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January 2021

AIM: To have 0% preventable deaths from hemorrhage in Texas.

CY2021 Focus: Grow bleeding control education across Texas and coordinate a statewide event for Stop the Bleed Month (May 2021).

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Email Listserv

In order to be added or removed from the email listserv, please follow the below instructions:

1. Email creeves@hotrac.org to be added to the STB TX listserv.
2. Once on the email listserv, you may share activities and best practices by email stopthebleedtx@list.strac.org

Meeting Schedule

The following meeting dates have been set. Please be advised that meeting dates and times are subject to change. Notice will be provided via the listserv.

February 12 @ 1400

March 12 @ 1400

April 9 @ 1400

May 14 @ 1400

A message from the Chair:

The year 2020 was filled with a lot of challenges that required each of us to exercise a great deal of patience, resolve, and creativity. More than anything, it required us to work together, apart. This very strange year had its share of ups and downs but through it all the resiliency of each Region shined throughout.

During the summer of 2020, we were not certain when training would even resume. With some guidance and due diligence, we were able to overcome some of the barriers to training while maintaining local, state, and federal public health guidance. We all had to exercise some degree of creativity when shortages began to impact training. I am eager to work with each of you on this new year of Stop the Bleed training as well as start preparing for this year's Stop the Bleed Month activities.

Christine Reeves, STBTX Coalition Chair



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REGIONAL UPDATES

Just a reminder, this section is a great place for RACs to showcase STB activities.

RAC A **Blythe Boyd** – blytheboyd@hchd.net

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RAC D **Russell Thomas** – russellthomas@yahoo.com

RAC E **Kimberly McFarland** - Kimberlymcfarland@texashealth.org and **Karrie Lawson** – karrie.lawson@medicalcityhealth.com

RAC F **Russell Thrasher** – netracadmin@netrac.org

RAC G **Jim Speier** – jim.speier@flightforlife.com and **Roy Langford** – roy.langford@uthet.com

- Our instructors teach on a regular basis and are required to submit their rosters back to the RAC for proof. To date we have trained 10,000 plus people, schools, public safety agencies, churches, service organizations, and lay public. In 2020, we trained 1804 which is down from 2019 (6873) due to COVID.
- We have STB posted on our RAC website for class notification and signup. If a call is made to our office, they are referred to one of our teaching agencies.
- We are currently in the process of adopting the RAC STB Interim Training Guidance and Equipment Cleaning Guidelines.
- We recently purchased replacement supplies to resupply our teaching agencies.

RAC H **Scott Christopher** – detrac@detrac.org or scottinappleby@hotmail.com

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RAC J **Danny Updike** – executivedirector@texasjrac.org

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RAC L **Francisco Villa** - fvilla@hotrac.org

- Training has largely been on hold except for a few school districts that have been performing their training internally.



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REGIONAL UPDATES - continued

RAC M **Francisco Villa** – fvilla@hotrac.org

- Training commenced in August 2020 with enhanced precautions. Most classes took place at schools. Each host was very supportive of the extra steps we took to ensure the safety of all participants and instructors.
- There were just over 3,700 participants that received Stop the Bleed training through HOTRAC in 2020.

RAC N **Ashley Johse** – ajohse@st-joseph.org and **Ashley Kopech** – Ashely.kopech@bswhealth.org

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Updates from the Workgroups

Virtual Skills Testing Workgroup

Group Lead: TaTaka Perry Johnson – Tataka.perry-johnson@uhs-sa.com

The group has met several times to discuss possibilities of how to conduct virtual skills training. The workgroup is planning a beta test soon with a charter school. They plan to make a video on how to create a cost-effective training kit for virtual skills. Recently, they received a donation from **UT Health Department of Surgery Trauma Toy Chest** to assist with creating DIY training kits for the beta test – THANKS! We want to give a big THANK YOU to **University Health Foundation** for their donation of 100 tourniquets to support of the beta test. If you or anyone you know would like to participate, please contact **TaTaka**.



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Strategic Planning Group

Group Lead: Jennifer Carr – Jennifer.carr2@hcahealthcare.com

The Strategic Planning Group had a very productive initial meeting in December 2020 and has completed the suggested revisions to the 2021 STB TX Initiatives and are pending approval in the month of January. We have initiated discussion regarding Stop the Bleed Month. As the campaign continues to grow into one of the largest public health campaigns, we are seeking increased visibility as a collaborative coalition. The goal is to raise awareness and complete as much training as possible during this coordinated effort to get the message out there.

Social Media: Everyone can do their part to spread the message to their families, friends, and neighbors. Even if you cannot meet in person or host large gatherings, social media provides a great platform to promote Stop the Bleed Month. We are still looking for someone that has either applied a tourniquet or a victim that would be willing to share their story during STB month in May. Many untold stories are out there and provide meaningful impact.

Proclamation Toolkit: We are assembling useful tips and tools from coalition members who have successfully accomplished proclamations. Our goal is to increase county/township participation and assist members who are interested in pursuing this option.

If you or anyone you know would like to participate, please contact **Jennifer**.

Registry Workgroup

Group Lead: Brett Dodwell – brett.dodwell@memorialhermann.org

This group is working on a data collection plan to allow the STB stakeholders to pull meaningful data from the Texas EMS/Trauma Registry as related to tourniquet use and outcomes. We have found a few areas collecting this data at their local/regional levels. If you or anyone you know would like to participate, please contact **Brett**.

*****Happy to announce that we have registered Stop the Bleed Texas Coalition with the Texas Comptroller. We are a recognized entity. Also, the STB TX Coalition is working with STRAC to update our website www.stopthebleedtx.org and make it more usable.*****



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American College of Surgeon Updates

Class Statistics as of 12/31/20

93,047 classes entered
1,624,727 attendees reported
85,047 registered instructors in 123 countries, including all 50 states

States with the Highest Number of Instructors as of 12/31/20

Texas (10,461)	Florida (3,072)
New York (4,592)	Illinois (2,730)
California (3,963)	North Carolina (2,533)
Pennsylvania (3,470)	Georgia (2,224)
Ohio (3,465)	Massachusetts (2,139)

A Special Thank You to ALL!!!!

Recognizing our Instructors on the MLK National Day of Service

(January 18, 2021)

Observed each year on the third Monday in January as “a day on, not a day off,” MLK Day is the only United States federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. As STOP THE BLEED® instructors, you are part of a group that has provided life-saving education to over 1.6 million individuals that have completed our course. In 2020, thousands of individuals were given information and awareness in lieu of in-person education. For the countless hours you have given to further the goals of informing, educating, and empowering individuals in bleeding control, we say THANK YOU!

The ACS STOP THE BLEED® program is participating in the MLK National Day of Service by providing information about bleeding control and driving the public to the website for awareness and course availability. Please [visit the website](#) and our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages this weekend for specially-created STB-MLK Day images you can download and share in celebration and recognition of the MLK National Day of Service!

If you have any information for next month’s newsletter, please send to creeves@hotrac.org no later than February 19th.