

7.d. GETAC Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee

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EMS Committee

2024 Committee Priorities

<u>Strategic Plan Pillar & Objective</u>	Corresponding Strategic Plan Pillar Strategy
<p>1. Coordinated Clinical Care (Objective 5 & 8.0)</p> <p>Effects of EMS Wall Times on system performance and patient throughputs.</p>	<p>3. <i>Define data elements necessary to evaluate emergency healthcare system effectiveness.</i></p> <p>4. <i>Promote prevention education and timely access to definitive care and rehabilitation services</i></p>
<p>2. Coordinate Clinical Care (Obj #6)</p> <p>Discuss and provide guidance on the effects SB8 funding on EMS Vacancies in Texas. Specifically paramedic vacancies.</p>	<p>3. <i>Define data elements necessary to evaluate necessary to evaluate healthcare system effectiveness</i></p>
<p>3. Pillar -Performance Improvement Obj- 1.0</p> <p>Focus on reducing the use of Red Lights and Sirens (RLS) statewide. Using the approved Committee white paper as a guiding document.</p>	<p>2. <i>Utilize evidence-based best practices to improve outcomes for patients, as well as healthcare providers, and promote the Culture of Safety across all entities of the system.</i></p>

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2024 Committee Priority Outcomes

Priority Not Implemented
Priority Activities Recorded
Priority Completed and Monitored

Committee Priorities	Outcomes	Status
Hall time / Wall time white paper	<i>COMPLETED</i>	
Safety / Security EMS Personnel	<p>Work in Progress: Chief Hayes is leading the newly created committee workgroup to discuss the ever-increasing concern and problem of workplace violence in EMS / Public Safety. The workgroup has had two meetings this last quarter with the support of DSHS staff.</p> <p>Previously, the Committee’s White Paper on the use of RLS. With the committee returning to full 17-member participation in 2025, we will include a workgroup that focuses on the appropriate use of RLS (red lights & sirens).</p>	
Discussion and preparation for the next active shooter / MCI	<p>Presentation regarding recent Texas incidents and provided a “lessons learned” opportunity.</p> <p>Working with private for-profit technology vendors to improve system response (Pulsara) demonstrations and implementation.</p>	

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2024 Recommended Performance Improvement Initiatives

Committee PI Initiatives	Recommended Performance Measure	Accepted
<p>Reduction of RLS (Red Lights & Sirens) usage during EMS responses to 911 calls and transportation of patients to definitive care.</p>	<p><i>Reduce the use of RLS by 50% for nonpriority 1 responses. Using existing EMD priority determinants to identify universal priority response.</i></p> <p><i>Reduce the transport of patients while using RLS by 80% for nonpriority 1 patients. Forming workgroup to lead this charge.</i></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Reduction of EMS Wall Times in Texas and analyze the impact of the associated white papers on the issue.</p>	<p>Gained Council approval to form a wide collaborative Task Force to analyzes and make recommendations regarding “Wall time reductions” across Texas.</p> <p>Reduce the EMS quantity of “Wall time incidents” by measuring acceptable defined “Patient hand off times” by 80%.</p>	<p>Yes</p>

Action Item Request and Purpose

- Please provide a **single**, clear and concise statement defining your action item request:

The EMS Committee formerly request approval to collaborate with DSHS staff to submit a violence in the workplace and other safety impactful survey questions to Texas EMS providers.

- In **one** clear and concise statement, please explain the purpose for this request:

To gather data for the workgroup to provide proper analysis of the scope of the potential problem and direct the focus of the workgroup.

Benefit and Timeline

- What is the intended impact or benefit resulting from this request?
Please provide a clear and concise response in a single statement.

Identify the scope of problem and goal-directed solutions for the EMS and Education Committee workgroup.

- Please provide the timeline or relevant deadlines for this request.

Survey will be completed in 2025