

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JANUARY 26, 2009

NEW STAFF

We have added two members to the SETTRAC staff. Last Monday Joseph Beckman joined our staff as Accountant/Compliance officer. Joseph comes to us from Utah. He will be leaving after tonight's meeting to attend the Hospital Preparedness Program meeting in Austin tomorrow and will be visiting with the accountants in a few of the other regions to get some pointers from them about how to deal with the various grants and the related requirements.

Sherrie Robinson will be joining our staff on February 2nd as the Administrative Assistant for the Trauma/Acute Care part of SETTRAC. Lisa Spivey will then become full-time with the preparedness program.

NEW OFFICE

We moved into our new office on January 5th. It took a couple of days to get our phone and internet services up and running and we operated on a variety of tables and boxes until last Thursday when our furniture arrived. We're still unpacking boxes so it will be a couple of weeks before we're completely settled. The only furniture we're lacking is a couch for the lobby and a table and chairs for the break room. We do have a conference room that will handle up to 10 people, 12 in a crunch. When everything is in place we plan on having an open house. However, you're welcome to drop in any time.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Memorial Hermann TMC for providing office space and utilities for SETTRAC staff for the past 10 years. That contributed greatly to the growth and maturation of SETTRAC.

AFFIDAVITS

At the special meeting of the Board of Directors an amendment was made to the Pre-Hospital Patient Triage and Facility Bypass Guidelines. Because of this change each EMS provider needs to submit a new "Affidavit Acknowledging Utilization of RAC Regional Protocols Regarding Patient Destination". We have received a few. The list of those is on the SETTRAC web site under the "Dues/Participation" tab. A copy of the affidavit can be downloaded from the same page.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship funds are still available. To date, all the scholarship applications received have been from hospital personnel. EMS personnel are reminded that the program is also for their use and I encourage EMS to utilize these funds.