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NEWSLETTER

April 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

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

Please be advised that meeting dates and times are subject to change. Notice will be provided via the listserv. Meetings are currently virtual (TEAMS).

May 14 @ 1400

June 11 @ 1400

July 9 @ 1400

August 13 @ 1400

A message from the Chair:

*I hope everyone is enjoying our abnormal temperatures. Maybe a mild summer is upon us. As COVID activities wind down or become commonplace, the Stop the Bleed activities are starting again. **May** is a perfect month to relaunch your Stop the Bleed activities. Let us use **May as National Stop the Bleed Month** to share this wonderful program. Let us train as many people on **May 20th** so we can recognize **Stop the Bleed Day**. Please report to us the numbers of courses and participants so we can capture activities as a State. Our Stop the Bleed Texas Coalition is working fast and furious on lots of activities. Be sure to catch all the updates in this newsletter. Lastly, share this newsletter with your membership, personnel, and others that may be interested in what Texas is up to with Stop the Bleed. The Coalition hopes to have all things Stop the Bleed flow through or get updated at the Stop the Bleed Texas Coalition meetings. It is a goal to ensure Texas continues its strong influence and activity in this program.*

Christine Reeves, STBTX Coalition Chair



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REGIONAL UPDATES

RAC A Blythe Boyd – blytheboyd@hchd.net

RAC B Jim Waters – jwaters299@aol.com

RAC C Laura Pressler – lpressler@unitedregional.org

RAC D Russel Thomas – russelthomas@yahoo.com

RAC E Kimberly McFarland - Kimberlymcfarland@texashealth.org and Karrie Lawson – karrie.lawson@medicalcityhealth.com - Classes have started in small groups at many facilities.

Texas Health Presbyterian is holding an in-person class on May 29. Texas Health Fort Worth pushing social media throughout the month and online class on May 15.

RAC F Russell Thrasher – netracadmin@netrac.org

RAC G Jim Speier – jim.speier@flightforlife.com and Roy Langford – roy.langford@uthet.com - Piney Woods RAC G - this year as you can imagine we have had a slow start. At present we have taught 5 in person with social distancing classes. Of those 5 - 3 were Church security teams, 1 was a school security team, and 1 class was for the employees of a private business. 2021 students taught this year so far 82. From the start of the program, we have taught a total of 9713 individuals. We continue our efforts as a united team here in East Texas and look forward to the new virtual platform and seeing how that plays out. I extend many thanks to the STB Texas Coalition for a job well done.

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

RAC I Brian Olson – bryan@borderrac.org

RAC J Danny Updike – executivedirector@texasjrac.org

RAC K Danny Updike - executivedirector@cvrac.org

RAC L Francisco Villa - fvilla@hotrac.org - With COVID-19 restrictions relaxing across the region, questions are coming in to CTRAC about when full training can resume. CTRAC has resumed full training with additional safeguards for the skills portion. We are continuing to monitor local conditions but remain cautiously optimistic. The recent release of the ACS virtual training tools has been discussed in the region and we look forward to the Virtual Skills Group providing additional feedback.



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RAC M **Francisco Villa** – fvilla@hotrac.org - HOTRAC had a Master of Public Health intern from Baylor University during the Spring of 2021. He performed a full evaluation of our STB program. It includes knowledge tests, self-efficacy reporting, instructor assessments, and participant feedback forms. The final report is due to come out soon. We are hopeful it reflects the success of our program as well as point to some areas of improvement.

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

RAC O **Malissa Mieth** – mmieth@catrac.org

RAC P **TaTaka Perry-Johnson** – Tataka.perry-johnson@uhs-sa.com

RAC Q **Katherine Samuel** – kat.samuel@setrac.org - Class requests from the public and from businesses have increased the last few months. Virtual and In-person (must follow CDC Covid-19 Guidelines) classes are being offered across our region. SETRAC has Bleeding control training kits that can be checked out by instructors, at no cost. Each kit contains cleaning/disinfecting materials as well as the training supplies for 50 people.

RAC R racinfo@bcesd3.com – Worked with the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office in March to train 50 personnel. During April, they worked with the National Forestry Service and trained 27 personnel.

RAC S **Melinda Fox** – mfox@cmcvtx.org

RAC T **John Keiser** – jrkeiser@stdc.cog.tx.us

RAC U **Karen Beard** - karen.beard@dchstx.org

RAC V **Cindy Rodriguez** – cindy@tsav.org

Slowly the Regions are beginning to share activities. If you know of any Stop the Bleed activities in your RAC Region(s), please share with the appropriate points of contact listed above. Thanks for everything that all of you are doing for Stop the Bleed in Texas.



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Updates from the Workgroups

Virtual Skills Testing Workgroup

Group Lead: TaTaka Perry Johnson – Tataka.perry-Johnson@uhs-sa.com – the Virtual Skills Testing Group is hosting a STB Course on National STB day virtual training from 2-3pm. They are needing instructors and organizations to train. Email stopthebleed@uhs-sa.com for more information or to register.

Strategic Planning Group

Group Lead: Jennifer Carr – Jennifer.carr2@hcahealthcare.com - The Strategic Planning Group has been busy drafting sample Proclamations for May as STB Month and May 20th as STB Day. The Coalition is challenging RACs, EMS, and Trauma Centers to obtain a proclamation from their local city councils and counties. We want to have all 254 counties with proclamations. The sample documents are located at <https://hotrac.org/stop-the-bleed>. Please scroll to the bottom. The group has developed a dashboard for RAC Regions to keep regularly updated. Our 2021 STB Initiatives document is also located at the link above. Contact Jennifer Carr or anyone on this workgroup for additional information.

Registry Workgroup

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

The Data Workgroup meets on first Fridays from 0930 to 1000. We welcome all who want to attend.

The workgroup reviewed requested tourniquet data from the state registry for 2019. The data was pulled from PCS codes: 2W18X7Z, 2W19X7Z, 2W1AX7Z, 2W1BX7Z, 2W1CX7Z, 2W1DX7Z, 2W1EX7Z, 2W1FX7Z, 2W1LX7Z, 2W1MX7Z, 2W1NX7Z, 2W1PX7Z, 2W1QX7Z, 2W1RX7Z, 2W1SX7Z, and 2W1TX7Z.

Aggregate analysis revealed several salient points:

- Facility compliance of PCS tourniquet procedure coding.
- The need to develop a uniform set of tourniquet PCS codes.
- RAC education and support for tourniquet abstraction and submission.
- Desired validation of tourniquet coding.



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Raw data from 2019 listed 715 tourniquets abstracted (58% male, 42% female) of age groups 5% 0-17, 41% 18-54, and 54% > 55 years old. Of special note, submission of tourniquet data by county and RAC were limited to the listing below (submission counts of less than 5 were suppressed by the state report):

TSA	Count		County	Count
E	272		Dallas	238
R	255		Galveston	236
Q	122		Harris	120
P	52		Bexar	52
			Tarrant	27
			Brazoria	19
			Denton	5

Strategic analytics indicate the compilation and reporting of state-wide tourniquet data will be a significant challenge and will necessitate collaborative work between epidemiology at the state level, DSHS, RAC leadership, trauma facilities, pre-hospital providers, and numerous stakeholders. However, the data workgroup believes this is a worthy challenge and supports the workgroup’s mission statement.

Our next meeting is May 7th @ 0930. Please contact Christine Reeves or any workgroup member for meeting information.

HOT OFF THE PRESSES

The BorderRAC sent in this recent article published on April 24th in the Journal of Trauma & Acute Care Surgery. It is a quick and interesting read.

https://journals.lww.com/jtrauma/Abstract/9000/Implications_of_the_National_Stop_the_Bleed.97456.aspx

The State of Texas recognizes the importance of the Stop the Bleed initiative. Governor Greg Abbott will issue a proclamation declaring May 20, 2021 as Stop the Bleed Day in Texas. The proclamation includes an official certificate along with the governor’s office sharing information regarding the Stop the Bleed initiative.

Big Thanks to TETAF!!!



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May is Stop the Bleed Month

The Stop the Bleed Texas Coalition has been working on initiatives for RACs to implement during May.



The Stop the Bleed Texas Coalition would like to have as many RACs, Trauma Centers, EMS Providers, and First Responders hold an in-person, virtual, or hybrid Stop the Bleed Course on May 20th. We want to capture the total number of courses and people trained that day. Feel free to send those numbers to your RAC Stop the Bleed representative or Christine Reeves.

Please use the following hashtags so we can capture all the activities going on.

#stb
#stbtx

#stopthebleedtx
#stopthebleed

#nationalstopthebleeday
#nationalstopthebleeday2021

If you have any information for next month's newsletter, please send to creeves@hotrac.org no later than May 21st.