



SETTRAC News

April 2005

Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Harris, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, Wharton Counties

RAC Quarterly Meeting Reminder

The next RAC Quarterly Meeting will be

Monday, April 18, 2004 at 7:00pm

The meeting will be held at Memorial Hermann Hospital. Please mark you calendar and try to attend this very important meeting.

This is the third meeting of the SETTRAC Fiscal Year.

RAC Quarterly Meeting Schedule

for Fiscal Year
Sept 1, 2004 – Aug. 31, 2005

October 18, 2004

January 24, 2005

April 18, 2005

July 18, 2005

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SETTRAC Quarterly Meeting

A quick reminder that the SETTRAC Quarterly Meeting is **Monday, April 18th** at 7:00pm at Memorial Hermann Hospital. **Parking will be validated at both the Hermann Professional Building Garage and TMC Garage 4.** Please bring your parking ticket to the meeting and instructions will be given at that time for parking validation. The meeting will be held in the conference center of the Hermann Pavilion, located on the ground floor of the Hermann Pavilion. Please see the last page of the newsletter for a map.

Board of Director's Attendance/Participation

As required by Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the SETTRAC Bylaws have been amended to include an attendance requirement for the SETTRAC Board of Directors. A director cannot miss more that two Quarterly/Special Board Meetings each fiscal year. If a director misses more than two meetings in a fiscal year, he/she shall be deemed to have resigned his/her position effective immediately.

Participation for Quarterly/Special Board Meetings is listed on page 2 of this newsletter and posted on the SETTRAC Web-Site. If you notice an error in the attendance for your agency, please email Marnie.Kraus@SETTRAC.org

Save of the Day - We Salute Teamwork!

Marjorie Lygas, Chair of the Hospital Care & Management

We had numerous save(s) of the day since the last SETTRAC meeting; however, the events of **3/23/05** at Texas City demonstrated teamwork at its greatest level. Multiple agencies responded and EMS/Hospital Staff combined to show dedication and professional expertise. This tragedy at Texas City reinforced the importance of team work as multiple agencies came together to assist the employees of the B.P. plant. The EMS and Hospital Staff in the various Emergency Departments revealed their dedication and professional expertise in multiple ways, and for this reason we would like to salute the various EMS responders and Hospital E.R. Staff that assisted the victims.

It is always a team effort in saving a patient. I witnessed such efforts recently when I observed the Pathologist at St Luke's Hospital working with the surgical team to reverse a patient's coagulopathy. It was amazing to watch how every part of the team worked in harmony for a common goal. We don't always acknowledge the different roles played by all members in the healthcare continuum, and it was truly inspiring to observe this personally.

SETTRAC ATTENDANCE / PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

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See below for a list of Board Meetings attended by Board Members for FY05.

Board Position & Meetings Attended			Board Position & Meetings Attended			Board Position & Meetings Attended		
Austin Physician	0		Colorado Physician	0		Fort Bend Physician	0	
Austin Hospitals	1	Oct	Colorado Hospitals	0		Fort Bend Hospitals	2	Oct Jan
Austin EMS	2	Oct Jan	Colorado EMS	0		Fort Bend EMS	2	Oct Jan
Harris Physician	1	Oct	Matagorda Physician	0		Montgomery Physician	1	Oct
Harris Hospitals	2	Oct Jan	Matagorda Hospitals	1	Jan	Montgomery Hospitals	1	Oct
Harris EMS	2	Oct Jan	Matagorda EMS	0		Montgomery EMS	2	Oct Jan
Walker Physician	2	Oct Jan	Waller Physician	1	Jan	Wharton Physician	2	Oct Jan
Walker Hospitals	2	Oct Jan	Waller EMS	2	Oct Jan	Wharton Hospitals	2	Oct Jan
Walker EMS	2	Oct Jan				Wharton EMS	2	Oct Jan
Hermann Lev I	2	Oct Jan	So Tx ACS, Comm or	2	Oct Jan	Hou Chapter – ENA	1	Oct Jan
Ben Taub Lev I	2	Oct Jan	Gtr Houston EMS Cou	2	Oct Jan	Emerg Physicians Assn	1	Oct Jan
Ninth Dist Med Soc	2	Oct Jan	Texas Pediatric Societ	0		Houston Fire Department	0	
Tx Hosp Assn-Rehab	1	Oct Jan						

EMS/Hospital Participation Requirements

- (1) Must attend at least two of the Quarterly meetings – attend 50%
- (2) Hospitals should attend 50% of at least 1 committee's meetings
- (3) EMS must attend 50% of at least 1 committee's meetings
- (4) EMS must attend 50% of EMS SQI Committee Meetings
- (5) Must Pay Annual Dues

See below for a list of Hospitals and EMS Agencies that have attended at least one Quarterly Meeting for FY05.

Hospitals							
- # of Meetings Attended -		- # of Meetings Attended -		- # of Meetings Attended -		- # of Meetings Attended -	
Bellville General	2	Gulf Coast Medical Center	2	Mem Hermann - Katy	1	Rice Medical Center	1
Ben Taub General	2	Houston Community Hosp	1	Mem Herm - Mem City	2	Riverside General Hospital	2
Colorado Fayette	2	Huntsville Memorial Hosp	1	Mem Hermann NW	2	San Jacinto Methodist	1
Columbus Community	2	Lyndon B Johnson	2	Mem Hermann SE	2	St Joseph Hospital	1
Conroe Regional	2	Matagorda General Hospital	2	Mem Hermann SW	1	Texas Children's Hospital	1
Doctors - Parkway	1	Mem Hermann Children's	2	Mem Herm - Woodlands	1	Tomball Regional Hospital	1
Doctors - Tidwell	1	Mem Hermann Hospital	2	Northeast Medical Cente	1	Twelve Oaks (North)	2
East Houston Med	2	Mem Hermann - Ft Bend	2	Polly Ryon	2	West Houston Medical Cen	1
EMS Agencies							
ACE	1	Community VFD	1	Huntsville Walker	1	North Star EMS	2
AMR	2	Correctional Managed	1	Jacinto City Fire	2	Northwest Rural	2
Atascocita EMS	2	Deer Park Fire	1	Jersey Village	1	Pearland EMS	2
Austin Co EMS	2	El Campo EMS	2	Katy Fire Dept	1	Sargent VFD & EMS	1
Baytown, City of	2	Fort Bend Co EMS	2	LaPorte EMS	1	SKYMED	1
Bellaire Fire	2	Friendswood	1	League City Vol	2	South Houston EMS	1
Brookshire-Pattiso	2	Galena Park EMS	1	Matagorda EMS	2	Texas Medical Tran	1
Channelview EMS	2	Harris Co ESD #1	1	Mem Hermann Life	1	Village Fire Dept	2
Clear Lake Emerg	1	Houston Fire Dept	2	Montgomery Co EMS	2	Waller Co EMS	2
Colorado Co EMS	2	Humble Fire Dept	2	Nassau Bay EMS	1	West University FD	1
				North Channel EMS	1	Wharton EMS	2

Public Information & Education

Date: **Monday, April 18th** at 5:00pm

Location: Memorial Hermann Hospital
Hermann Pavilion Conference Center

Please contact Molly Wilkins for more information

***Upcoming
Committee /
Sub-
Committee
Meetings***

**EMS SQI and Pre-
Hospital Care &
Transportation**

Date: **Friday, May 20th**
Location: Highlands Fire Dept
10:00 am Disaster
EMS SQI
Pre-Hospital Care &
Trans

Please call Daniel Kosler for more
information.

**Medical Audit,
SQI, and HCM
Committees**

Date: **Monday, April 18th**
Location: Memorial Hermann
Hospital
5:30 pm Medical Audit
SQI
Hospital Care &
Management

Please call Marjorie Lygas or Mary
Frost for more information.

SETTRAC Committees and Sub-Committees

EMS Medical Directors Committee

David Persse, MD (713)495-4231
David.Persse@CityofHouston.net

Grants Review Committee

Madelyn Jurek (713)704-6160
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Public Information & Education Committee

Molly Wilkins (713) 873-3500
Molly_Wilkins@hchd.tmc.edu

Trauma Care & Management Committee

Daniel Kosler / Marjorie Lygas

Sub-Committees

Hospital Care & Management	Marjorie Lygas	713-704-5297	Marjorie_Lygas@mhhs.org
Pre-Hospital Care & Transport	Daniel Kosler	281-633-7077	kosledan@co.fort-bend.tx.us
Disaster	Richard Bradley, MD	713-495-4231	Richard.Bradley@CityofHouston.net
System Quality Improvement	Mary Frost	832-824-5432	mhfrost@TexasChildrensHospital.org

SETTRAC Quarterly Meeting Tentative Agenda

I.	CALL TO ORDER	James Duke, MD
II.	ROLL CALL	Allen Johnson
III.	READING OF MINUTES	Allen Johnson
IV.	PUBLIC COMMENT	James Duke, MD
V.	EXECUTIVE REPORTS	
	<u>A. Chairman's Report</u>	James Duke, MD
	· General Remarks	
	<u>B. Vice Chairman's Report</u>	Darrell Pile
	· Membership Issues	
	· Financial Responsibility	
	<u>C. Vice Chairman's Report</u>	Thelma Lemley
	· GETAC/RAC Chairs Meeting Update	
	<u>D. Secretary-Treasurer's Report</u>	Allen Johnson
	· April Financial Report	
	<u>E. Officer at Large Report</u>	David Persse, MD
VI.	COMMITTEE REPORTS	
	<u>A. Trauma Care & Management</u>	Daniel Kosler
	<u>B. Public Information & Education</u>	Molly Wilkins
	<u>C. Grants Review</u>	Madelyn Jurek
	<u>D. EMS Medical Director's</u>	David Persse, MD
VIII.	DIRECTOR'S REPORT	David Rives
	· See Attached Report	
VIII.	UNFINISHED BUSINESS	James Duke, MD
IX.	NEW BUSINESS	James Duke, MD
X.	ANNOUNCEMENTS	James Duke, MD
	· Next Meeting is July 18th	

EMSystem

EMSystem will soon experience tremendous growth and capabilities. One of the capabilities of EMSystem, "Messaging", meets the communication benchmark of the HRSA planning. Because of that feature the HRSA planning committee has paid for the subscription for EMSystem through August 31, 2007.

In addition to Messaging there are other components that will soon be added to EMSystem. Those components will be gradually implemented to make EMSystem as useful as possible.

The EMSystem funding model has changed so the subscription is now based on the population of the region. This will allow the use of EMSystem to be extended to many various entities throughout the region. The first entities to be added will be the hospitals not already on EMSystem, including specialty hospitals. As entities are eligible to be added to EMSystem they will be contacted.

HRSA

SETTRAC has been selected as the administrator of the HRSA funds for Year 3. This selection automatically makes SETTRAC the administrator of the funds for the remaining Years 4 & 5.

Due to a variety of issues none of the contracts for Year 3 have been executed at this time. There are many requirements for the Year 3 funds that were not imposed on the funds for Years 1 & 2. This has caused a significant delay in the execution of the contract and the resulting distribution of funds, purchase of equipment and supplies and related training.

2004 Texas EMS Conference Award Winners from TSA-Q

EMS Air Medical Service Award:	Memorial Hermann Life Flight
EMS Educator Award:	Jay Cloud Deer Park Fire Dept & San Jacinto College Central
EMS Volunteer Provider Award	Jersey Village Emergency Services

SETTRAC Injury Prevention

This information is sponsored by the SETTRAC Public Education and Information Committee and special thanks to Susan Hirtz from Texas Children's Hospital for providing this information.

Inspection Stations: a service to local communities

Kendra Windisch of Cypress Creek EMS knew that her own child's safety seat was too loose, but didn't know that certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians were available to help her. She took the 4-day CPS Technician training to become certified and encouraged Cypress Creek EMS to join SAFE KIDS Greater Houston's network of Safety Seat Inspection Stations. About the same time, in August 2003, League City EMS/Police Department began operating a SAFE KIDS Inspection Station, too.

"The word about our program is getting out through childbirth classes and baby retail stores. Many parents have been looking for help installing their safety seats and are so happy to find us!" Windisch said. "The CCEMS Executive Director, Bradley England, likes the PR benefit of offering this popular service—and that we can partner with Texas Children's Center for Childhood Injury Prevention and the Harris County Constables to offer this popular and needed service to the community." Windisch is now raising funds for a six-car shelter to protect families and technicians from the weather when at the inspection station.

"Some families have had seats checked by non-certified individuals (some being local firefighters) who were "checking" seats without taking the certification class. But they felt the seats were not correctly installed—and they weren't!" Windisch urges agencies to send families to an Inspection Station where the safety seat technicians are certified—or to become certified themselves. Both Texas Children's Center for Childhood Injury Prevention and the Texas Department of State Health Services offer the CPS technician training.

Windisch has expanded the hours of operation of the Cypress Creek EMS Inspection Station from twice a month to 4 times each month. "When we arrive on scene after a 9-1-1 call, we show that we care about you. To show that we *really* care about you, we help you learn to protect your family so they aren't hurt to begin with!"

(A list of inspection stations is posted at www.texaschildrenshospital.org/InjuryPrevention.)

For safety resources, join the list-server

Join the Safe Kids Greater Houston list-server at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ghskcnet> to

- communicate with others in injury prevention
- post events or classes to the calendar of events
- to access Safety Seat Inspection Station flyers, fact sheets, and many other useful items.

Download safety educational materials

Looking for childproofing lists and educational materials on topics from *Crib Safety/SIDS Prevention* to *Water Safety*? Download educational materials in English or Spanish on 15 safety topics. Go to www.texaschildrenshospital.org, then look under *Tips for Parents* and then *Safety*.



SETTRAC boosts kids to safety

On January 24, Texas Children's Center for Childhood Injury Prevention provided 32 booster seat education kits to SETTRAC members. The kit includes a script, coloring pages, educational pieces for parents and a video that an untrained adult can use to give a 30-minute class to 4- to 8-year-olds in English or Spanish. The program features the Alex the Astronaut, who teaches his space alien friend about booster seats. The Center developed the program as part of a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), which is featured in NHTSA's new booklet, *Best Practices for Promoting Booster Seat Use*. In exchange for the kit, each member agreed to send evaluations on at least three classes taught.

Engage parents in buckling up their kids

How do you bring it to your community's attention that children aren't buckling up? Participate in the Houston Buckle-Up Survey this spring. Texas Children's Center for Childhood Injury Prevention will provide you with survey forms, and the Baylor Injury Center will process them. Results will be available on the SAFE KIDS listserve so that you tell what percentage of children in your community are unrestrained. Then, we can work together to make buckling up a higher priority with families. Call Diana Hernandez, with Texas Children's Center for Childhood Injury Prevention, at 832-828-1312 for more information.

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

Basic Disaster Life Support – April 9

Sponsored by Pearland EMS

For more info, please call 281-652-1956 for more information

Critical Air Education

Upcoming 2005 Education Course Dates

ACLS	Concepts in Trauma	Concepts in Cardiac Care	PALS Provider
May 23-24 West, Texas	May 26 Bay City, Texas	June 27 Kerrville, Texas	June 9-10 Mexia, Texas
	June 6 Columbus, Texas		

For more info, please contact Shannon Richter at 512-680-8212 or e-mail at education@criticalair.com

Memorial Hermann Life Flight Education

Upcoming 2005 Education Course Dates

ACLS	ATLS/ATCN	PALS	TNCC
April 12-13 (SW)	April 29-30 (HH)	May 2-3 (HH)	April 8-9 (HH)
April 21-22 (WDL)	June 16-17 (HH)	May 5-6 (HH)	
May 12-13 (HH)		May 19-20 (WDL)	
May 26-27 (MC)		June 14-15 (HH)	
June 4-5 (HH)			
June 16-17 (HH)			

For more info, please contact Life Flight Education at 713-704-6151 or e-mail at Lifeflight_Education@mhhs.org

Map For Quarterly Meeting Location

Parking will be validated – Park in **Hermann Professional Building Garage or TMC Parking Garage 4** and bring ticket with you to the meeting

