



OnTRAC Newsletter Summer 2018

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FY18 Local Project Grant (LPG)

The Local Project Grant (LPG) is a program that awards funds that serve to support and improve the development of the Texas Emergency Health Care System and increase the availability and quality of emergency pre-hospital health care. The North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council (NCTTRAC) has been allocated \$48,587 from the Permanent Fund for Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Account to provide support and enhancement of pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and trauma care systems in Texas. The EMS committee voted to have NCTTRAC continue their efforts in support of a regional Stop the Bleed project to purchase tourniquets and wound packing trainers for EMS/FRO agencies. Each agency will receive training supplies to facilitate Stop the Bleed training programs or support existing programs for their community. NCTTRAC has received all the equipment and is in progress of distributing to our EMS agencies. The Emergency Healthcare Systems (EHS) staff will be available at the warehouse for pickup of the tourniquets and wound packing trainers **August 28-29, 9:00 am-4:30 pm**.



NCTTRAC Membership Renewal is due September 1st. If you have any questions or concerns please contact NCTTRAC Admin. For more information about membership, visit our website [here](#).

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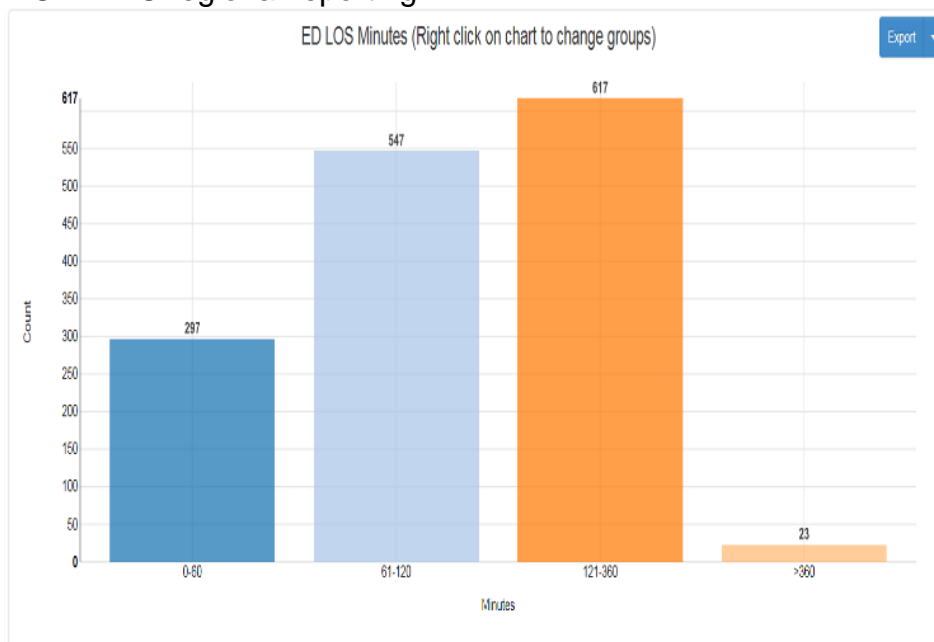
FY18 EMS County Assistance

The **FY18 EMS-County Assistance** (also known as **EMS Pass-Through Funds**), is a Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) initiative that was created to assist EMS agencies by awarding funds to help off-set costs for patient care items and/or operational expenses. These awards are allocated to eligible EMS agencies that provide 911 support, in one or more counties in the Trauma Service area – E. DSHS uses a formula to determine funding allocated to the agencies. This year, \$386,602 was awarded to 109 EMS providers across the Trauma Service Area – E.



Analytic Solutions Network (ASN)

Analytic Solutions Network (ASN) is the NCTTRAC regional reporting service for **Trauma data**. 27 hospitals have been trained to utilize the program and 19 of those 27 are submitting data from 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 to include 50,000+ patients. This data has been used to review system performance improvement indicators for several of the NCTTRAC committees. Submit your data, help to improve our regional system performance!



Emergency Medical Task Force -2



On the afternoon of June 26th, the EMTF-2 Coordination Center received a request for one AMBUS to support emergency medical response operations after the explosion at Coryell Memorial Hospital. Flower Mound Fire Department (FMFD), the host agency for Multi-Patient Vehicle 2-02 (MPV 2-02), was on a return trip from AMBUS Driver's Training in Florence, TX. With unwavering enthusiasm the agency accepted the State Mission Assignment and the crew re-routed to Gatesville. Upon arrival on-scene the crew assisted in the evacuation of a nearby long term care facility. Later, MPV 2-02 would transport eight residents to a neighboring facility for short term care. NCTTRAC would like to extend a debt of gratitude to FMFD for supporting this assignment and for always supporting the EMTF Program!



On August 3rd, the EMTF-2 Coordination Center received a request for an MICU to support the Texas A&M Forest Service as they battled wildland fires in central and north central Texas. MedStar Mobile Healthcare immediately accepted a request for one MICU on a multi-day assignment. The crew was given a firefighter rehabilitation assignment in Wise

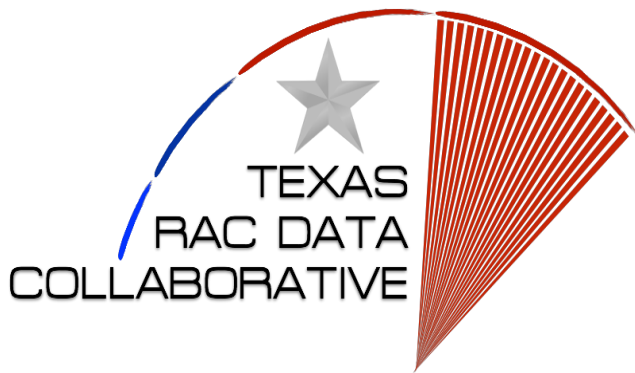
County from August 4th to August 6th. NCTTRAC would like to thank MedStar for their steadfast support of the EMTF program and their commitment for serving the public within TSA-E and across the state! This assignment has prompted positive discussions among TX EMTF, DSHS and other state agencies on the integration of EMTF on large-scale wildland fire responses and on protecting firefighters.



On Aug 24th, EMTF-2 will activate for the fourth year in support of the Hotter N Hell Hundred (HHH). This year the task force will stand up a Type II Mobile Medical Unit, an Ambulance Strike Team, four Medical Incident Support Teams and a Task Force Leader. The HHH is a large 100 mile bike ride that draws tens of thousands of participants. Each year, EMTF-2 looks forward to supporting this event and uses it as an opportunity to exercise key components of the program. For any questions about the EMTF Program please contact Thomas Stidham at tstidham@ncttrac.org or 817-607-7015



Texas RAC Data Collaborative (RDC)



The RDC represents the combined efforts of participating RACs to improve the quality of not only their care to the stroke and STEMI patients of their region through improved data collection and analysis; but also thereby raising the bar for the entire state of Texas. With an intuitive interface, authorized users have access to a streamlined data entry portal and

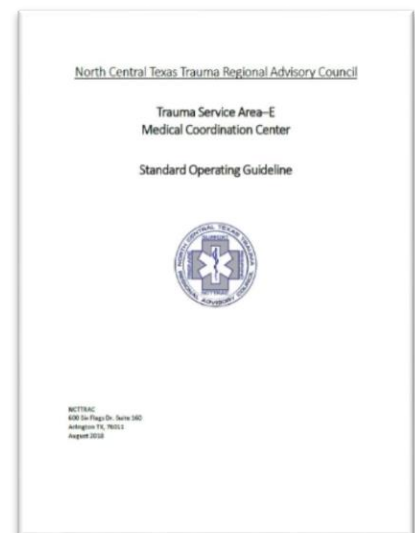
robust reporting features to enable a clear and simple way to mine their data. Submit your data, help to improve our regional system performance!

TSA-E Medical Coordination Center (EMCC)

After internal review and revision, NCTTRAC released an official update of its EMCC Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG). This new SOG covers lessons learned from EMCC activations throughout the past HPP program year (most notably Hurricane Harvey). The highlight of the SOG is the clear outline of the EMCC's five core competencies: Crisis Applications Facilitation and Support; Preparations for Patient Reception/Distribution; Medical Shelter Resource Support; HPP Staff as Medical Liaison Support to Response Organizations; and EMTF Coordination, Mobilization/Deployment, and Support. By defining these core competencies and their inherent components, the EMCC is able to assist future regional planning efforts by providing up-to-date information about the EMCC's role in a regional event.

The EMCC also played a large role in the promotion and resultant increased use of the NCTTRAC Regional Patient Tracking Toolkit (located on the NCTTRAC WebEOC server). Since May of 2018, the Patient Tracking Toolkit has been used in three regional exercises and one real-life event. Additionally, EMCC staff have visited seven different facilities to train staff members on using the Patient Tracking Toolkit. As regional planning efforts for family reunification during a mass casualty incident move forward, the Patient Tracking Toolkit will continue to play an integral role.

Contact Jacob Seil at jseil@ncttrac.org or 817-607-7010 if you would like more information on using the NCTTRAC Regional Patient Tracking Toolkit.



HPP HCC Regional Performance BP1

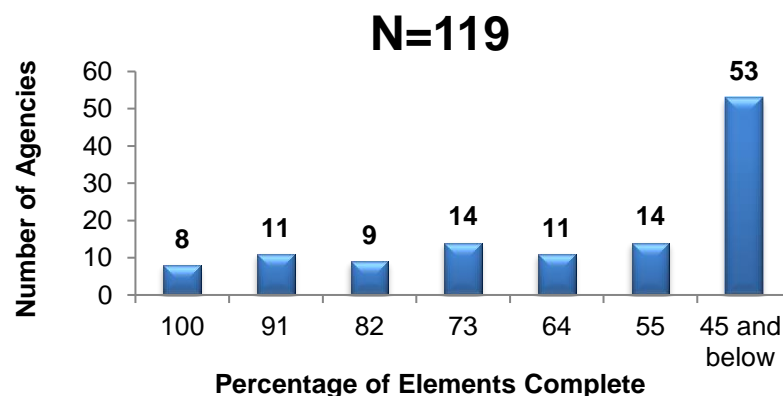
June 30, 2018 marked the end of the Budget Period 1 (BP1) of the Hospital Preparedness Program for the current 5-year program cycle. Facilities throughout the Healthcare Coalition (HCC) were required to meet five performance measure areas to ensure preparedness during the contract term. These performance measures included:

- Annual HVA Survey
- Annual HPP Assessment
- Quarterly Redundant Communications Drills
- Quarterly Bed Reporting Drills
- GC-11 Inventory Submission

Of the 119 program members, there were 28 facilities that met the 80% or greater performance goal set forth at the beginning of the last program year. There were eight facilities that completed all of the performance measures throughout the year. These 100% achievers included:

- Children's Medical Center of Dallas
- Children's Medical Center Plano
- Dallas Regional Medical Center
- John Peter Smith Hospital
- Medical City of Arlington
- Reba McEntire Center for Rehabilitation
- Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas
- Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Hurst-Euless-Bedford

The chart below provides an overview of the number of facilities and the percentage of performance measures they were able to complete during the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 program year.



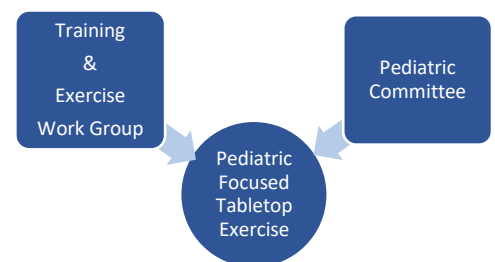
HPP HCC-E National Performance BP1

The Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) has completed BP1 of the five-year contract period. The HPP currently covers four capabilities, and each capability is further defined among several objectives and activities. This year each of the HCCs across the nation were directed to report their activity towards completing the performance elements required from the program. These activities were captured in the Coalition Assessment Tool (CAT), which provided the report below. This report below provides a summary the Coalition's efforts for BP1 according to the CAT. The Coalition's goal is to achieve 100% completion of all four capabilities by June 30, 2022.

HPP Capability	Total Number is Elements	HCC-E Completion Percentage
Capability 1: Foundation for Health Care and Medical Readiness	32	92%
Capability 2: Health Care and Medical Response Coordination	20	40%
Capability 3: Continuity and Health Care Service Delivery	23	72%
Capability 4: Medical Surge	42	67%

HPP Training and Exercise Update

NCTTRAC Training and Exercise hosted FEMA's Healthcare Sector Emergency Preparedness Course on July 25, 2018. The participants engaged in group discussions on best practices for developing emergency preparedness plans. This course provided clarification on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) requirements for the 17 providers/suppliers impacted by the CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule. Twenty-four participants networked to discuss preparing their facilities for emergencies. As a result, all participants showed interest in becoming members of the TSA-E Healthcare Coalition. The American Academy of Pediatrics invited entities within states or communities that might be willing to use the Pediatric and Public Health Preparedness Exercise Resource Kit to plan and conduct a pediatric-focused tabletop exercise. The Training & Exercise Work Group proposed taking on this project with the Pediatric Committee. As a result, the Pediatric Committee and Training & Exercise Work Group are partnering to conduct a tabletop exercise this fall 2018. As part of this approach, the participants from the exercise will share suggestions to improve the Resource Kit.



FY 16 TSA-E Coalition Surge Test

The TSA-E Coalition Surge Test After Action Report was approved! 55 HCC partners participated in the first Coalition Surge Test exercise. As a result of this exercise, the HCC will develop a Regional Evacuation Plan for TSA-E to include thresholds for regional activation/notification, identification of roles and responsibilities for each regional partner. Coalition Surge Test accomplishments include:

- Regional healthcare facilities effectively used multiple modalities to communicate with receiving facilities and EMS.
- Leadership at the hospitals followed appropriate protocols to activate their Hospital Incident Command Teams.
- EMS partners coordinated transportation resources effectively and were able to accommodate transport of the evacuating patients during their routine operations.
- 51 regional healthcare facilities provided their bed availability during the exercise.

Disaster Health Response Cooperative

NCTTRAC supported a statewide collaboration to apply for a federal Partnership for the Disaster Health Response Cooperative Agreement. This agreement was submitted under the name Texas Disaster Medical System 2 (TDMS-2) Partnership and represents a collaboration with University Health Systems as the project applicant, the South East Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC) as program lead, the Texas Department of State Health Services, the University of Texas Systems, and all eight Hospital Preparedness Program Coalition leads across the state.

The aim of TDMS-2 is to build on a tiered regional framework that emphasizes the collaboration among local healthcare coalitions, trauma centers, public and private healthcare facilities, and emergency medical services to expand access to specialty care expertise and increase medical surge capacity. The goals of TDMS-2 include:

- Building a Partnership for Disaster Health Response
- Aligning Plans, Policies, Processes, and Procedures Related to Clinical Excellence in Disasters
- Increase Statewide and Regional Medical Surge Capacity
- Improve Statewide and Regional Situational Awareness
- Develop Readiness Metrics and Conduct an Exercise to Test Capabilities



In order to bring awareness to the Texas response programs and strengthen the application for funding, NCTTRAC sought letters of support to secure the statewide effort. Overall, we received 20 letters of support from our three HCCs. The final documentation was submitted on August 15, 2018 and the notification of award is set to be announced September 2018. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of those who contributed to this effort and we will keep you updated on the outcome of this state-wide endeavor.

NCTTRAC Logistics and Transportation

The Logistics Section is in the process of closing the previous Budget Period purchases. Regional project purchases amounted to approximately \$744K, including TSA-C and D partners. Some of the spend down challenges involved coordinating with region's partners, vendors, and state comptroller to ensure purchases and spending met guidelines and regulations established by the State of Texas, as well as to ensure timely delivery of equipment and supplies to regional partners. A direct result of these purchases NCTTRAC warehouse is holding over 2000 CAT-T tourniquets and over 1000 Stop the Bleed kits, both intended for delivery to our region in support of a regional Stop the Bleed initiative.



Additionally, the logistics department is preparing to deploy EMTF-2 personnel to Hotter than Hell event in Wichita Falls. Preparations include scheduling of transport for 40+ personnel, trailers, trailerized generators and medical equipment cache. Additionally, an essential part of the preparations involve testing equipment, providing maintenance and troubleshooting various components of the trailers and equipment, and ensuring full capability prior to deployment.

The logistics department also concluded full transfer of the Mobile Emergency Response Communications (MERC) Trailer to Parker County Medical District on July 10, providing the area with advanced communications capabilities during emergencies and/or disasters.



The Logistics Section page on the NCTTRAC website was updated recently to update inventory changes in the region as well as adding our prime equipment inventory list. Please take a moment to visit www.ncttrac.org and provide any feedback or improvements needed, contact vreyes@ncttrac.org or 817-607-7005 for more information.