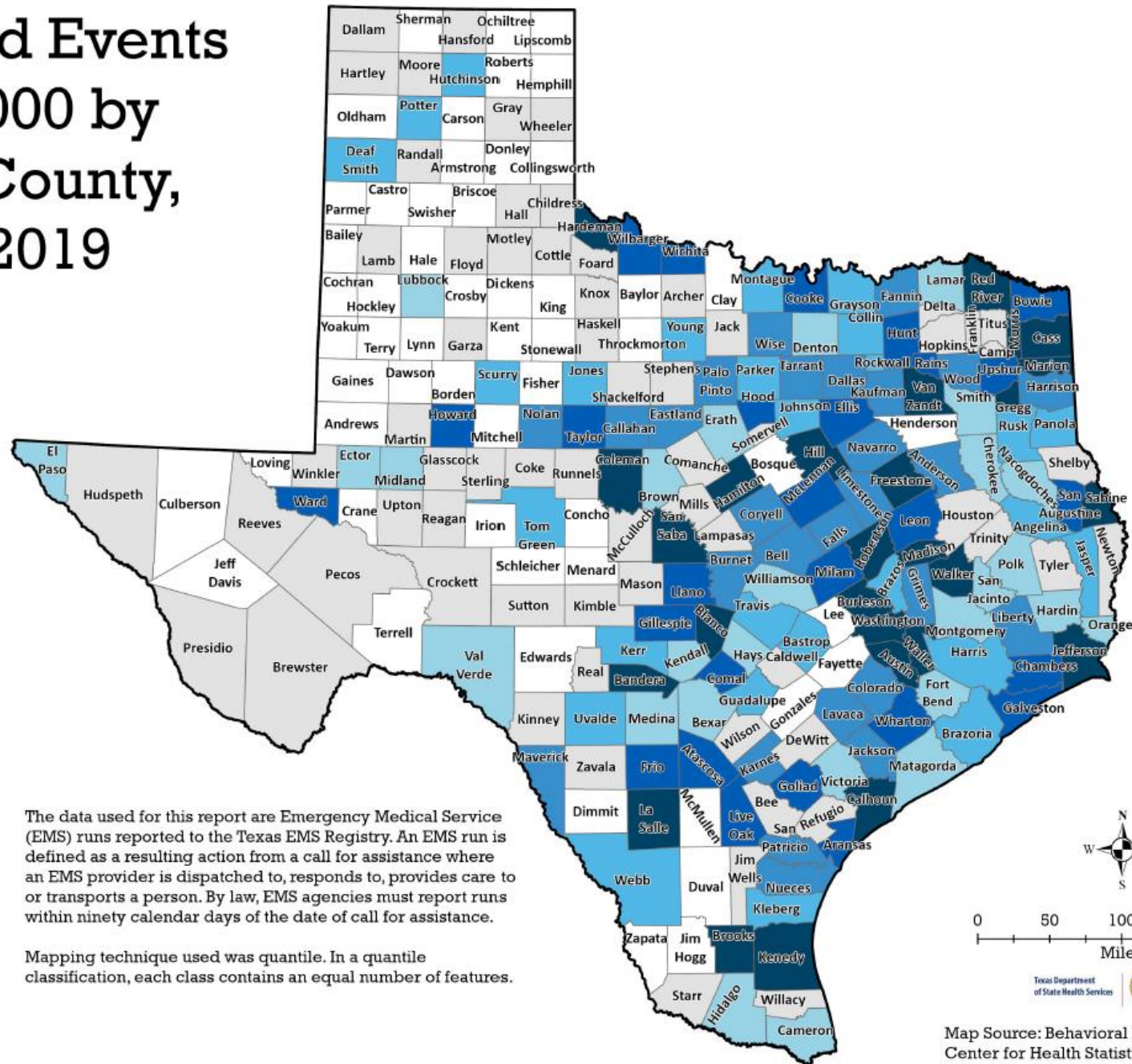
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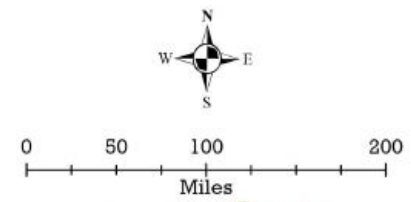


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- 21.08 - 33.43
- 33.44 - 45.07
- 45.08 - 65.53
- > 65.53

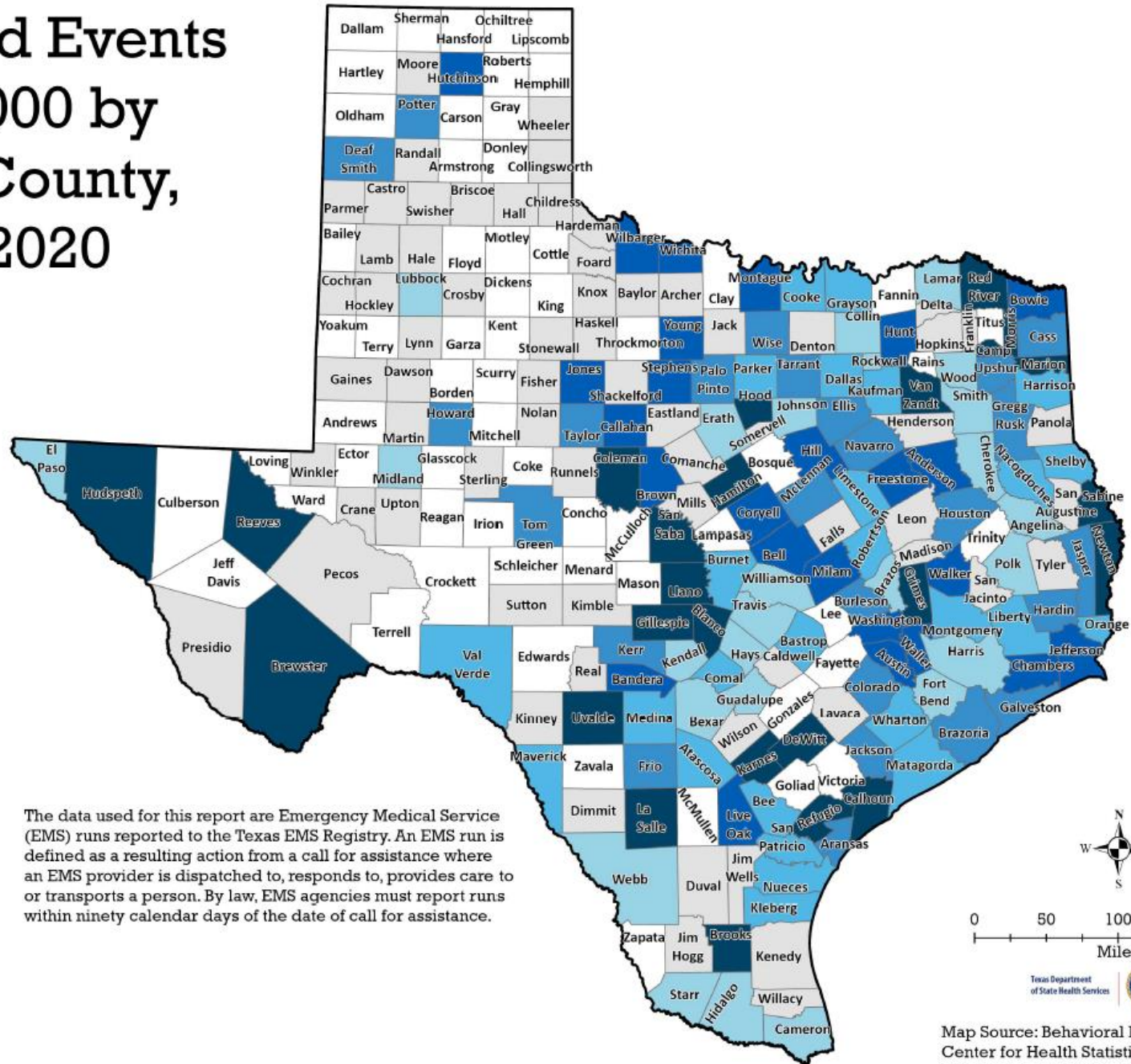
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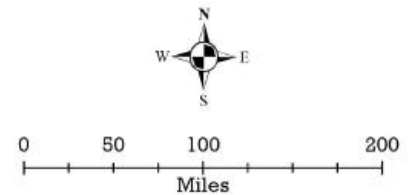
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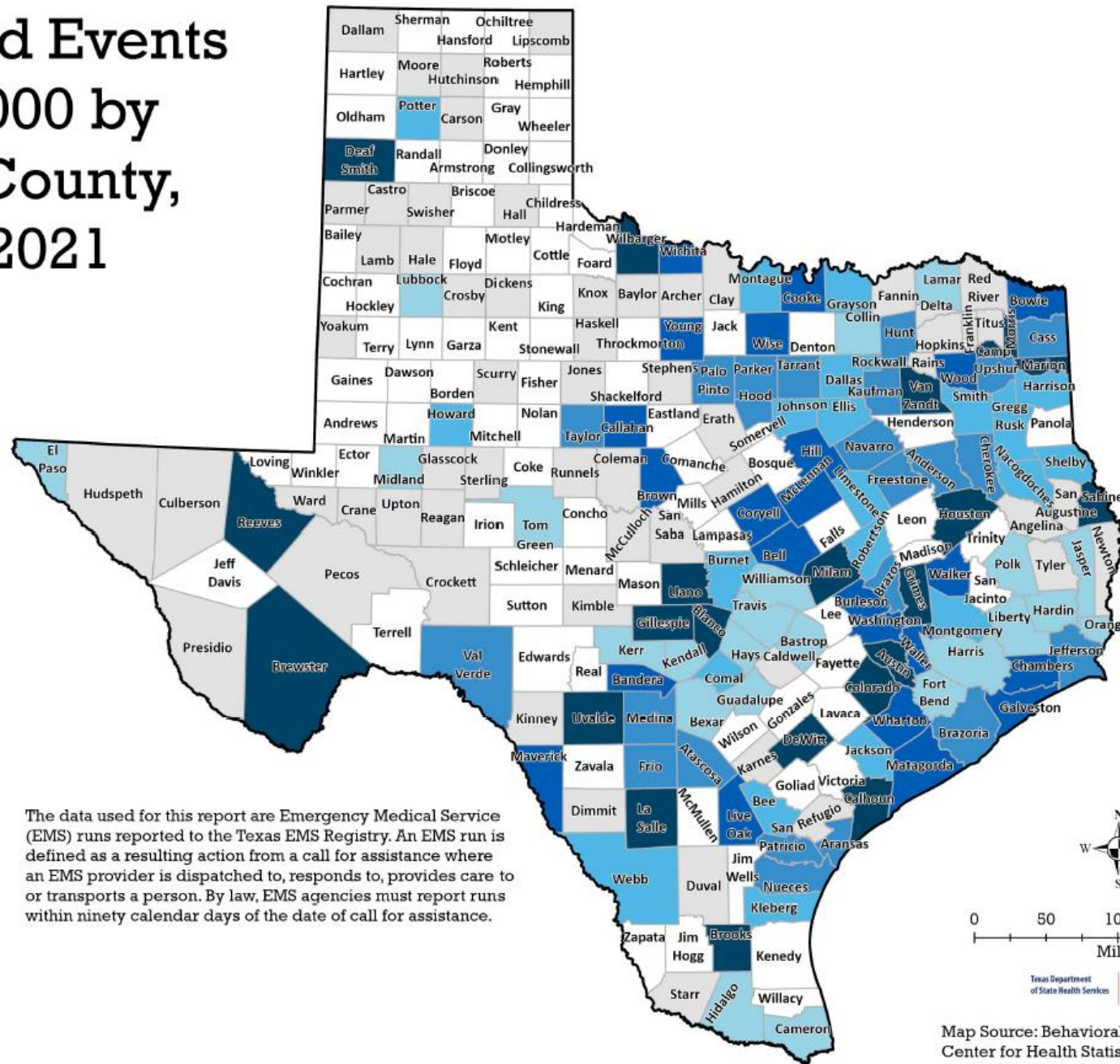
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- 22.09 - 32.48
- 32.49 - 42.25
- 42.26 - 55.94
- > 55.94

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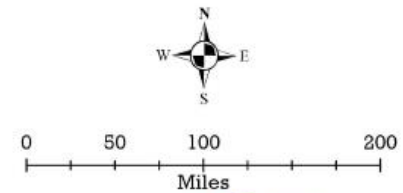
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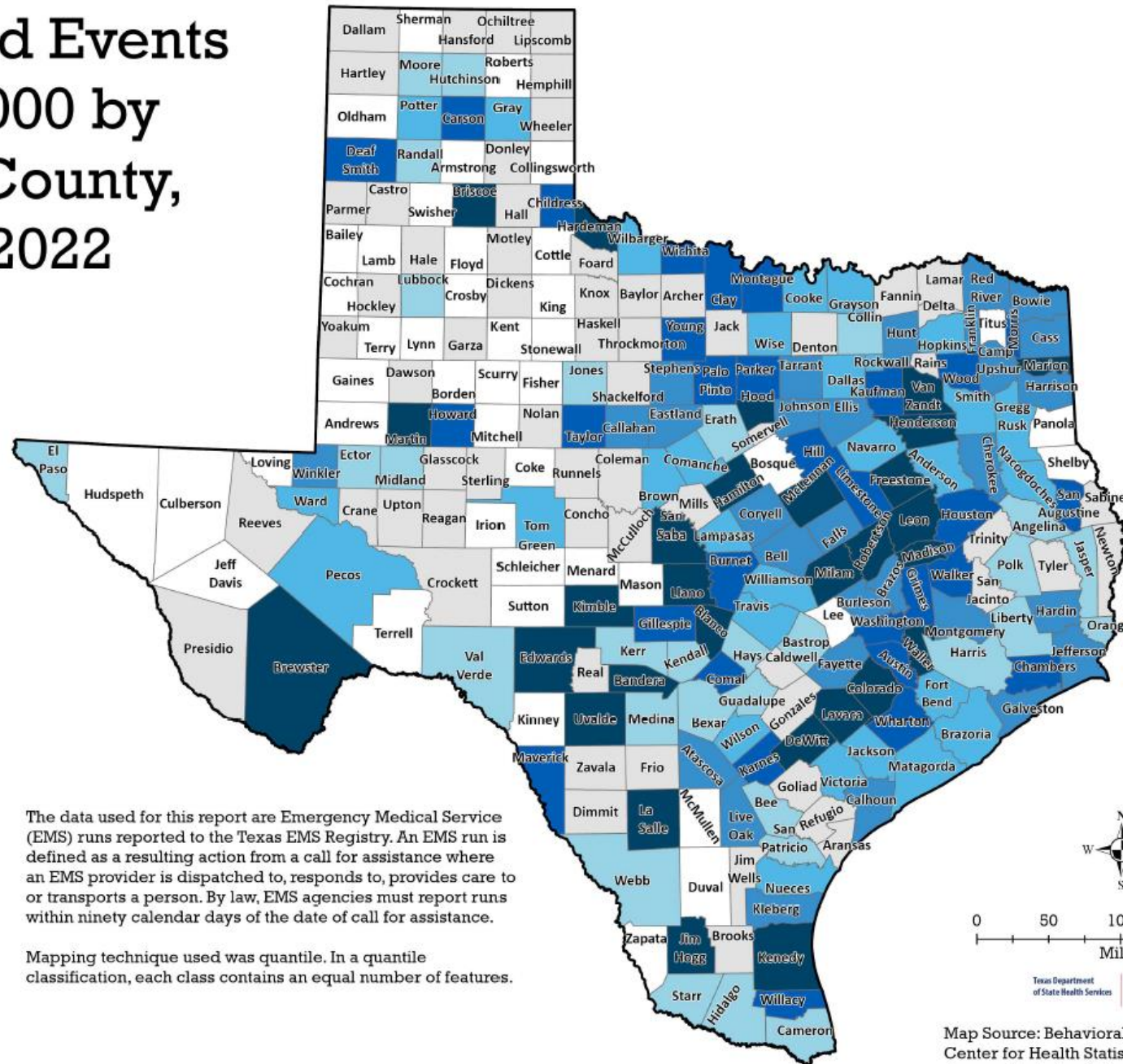
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- < 22.42
- 22.43 - 33.06
- 33.07 - 44.87
- 44.88 - 63.76
- > 63.76

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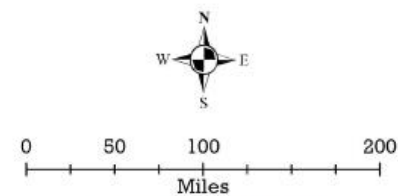


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- Suppressed
- < 32.58
- 32.59 - 45.67
- 45.68 - 66.55
- 66.56 - 87.92
- > 87.92

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# Resources

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- NEMESIS Heat activation dashboard - [Heat-Related EMS Activation Surveillance Dashboard – NEMESIS](#).
- NEMESIS Technical Resources and Data Dictionaries - <https://nemsis.org/technical-resources/version-3/version-3-data-dictionaries/>.

# Thank you!

Texas 2019-2022 Heat Activations

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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# 6.c.ii. Child Passenger Safety: *A Glimpse of Texas*

November 20, 2023

Marissa Rodriguez

Injury Prevention Unit

Texas Child Passenger Safety Coordinator

# Agenda

- Curriculum Partnership
- National Child Passenger Safety (CPS) certification training
- Certified CPS Technician overview in Texas
- Challenges in retention and sustainability
- CPS barriers and needs



# Curriculum Partnership



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# National CPS Certification Training



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# National CPS Certification Training Details

- Students must be at least age 18 and successfully pass the certification course.
- A three to four-day training – Consists of classroom instruction, hands-on activities, skills assessments with car seats and vehicles, and a community check-up event.
- To successfully pass, a student must:
  - Pass three written quizzes and answer 42 out of 50 (84% or greater);
  - Perform four hands-on skill assessments; and
  - Participate in a check-up event to check car seats in family vehicles.



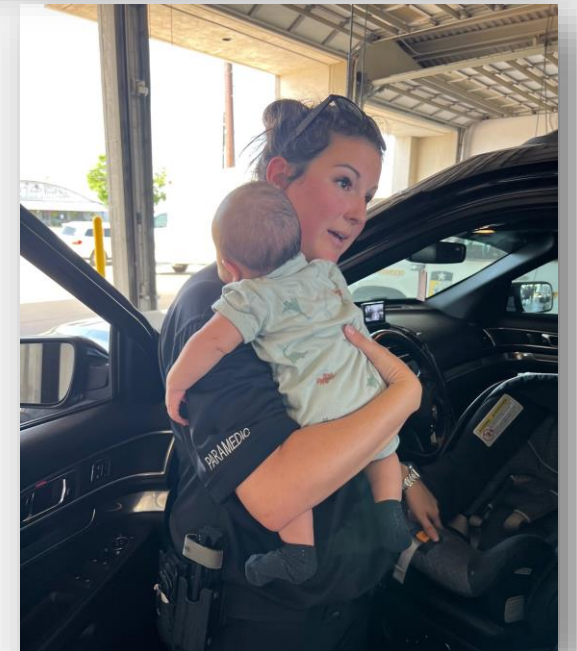
# CPS Technician Recertification

- To maintain the two-year certification, CPS technicians must:
  - Conduct five verified seat checks;
  - Earn six continuing education units (CEUs);
  - Participate in at least one community education event (checkups, community workshop, or educational session); and
  - Pay the \$55 recertification fee.
- Instructors must:
  - Complete all CPS technician requirements;
  - Complete 20 teaching hours; and
  - Pay the \$60 recertification fee.



# Certified CPS Technicians

Technicians in action.



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# Texas Certified Technicians and Instructors

Overview

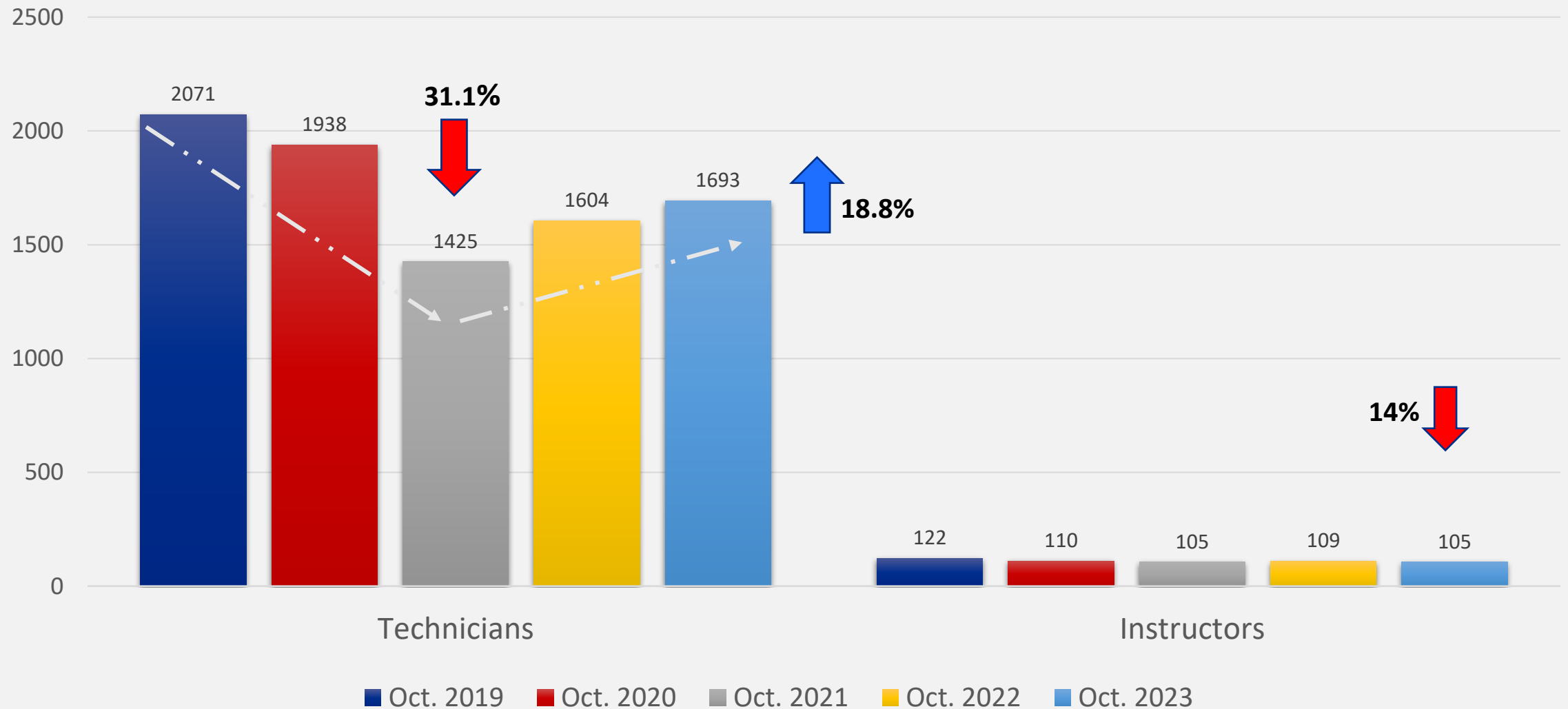


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# Texas Certified CPS Technicians and Instructors, 2019-2023



# General Certification and Retention Challenges

- Large demand for certification classes;
- Technician retention struggles:
  - Only part of job duties;
  - Competing priorities; and
  - Leadership support.
- Skillset development and support; and
- Mentoring opportunities – Technicians and instructors both need support (one instructor for every 16 technicians).



# Retention Challenges affected by COVID

## During COVID:

- Safe Riders had to develop recertification alternatives;
- Technicians went inactive;
- Agencies went inactive;
- Changes in job duties; and
- Agency priorities changed.

## Post-COVID:

- Recertification alternatives ended Dec 2022;
- Still have inactive technicians;
- Some technicians have diminished skillset;
- Technician is not connected to a mentor or team;
- Format of services; and
- Competing priorities.



# Texas Sized Challenges

“Texas gained more residents (9,085,073) than any other state between 2000 and 2022.”

*U.S. Census Bureau*

In 2022:

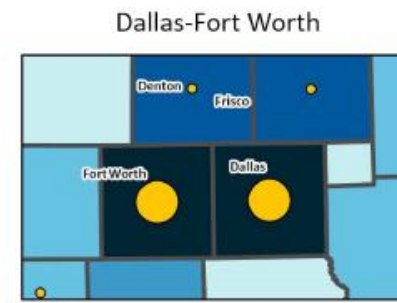
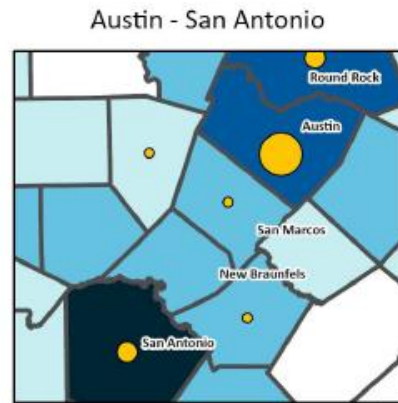
- Texas total population surpassed 30 million;
- Texas child population reached approximately 4 million (children ages 0-9); and
- There was one technician for every 2,370 children.



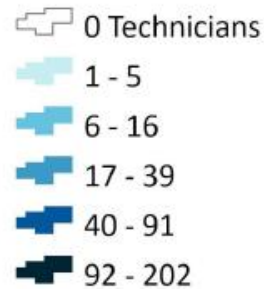
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2022 Kids Count Data Book [everytexas.org/kids-count-2022/](https://everytexas.org/kids-count-2022/)  
[Texas Population Passes the 30-Million Mark in 2022 \(census.gov\)](https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2022/tx-population-30-million-2022.html)

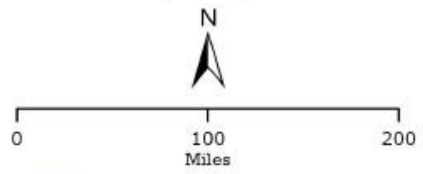
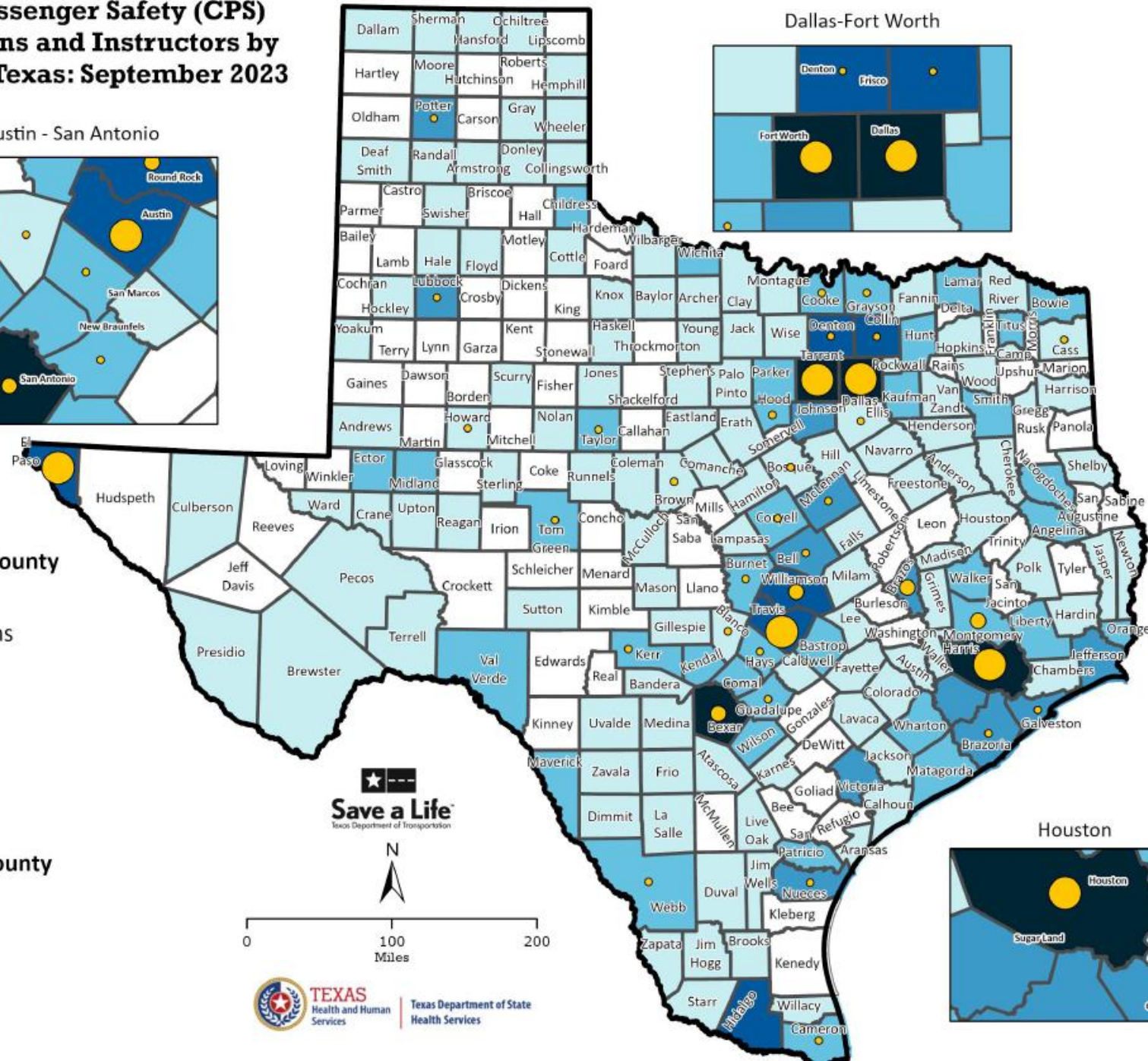
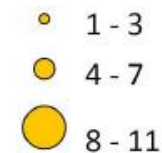
# Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technicians and Instructors by Counties, Texas: September 2023



## Technicians By County (N = 1,795)



## Instructors By County (N = 106)



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# Thank you!

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# 7. GETAC Committee Reports





# 7.a. GETAC Air Medical & Specialty Care Transport Committee

Chair: Lynn K. Lail BSN, RN, CFRN, LP

Vice-Chair: Cherish Brodbeck RN, LP



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# Air Medical & SCT Committee

Priority Not Implemented  
Priority Activities Recorded  
Priorities Completed and being Monitored

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
<p><u>Emergency Preparedness &amp; Response</u></p> <p><b>Safe &amp; Effective Statewide Ground to Air Communication</b></p> <p><b>Finalize/Materialize the Air Medical Strike Team (MIST) Concept &amp; Process</b></p>	<p>Collaboration with EMT-F &amp; COGs – State Interoperability Plan review</p> <p>Collaboration with FD &amp; Law Enforcement – channel access</p> <p>Create frequency resource document reflecting current regional channels in use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Education &amp; distribution via RAC Chairs</li> <li>*Education &amp; distribution with Educational Campaign</li> <li>*Resource on GETAC website</li> <li>*Collaborate with Chief Kidd for EOC distribution</li> </ul> <p>Draft complete</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Midterm collaboration with EMT-F leadership</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">*Anticipated completion February 2024</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>In Progress</p> <p>In Progress</p> <p>In Progress</p>

# Air Medical & SCT Committee

Priority Not Implemented  
Priority Activities Recorded  
Priorities Completed and being Monitored

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Prevention</u></p> <p><b>Statewide Educational Campaign to Mitigate Risks for Air Medical Transport</b></p>	<p>LZ Presentation revisions complete</p> <p>LZ presentation has been sent to AMOA for approval</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Anticipated roll out to RAC Chairs – January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Anticipated request for Council approval – Q1 GETAC meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Complete</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Progress</p>
	<p>Planned mid-quarter taskforce work</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Creation of an educational document highlighting key points, special cons., &amp; links to educate air and ground providers on FAA policies &amp; local best practices</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Progress</p>

# Air Medical & SCT Committee

Priority Not Implemented  
 Priority Activities Recorded  
 Priorities Completed and being Monitored

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
<p><u>System Integration</u></p> <p><b>Real-Time Status Reporting, by all Air Medical Providers, in all 22 Regions of the State</b></p>	<p>Collaboration with Juvare to ensure all TX air providers' CAD systems are "talking" to the nationwide system being created</p> <p>*Only 2 outstanding agencies remain</p> <p>*Collaboration with RAC Chairs to "roll out" the project</p> <p>*Anticipated completion date = Q1 GETAC meeting</p>	<p>In Progress</p>

# Air Medical & SCT Committee

- Committee items needing council guidance
  1. None at this time
- Stakeholder items needing council guidance
  1. None at this time
- Items referred to GETAC for future action
  1. None at this time

# 7.b. GETAC Cardiac Care Committee

Chair: James J. McCarthy MD

Vice-Chair: Craig Cooley, MD



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# Cardiac Care Committee

**Priority Not Implemented**  
**Priority Activities Recorded**  
**Priorities Completed and being Monitored**

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
Partner with DSHS to identify cardiac data elements currently available in the National Emergency Medical Service Information System (NEMSIS)	Initial Data Presentation and Discussion. Refining DSHS request for ongoing collaboration	Initial Data review
Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest – AED access/bystander CPR - assessment	Initial data evaluation	In progress
Telecommunicator CPR (Coordinated clinical Care/EMS).	Ongoing discussion – planned RAC communication RE variation regionally.	In progress
Identify priorities for GETAC PI committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Dwell time in transferring facilities for time sensitive emergencies.</li> <li>2) Regional disparities in pre-EMS arrival CPR and AED</li> </ol>	In progress

# Action Item Request and Purpose

- Request:

*The Cardiac Care Committee is requesting to coordinate with the Trauma Systems Committee on shared stakeholder feedback regarding patient transfer delays.*

- Purpose:

*The purpose of this request is to review the concern that a lack of available EMS personnel/units remains a significant challenge for transferring facilities, with rural regions disproportionately impacted.*



# Benefit and Timeline

- What is the intended impact or benefit resulting from this request?

*The intended impact of the cross-committee collaboration and coordination would be to identify areas of concern and opportunities to alleviate reduce transfer delays.*

- Please provide the timeline or relevant deadlines for this request.

*The committee would like to have a report to GETAC at the March 2024 meeting.*

# 7.c. GETAC Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee

Chair: Eric Epley, CEM

Vice-Chair: Wanda Helgesen, RN



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# GETAC Disaster Preparedness & Response

**Priority Not Implemented**  
**Priority Activities Recorded**  
**Priorities Completed and being Monitored**

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
Evaluate and improve the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force based on real-world responses and data from the field.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review wildfire deployment data</li> <li>- Program &amp; workgroup updates</li> <li>- 2023 Educational overview</li> <li>- Updating training opportunities</li> </ul>	
Improve patient tracking utilizing the Texas EMS wristband along with Pulsara.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pulsara statewide updates</li> <li>- Real world examples reviewed</li> <li>- Reviewing Pulsara data &amp; usage</li> </ul>	
Support the supply chain/PPE operations & storage for Texas hospitals & EMS agencies in concert with TDEM.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Workgroup meetings are on-going</li> <li>- Working on hospital participation</li> </ul>	

# 7.d. GETAC Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee

Chair: Eddie Martin, EMT-P

Vice-Chair: Kevin Deramus, LP



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# Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee

Priority Not Implemented  
Priority Activities Recorded  
Priorities Completed and being  
Monitored

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
Hall time / Wall time white paper	Finishing up - draft	Priority Activities Recorded
Safety / Security EMS Personnel	Work in progress	Priority Not Implemented
Discussion and preparation for the next active shooter / MCI	Great presentation, on-going	Priority Not Implemented

# 7.e. GETAC EMS Education Committee

Chair: Macara Trusty, LP

Vice-Chair: Christopher Nations, LP



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# EMS Education Committee

Priority Not Implemented  
Priority Activities Recorded  
Priorities Completed and being  
Monitored

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
Rule Revisions	Special workgroups working through rule revisions for EMS Education rules	
ALS Skill Sheets	Drafts sent to committee, pending review	

# 7.f. GETAC EMS Medical Directors Committee

Chair: Christopher Winkler, MD

Vice-Chair: Elizabeth Fagan, MD



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# 7.g. GETAC Injury Prevention & Public Education Committee

Chair: Mary Ann Contreras, RN

Vice-Chair: Courtney Edwards, DNP



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# Injury Prevention & Public Education

**Priority Not Implemented**  
**Priority Activities Recorded**  
**Priorities Completed and being Monitored**

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
Suicide prevention	Continuing work on Spectrum of Prevention tool Continuing work on performance improvement outcome measure	Priority Activities Recorded
Safe Storage of Firearms	Continuing work on Spectrum of Prevention tool Continuing work on performance improvement outcome measure	Priority Activities Recorded
Increase the number of certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians in Texas by ____.	Establish a subcommittee to make recommendations for increasing the number of certified technicians in Texas. Reviewing current data/information presented in today's report from the State.	Priority Activities Recorded
Safe Transport of Children by EMS	Work with EMSC, Pediatrics, EMS committees to develop guidance regarding safe transport children.	Priorities Completed and being Monitored

# Action Item Request and Purpose

## *Request:*

Data from the Texas Trauma Registry, including:

Number of deaths with an MOI of “fall” admitted to designated trauma facilities over a five year period.

Grouped by specific RACs

ISS score grouped by 1-8, 9-15, 16-24 and 25 and higher, age, sex, race/ethnicity, length of hospital stay

## *Purpose:*

Analysis of regional data will provide a baseline of details regarding regional trends and associated risk factors in specific populations of patients admitted to designated trauma facilities with an MOI of “fall”

# Benefit and Timeline

- *Intended impact or benefit:*

To identify potential interventions that prevent fall-related fatalities, improve patient care, refine preventative strategies, inform healthcare policy to enhance overall safety and reduce mortality rates associated with falls

- *Timeline:*

March GETAC quarterly meeting

# 7.h. GETAC Pediatrics Committee

Chair: Belinda Waters, RN

Vice-Chair: Christi Thornhill, DNP



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# Pediatric Committee

**Priority Not Implemented**  
**Priority Activities Recorded**  
**Priorities Completed and being Monitored**

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
Pediatric Readiness and Simulation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Workgroup developed 14 pediatric scenario brief narratives/objectives</li><li>2. Working with other entities for Super PECC training (01/2024) and online simulation with SimBox</li></ol>	
Identify 2-3 measurable pediatric performance improvement Texas PI initiatives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Pediatric Readiness participation by Texas Hospitals and EMS Agencies</li><li>2. Trauma Center compliance with quarterly pediatric simulations</li><li>3. EMS Agency compliance in utilizing pediatric equipment in skills training/competency</li></ol>	

# Pediatric Committee

**Priority Not Implemented**  
**Priority Activities Recorded**  
**Priorities Completed and being Monitored**

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
Complete GAP Analysis of Texas Pediatric Trauma System Score Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reviewed document</li> <li>2. Working to relaunch the survey so Texas will be able to enter correct answers.</li> </ol>	
Collaboration with RAC Chairs, EMS, EMS Medical Director, Injury Prevention and Air Medical Committees regarding Safe Transport of Children by EMS	Recommendation sent to RACs for firefighters to ride on the transport.	
Research Sudden Cardiac Arrests/Deaths (SCA/SCD) in pediatrics and ECG opt-out vs opt-in for sports physicals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tabitha Selvester and started research and will be leading this workgroup.</li> <li>2. Requests for interested parties to join the workgroup.</li> </ol>	

# Pediatric Committee

- Committee items needing council guidance  
None
- Stakeholder items needing council guidance  
None
- Items referred to GETAC for future action  
None



# 7.i. GETAC Stroke Committee

Chair: Robin Novakavic-White, MD

Vice-Chair: Sean Savitz, MD



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# Stroke Committee

Priority Not Implemented  
Priority Activities Recorded  
Priorities Completed and being Monitored

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
ASA Mission Lifeline Prehospital Stroke algorithm – Recommendation	Approved by Stroke Committee, seeking approval from EMS, RAC and Air Medical Committees. EMS Medical Directors requested that it be unbranded.	
Establish recommendation for stroke facility infrastructure	The Stroke System of Care Work Group is outlining best practices and recommendations to present to the Stroke Committee.	
Pediatric Task Force	Proposal for prehospital best practices for management, transport and interfacility transfers approved by stroke committee. Will submit to other committees. Next steps, minimum capability recommendations for pediatric hospital to be recognized as capable of caring for pediatric stroke	

# Stroke Committee

**Priority Not Implemented**  
**Priority Activities Recorded**  
**Priorities Completed and being Monitored**

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
Report and disseminate quarterly Texas Stroke Quality Performance Report	Use the quality report with RAC/rural/urban/suburban benchmark groups to identify barriers to stroke care and opportunities for improvement.	Priority Completed and being Monitored
Interfacility Stroke Terminology	Collect the appropriate data to outline the barriers to interfacility transfers and whether stroke terminology could facilitate faster DIDO	Priority Activities Recorded
Establish research opportunity in the state of Texas to help advance stroke care	Working on Texas study looking at providing standardized stroke education	Priority Activities Recorded
DIDO performance recommendations	Stroke Committee approved. receiving input from GETAC Committees	Priority Activities Recorded

# Stroke Committee

**Priority Not Implemented**  
**Priority Activities Recorded**  
**Priorities Completed and being Monitored**

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
Texas EMS Stroke Survey	Stroke Committee and Air Medical approved. EMS and EMS Medical Directors will help with language.	
Provide list of recommended stroke education and certification courses	Compiling a list of courses and certifications pertaining to stroke education at all levels. List will be reviewed by the Education Work Group before presenting to Stroke Committee.	
Stroke Education Resource for stroke facilities	Working with DSHS/GETAC to find best way to provide a stroke education resource. Link to a facilities stroke education page current suggestion.	
Work with DSHS to outline recommendations for stroke facility level rules	Task force meeting 12/2023	

# Stroke Committee

Priority Not Implemented  
Priority Activities Recorded  
Priorities Completed and being Monitored

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
Revision GETAC Stroke Committee Purpose		
GETAC Stroke Committee Performance Measures	Median DTN, Median DIDO, Percentage Stroke Screening Tool Performed and Documented	

# Stroke Committee

- Committee items needing council guidance
  1. None at this time
- Stakeholder items needing council guidance
  1. None at this time
- Items referred to GETAC for future action
  1. None at this time

# 7.j. GETAC Trauma Systems Committee

Stephen Flaherty, MD, FACS

Lori Robb, MHA, BSN-RN, TCRN, NHDP-BC



# Trauma System Committee

**Priority Not Implemented**  
**Priority Activities Recorded**  
**Priorities Completed and being Monitored**

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
Spotlight on trauma center	None	
Use data to assess the system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working group developed framework for assessing trauma transfer delays</li> <li>Coordination with Jia for data</li> <li>Preliminary validation of variance from expected performance</li> </ul>	
Facilitate RAC communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working group established contact with RAC leaders</li> <li>Preliminary assessment of opportunities</li> </ul>	
Monitor designation process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordination with DSHS established</li> <li>Ongoing assessment</li> </ul>	
Monitor trauma funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work group continues to monitor for opportunities to advocate for the trauma system</li> </ul>	



# Action Item Request and Purpose

**WHAT:** Adopt “Assess the performance of the trauma system in transferring severely injured patients to appropriate level of care” as a state level PI project.

**WHY:** Optimal care is provided in the system when injured patients receive care at the appropriate level trauma center in a timely manner. Anecdotal reports suggest that there are important variances from expected performance in this regard in the Texas trauma system.

# Action Item Request and Purpose

Severe Patients - Time until Transfer by RAC, 2020-2022 (count)									
	0-1 hour	1-2 hours	2-3 hours	3-4 hours	4-5 hours	5-6 hours	6+ hours	Missing	Total
A	12	22	20	7	7	5	*	14	91
B	8	27	26	18	6	*	5	12	103
C	6	15	16	6	*	0	*	9	59
D	7	27	24	14	11	*	6	9	100
E	54	148	168	122	71	42	67	28	700
F	9	19	19	8	7	7	7	*	77
G	45	70	45	27	8	*	10	47	256
H	*	7	6	11	7	6	14	9	63
I	8	15	14	12	10	*	8	0	69
J	7	21	30	8	7	*	7	12	95
K	*	10	10	10	*	*	*	*	43
L	*	8	10	6	*	*	*	0	35
M	*	10	11	*	*	*	*	8	38
N	8	25	28	22	13	7	6	22	131
O	13	45	48	41	18	6	11	5	187
P	64	111	98	52	31	16	20	12	404
Q	20	63	67	58	29	24	48	45	354
R	8	31	28	21	20	13	15	9	145
S	8	11	16	16	7	*	*	*	64
T	*	*	*	6	*	*	*	0	18
U	13	15	43	38	38	27	40	9	223
V	*	8	12	7	*	0	*	0	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>3290</b>

# Benefit Timeline

**EXPECTED BENEFIT:** Severely injured patients requiring transfer to high level centers will have higher survival and less impairment of functional outcome when transfer times are optimized.

## **TIMELINE**

Q1 2024: RACs self-assess regional transfer time information for CY2023

Q2 2024: RACs demonstrate completed RAC PI plan to assess regional opportunities to improve transfer times

Q3 2024: RACs present preliminary assessment of variances contributing to transfer delays



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# Agenda Items

## November 2023



# Agenda Item 8



## **GETAC Strategic Plan Update**

- Strategic Planning Retreat, February 1-2, 2024
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# Agenda Item 9

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## **Texas System Performance Improvement (PI) Plan and PI Task Force Update**

- Mr. Jeffrey Barnhart and Dr. Kate Remick

# Agenda Item 10



## Action Items

- GETAC Position Statement 2023-A: Support for National Pediatric Readiness Quality Initiative (NPRQI)



# **2023-A**

## **Support for National Pediatric Readiness Quality Initiative**

GETAC endorses the efforts of the National Pediatric Readiness Quality Initiative (NPRQI), including hospital emergency department (ED) participation in a free, secured, web-based state and nationwide platform that allows EDs to track quality metrics and performance.

Alan H. Tyroch, M.D., FACS, FCCM  
Council Chair, GETAC

Approval: August 2023

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# Agenda Item 11

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## **Discussion, review, and recommendations**

- Initiatives that instill a culture of safety for responders and the public with a focus on operations and safe driving practices

# Agenda Item 12




## **Discussion, review, and recommendations**

- Rural Priorities
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# Agenda Item 13



## **Discussion and Possible Action**

- Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve the Trauma and Emergency Healthcare System in Texas.
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# 14. Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation (TETAF) November 2023

Dinah Welsh, TETAF President/CEO



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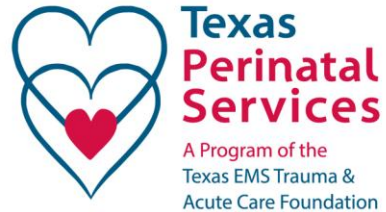
# Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation Update

**Dinah Welsh**

*TETAF President/CEO*

Monday, November 20, 2023

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# Advocacy

- ❑ The TETAF Advocacy Committee has remained vigilant monitoring activities and discussions during the Special Sessions, including the current Fourth Called Special Session.
- ❑ The TETAF Advocacy Team will soon begin preparations for the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session.
- ❑ TETAF has had discussions with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Office of EMS/Trauma Systems regarding its Legislative Appropriations Request and funding for the Regional Advisory Councils, a statewide perinatal database, plus needs for the Texas Trauma System.

# Surveys – Trauma, Stroke, Maternal, and Neonatal

- ❑ The number of surveys continues at a steady pace for all survey service lines in the last quarter. Trauma and maternal continue to be the two busiest service lines.
- ❑ TETAF continues to monitor rule updates and the impact they may have on hospitals, surveys, and surveyor requirements.



# Education

- ❑ The most recent TETAF Hospital Data Management Course (HDMC) was held virtually in November. Mark your calendar for the next **TETAF HDMC on June 6-7, 2024**. Visit <https://tetaf.org/hdmc/> for details.
- ❑ TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services continue to offer the Texas Quality Care Forum (TQCF) each month with topics focused on trauma, stroke, maternal, neonatal, and acute care, as well as EMS topics.
- ❑ TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services continue to offer exclusive, free educational opportunities to our hospital partners via Mighty Networks.

*Scan with the camera on your phone to join Mighty Networks or visit [www.tetaf-tps.mn.co](http://www.tetaf-tps.mn.co).*



# Collaboration

- ❑ TETAF continues to provide support to Texas TQIP.
  - ❑ Drs. Justin Regner and Charles Bayouth have stepped down from their roles as co-medical directors for Texas TQIP.
  - ❑ Members of the Texas TQIP Collaborative will meet at the ACS TQIP Conference in Louisville, KY on December 1-3, 2023. Dr. Carlos Palacio has agreed to lead that meeting.
- ❑ TETAF continues to provide all continuing education for the Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum and participate in their educational activities.
- ❑ TETAF/Texas Perinatal Services will once again be a sponsor for the Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies (TCHMB) Summit in Austin on February 28 - March 1, 2024.
- ❑ TETAF welcomes the opportunity to be a resource and/or participate in any meetings to further build the trauma and emergency care network.

# 15. Final Public Comment

Three minutes is the allocated allotment of time for public comment.

Please state the following when making comments:

- Your name
- Organization you represent
- Agenda item you would like to address.



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# 16. Announcements

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# 17. Next Council Meeting Dates - 2024



**Strategic Planning Retreat:** February 1<sup>st</sup> PM – February 2<sup>nd</sup> AM  
Double Tree Hotel

## **Quarterly Meetings:**

- **Q1** – March 6-8, DoubleTree Hotel
  - **Q2** – June 12-14, DoubleTree Hotel
  - **Q3** – August 21-23, DoubleTree Hotel
  - **Q4** – November 23-25, 2024, in conjunction with the Texas EMS Conference in Ft. Worth.
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# 18. Adjournment

**Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair**



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*Thank you for all you do to support the GETAC mission to promote, develop, and advance an accountable, patient-centered Trauma and Emergency Healthcare System!*