

GETAC Disaster Preparedness & Response Committee Report June 2023

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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"> - Review current & past deployments - Program & workgroup updates - 2023 Educational overview - Updating training opportunities 	
Improve patient tracking utilizing the Texas EMS wristband along with Pulsara.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pulsara statewide updates - Real world examples reviewed - Reviewing Pulsara data & usage 	
Support the supply chain/PPE operations & storage for Texas hospitals & EMS agencies in concert with TDEM.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workgroup meetings are on-going - Working on hospital participation 	

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- Items referred to GETAC for future action/ Guidance:
 - 1.TDEM Supply Chain Tool: Workgroup participation began with 32 individuals from 23 agencies. Requesting assistance in increasing participation from hospitals & EMS agencies for this important issue.
- GETAC Council Updates:
 - 1.Statewide EMS Wristband Project: Pulsara coordination taking place - 310 Contracted EMS agencies/ 404 Contracted Hospitals. DSHS & EMTF have purchased Pulsara MED OPS, Pulsara UNITED for EMS, and Pulsara ONE for Hospitals across Texas. Using Pulsara as the method to deliver patient reports from EMS to hospitals daily ensures that your organization is using the same tool in an MCI as you are every day.
 - 2.2023 Hurricane Overview: TDEM presented 2023 hurricane outlook for the State of Texas. Main Takeaway: Lack of La Niña/Presence of El Niño.
- TX EMTF Program Updates & Announcements
 - Completed Training Courses:
 - MIST Initial: March 28-29, Austin (32 students) & April 13-14, Dallas (34 students)
 - MEDL: April 26-28, San Antonio (26 students)
 - TFL/MIST Refresher: May 25-26, San Antonio (18 attendees)