

Minutes

Committee: Air Medical: Chair Chad Solomon
Vice Chair: Steven Jones

12918 State Hwy 64 West, Tyler, TX 75704 and Virtual

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Date: 3/27/2025

Time: 1100

Present in Person: Chad Solomon CFFL, Jim Speier CFFL, Eric Baily RAC G

Virtual: Roy Langford UTEMS, Steven Jones UT Air 1, Carrie Elder Allegiance, Cameron Strother GSMC Safety Officer, Brian Wilkinson CEMS, Shawn Salter CEMS/CFFL, Dawn Johnston CFFL, James Reed Archery EMS, Jimmy Lawrence Longview FDEMS, Travis Gibson AEL, Alicia Whetsell Jacksonville FD, Brad Baucom, Travis Gibson, Katie Jones

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting.

Motion: Jim Speier, second Jimmy Lawrence – approved.

2. GETAC AMC and Critical Care Transport Committee Report.
 - Legislative updates SB1018- Traffic fine redistribution, SB8 completed, 157.11
 - Introduction of the 2025 Priorities
 - i. Pediatric Stretcher Securement by Air Medical, Ground Medical, & Specialty Care Providers
 - ii. Fatigue Risk Management Program Necessity, Standards, & Value
 - iii. No Surprises Act (NSA) & Air Medical Asset Utilization Education

UT Air 1 and CFFL use ACR and the Baby Pod – this is a hot topic at GETAC in an effort to insure our smallest of patients are being properly secured for transport. This topic is being discussed on both air and ground sides of the house.

3. TAAMS Report:
 - SMTA – MTLI – Oct 31st deadline for application
 - EMS LODD Scholarship
4. Texas Armband
 - Deadline for required usage

This project is coming down the pipe from the State and is something that is mandated in the new rules.

Question: what date do we set in our region for this to be mandatory?

How do we ensure its being done? Suggestion – Closed call rule in your charting platform. Maybe we tie funding sources you receive this may include both EMS, Air, and hospitals.

Topic open for future resolution.

Problem for hospitals is many do not have a place to input this information into their EPCR.

Each agency submits on company letterhead how they plan to implement by JULY 1st, 2025

Motion: Alcia Whetsell, second Brian Wilkinson, - Approved by all.

We will also need to work on hospital education

5. Local Safety Issues

- UT Health- Construction updates Steven Jones

UT roof top helipad not scheduled to start construction till December, Boom Crane still in place – follow all NOTAM's as prior.

Temporary crane to be in place for sky bridge being built. Crane will be down at night.

Chad reports CHRISTUS Hopkins County has a crane in place west side of hospital for several weeks.

6. Educational offerings Upcoming

- See RAC-G Calendar
ABLS class Tyler – check the Parkland Burn Class schedule

9. Open Discussion.

Trauma Facility Helicopter Safety and LZ Training – newly developed through efforts for the GETAC AMSCTC and private services. The course is mandated in rule to be taught to all hospital staff responding to any inbound helicopters.

10. Adjourn

Motion: Jim Speier, second Dawn Johnston

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