

PCC EMS Report

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- Staffing shortage continues to be an issue for EMS Providers and Hospitals throughout Texas and the Nation. Senate Bill 8 (SB 8) provides 21.7 million dollars for EMS Recruitment and Retention project, funding for EMS scholarships in rural and underserved areas of Texas. DSHS partner with Regional Advisory Councils (RAC) and EMS Education programs and EMS Providers to provide scholarships for candidates. This project is making progress throughout Texas:
 - I. New Statewide Career website, <https://EMS.texas.gov>
 - II. Currently 2,473 scholarships have been processed, total \$14.7 million.
 - III. As of 3-25-2024 there are 7,478 more certified EMS personnel than then there were in 2022.
 - IV. EMS Recruitment campaign material was developed and provide to each of the Regional Advisory Council.
- As of November 20, 2023, the Texas EMS Registry system upgraded to V3.5. For any questions regarding EMSTR submissions, please contact the Registry Operations Support Team at injury.web@dshs.texas.gov .
- The Texas EMS Conference will be in Ft Worth starting November 16 until the 20, 2024 for more information please go to; <https://texasemsconference.com>
- The next Governors EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) meeting will be June 12 to the 14th in Austin at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel. For more information and the meeting agenda please go to the following website.
<https://dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/governor.shtm>
- GETAC has developed, a “Whole Blood Tack Force” led by Eric Epley, Executive Director for South Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC), the mission of this tack force is to develop a statewide pre-hospital whole blood program. More information and details at future meetings.