



**AGENDA**

**Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)  
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee Meeting  
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**

Sunday, November 24, 2024

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Omni Fort Worth, 1300 Houston Street, Ft. Worth Ballroom 4 & 5  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

*This meeting will be conducted live and virtually through Microsoft Teams.*

**Virtual meeting links are posted to the GETAC webpage at**  
[www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council).

Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair  
Judge Mike DeLoach, Ryan Matthews, LP, Council Liaisons  
Joseph Schmider, DSHS

1. Call to Order – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
2. Roll Call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) Vision and Mission Statements – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair

**GETAC Vision:** A unified, comprehensive, and effective Emergency Healthcare System.

**GETAC Mission:** To promote, develop, and advance an accountable, patient-centered Trauma and Emergency Healthcare System.

4. Reading of the GETAC EMS Committee's Statement of Purpose – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair

**EMS Committee Statement of Purpose:** To develop a comprehensive, accessible, and sustainable EMS delivery system through collaboration, innovation, training, safety, research, and efficiency to provide the highest quality prehospital patient care.

5. Review and Approval of the August 2024 Meeting Minutes – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
6. GETAC Chair comments – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
7. Committee Announcements – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
  - a. Applicant Selections: New and Returning
  - b. Departing Members
8. EMS/Trauma Systems Update – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

**Discussion and possible action on the following items:**

9. Update, review, and approve revisions from Stroke Workgroup – Donald Janes
10. Update from newly created Domestic Violence in EMS workgroup – Mike Hayes
11. Prehospital Whole Blood Task Force Report – Eric Epley, Task Force Chair; Dudley Wait
12. Texas EMS for Children (EMSC) Update – Sam Vance, LP
13. Discussions on employee safety and appropriate self-defense resources – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
14. Summary of action items to present at RAC meeting – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
15. Summary of action items to present at GETAC meeting – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
16. Items to be placed on the agenda for the next EMS Committee meeting – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
17. General Public Comment: *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
18. Announcements – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
19. Next meeting date – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
20. Adjournment – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair

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Public comment is limited to three minutes. Speakers must state their name, affiliation, and on whose behalf they are speaking. Public members who are using handouts are asked to provide an electronic copy in accessible PDF format that will be distributed by DSHS staff to Council members and state staff and for public distribution. Handouts are limited to two pages of documentation (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only). Handouts must be emailed to DSHS by 5:00 PM, November 20, 2024, and include the name of the person commenting.

**Note: These procedures may be revised at the discretion of DSHS.**

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