








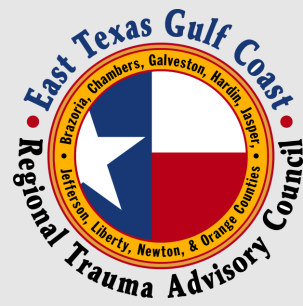
Pre-Hospital Committee

December 2019



Agenda

-  EMS Peer Referral Program
-  TDEM “Box Alarm”
-  EMTF Wristband Project
-  DSHs Fingerprinting Requirement
-  DSHS Disciplinary Matrix
-  Medical Billing Services (Taxable)



EMS Peer Referral Program

- Expected Go Live – Q1 2020
- Fully Confidential & DSHs will have no knowledge of participants
 - Exception – individuals referred by DSHS
- Supported by:
 - 22 Regional Advisory Councils
 - Texas Targeted Opioid Response Project
 - Texas EMS Alliance
- Additional Information
 - [Texas EMS Trauma News Summer 2019](#)



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NEWS

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Regional Advisory Councils (RAC)

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Texas EMS Personnel Referral Program

We are pleased to introduce the Texas EMS Personnel Referral Program! Starting September 1st, Texas EMS personnel will be able to call 833-EMS-PEER to get connected with a nearby substance use recovery program and begin the pathway to restore your health. The program is in coordination with the Texas EMS Alliance, the Texas Targeted Opioid Response Project and has the support of the Governor's Advisory EMS and Trauma Council and the 22 Regional Advisory Councils.

Rescuing our rescuers
Substance use recovery programs helping EMS personnel

The Code Green Campaign

Additional Links

NEWS FROM THE WEB

DSHS RESOURCES

GETAC

Rules

Disciplinary actions

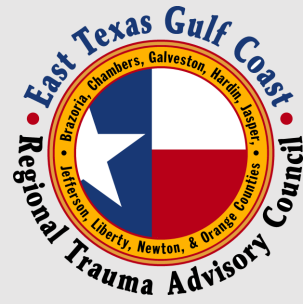
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Preparedness

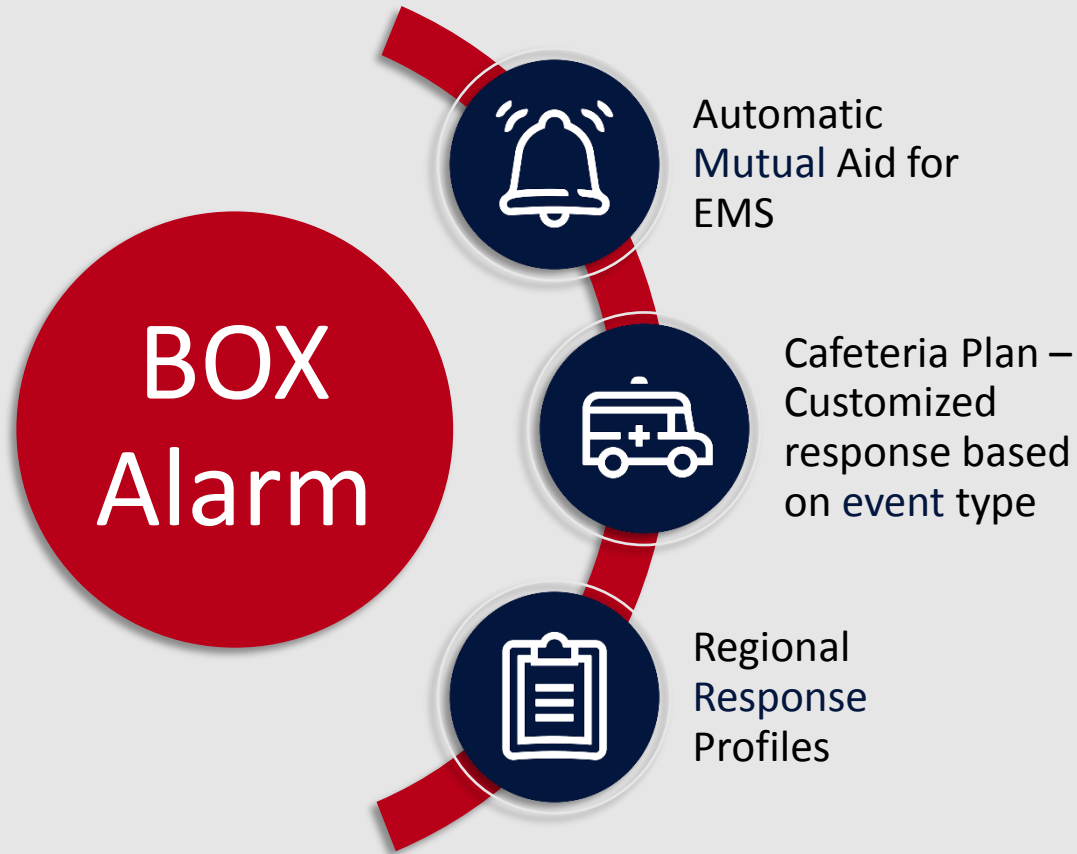
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TDEM “Box Alarm”



- Two Counties Testing
 - Chambers County
 - Hood County
- Goal is to reduce lag time between incident and EMTF request/activation
- Heavy push to be customized for each region
 - Example – Refinery Incident, Active Shooter, MVC MCI, etc...



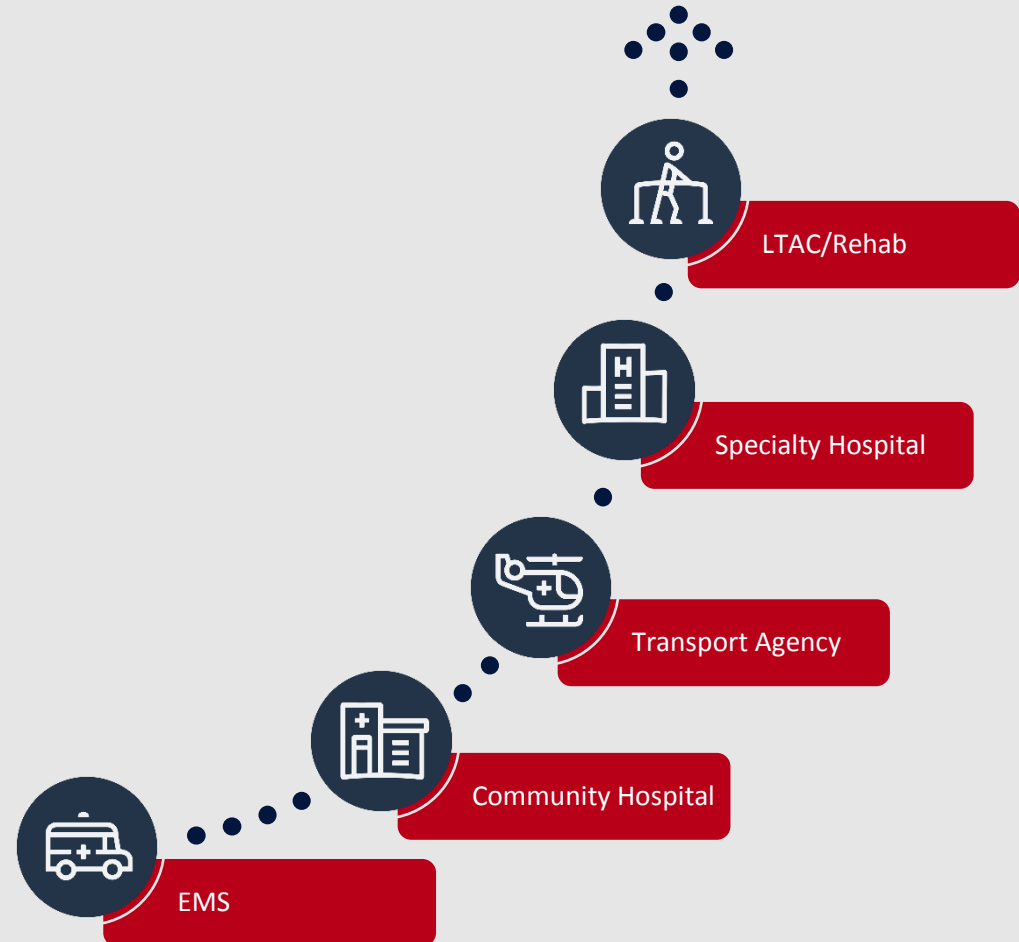
EMTF Wristbands

Issues

- Inability to produce complete patient record (scene to final disposition)
- Triage Tags are not utilized during an MCI

Solution

- 1 Number to track patient through healthcare system across EMS & hospitals
- Would be utilized daily to ensure use during a disaster or evacuation
- Cost effective method for tracking patients
 - No additional software
 - Inexpensive wrist band





DSHS Fingerprinting Requirements



Majority of EMS providers are not fingerprinted



Background checks are only done upon renewal



Largely reliant upon self reporting by individual providers



Goes into effect on June 1, 2020



Anticipated one time cost is \$30-40



DSHS Disciplinary Matrix



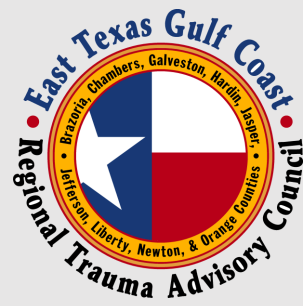
Tool to help better understand potential disciplinary actions based on the offense



Sliding scale which takes into account the intention(s) of the individual



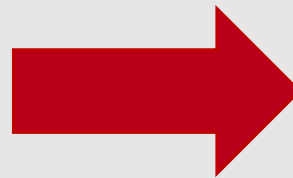
Expected to be online January 2020



Medical Billing Services - Taxable

Background

- Pre-2002
 - Considered taxable as listed in 151.0039
- 2002
 - Determined completing a form for the insured was not considered “claim processing”
 - Determined claim processing does not begin until receipt of claim by insurance provider



Impact

- Sales Tax will need to be collected and remitted
- Rate dependent upon local sales tax rate (6.00% to 8.25%)
- Responsibility should fall on MBS provider
- Most likely will be passed onto customer agency