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# GETAC meeting held in Fort Worth in November

The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) met on Monday, November 23, 2009, in Fort Worth in conjunction with Texas EMS Conference. Following are the motions put forward after the chair, staff, standing committees/task forces and other groups reported on their most recent activities. Once approved, draft minutes from the meeting will be posted at [www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/governor.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/governor.shtm).

## Action Items

A motion was made by Shirley Scholz and seconded by Joan Shook, MD, that GETAC draft a letter to recognize the EMS agencies and trauma centers that assisted in the recent Fort Hood events, and that it explore other ways to honor those affected by this event. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Shirley

Scholz and seconded by Luis Fernandez, MD, to accept the updates and revisions of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement for Mutual Aid for DSHS-licensed rotor wing air ambulances to include fixed wing units as well. The draft document would request the wording be changed from "rotor wing/fixed wing" to "air ambulance providers." In addition, Ms. Scholz would also like to include the addendum of "Rates for Disaster Response" as well as the number of aircraft and its location of aircraft to the DSHS contracts. There was a friendly amendment by Ronald Stewart, MD, to review the current language in the Memorandum of Agreement for Mutual Aid for ground units. Luis Fernandez, MD, accepted the friendly amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ryan Matthews and seconded by Vance Riley to support the DSHS 2009 Ambulance

Utilization Plan draft as presented. The motion recommended a review at the beginning of each calendar year. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ryan Matthews and seconded by Shirley Scholz to request DSHS to conduct an impact study specific to EMS to fully understand the accreditation process. After further discussion, it was concluded that not enough information was available at this time to make a decision and this motion should be pulled. More information and further discussions would be available at the next scheduled GETAC meeting. The new motion passed unanimously.

The next GETAC committee meetings will be February 24-25, 2010. GETAC will meet February 26, 2010. The February meetings will be held in Austin at the Marriott Austin Airport South; the May meetings will be held at the Omni Southpark.

## Course Coordinator Guidelines for a Method of Teaching EMS instructor course

**Current Policy:** The following training programs are approved by DSHS for EMS instructor certification: (1) the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE); (2) the Texas Commission on Fire Protection; and (3) the United States Military Instructor Training Course. These courses are based on the Department of Transportation's/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) current instructor curriculum. Effective January 1, 2010, DSHS will only approve any new methods of teaching instructor courses that are based on DOT's curriculum.

Texas EMS programs choosing to use a method of teaching instructor courses shall follow these guidelines.

- The course must cover the depth and breadth of the Department of Transportation's/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) current instructor curriculum (**2002 National**

### Guidelines for Educating EMS Instructors).

- The student must receive written critique or feed back from the instructor concerning an oral presentation.
- The course must include instructions for the National Registry exam registration and testing process
- State Testing Process - Each program will receive guidance on the "state approved instructor certification exam" when the course approval is issued.
- The program must have a final exam that is submitted to the Department electronically. The final exam must consist of a minimum of 60 questions which shall include a minimum of 15 questions from the following areas of the Texas Administrative Code Title 25 Part 1 Chapter 157 as described here:

- Chapter 157.44 EMS Instructor Rule (5 questions)

In addition, a minimum of 10 questions must address the following rules;

- Chapter 157.32 EMS Education and Course Approval
- Chapter 157.33 EMS Certification
- Chapter 157.34 EMS Recertification
- Chapter 157.36 Criteria for Denial and Disciplinary Actions for EMS Personnel and Voluntary Surrender of a Certificate or License
- Chapter 157.38 Continuing Education

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines please contact your regional office or Maxie Bishop at [maxie.bishop@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:maxie.bishop@dshs.state.tx.us).