

Texas EMS Trauma News

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One millionth test taker is a Texan!

Amanda Hancock became the one millionth person to take the NREMT computer based exam for EMS certification. On March 11, 2015, Amanda was recognized by NREMT in a ceremony at Austin Community College to commemorate the event.

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

—*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Texas EMS Statistics 2014

Certified Personnel

ECA 2,509

EMT 32,253

EMTI 3,555

EMTP 17,620

LP 6,658

Grand total of active licenses: 62,595 through December 31, 2014

Testing

Total number of personnel authorized to test: 11,263 (all EMS levels)

Average number of days for first time test-takers all levels is 27 (from course completion verified to taking first written exam).

Course Completion Pass Rates

Texas first time pass

ECA 70%

EMT 70%

EMTI 67%

EMTP 74%

Texas overall pass

ECA 75%

EMT 79%

EMTI 68%

EMTP 84%

A complete list of Texas pass rate by program is available at <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emtraumasystems/2014NatRegistry.pdf>.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to statistics compiled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the rate of fatal injuries for the 0-44 years age group in Texas has been trending downwards for at least the last decade. In 2013, Texas averaged about 3.5 fewer deaths per 100,000 persons (0-44 years age group) than the US national average.

For more information on fatal injury data, please visit www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html.

For information regarding age-adjusted or crude rates, please visit www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/statnt/statnt20.pdf.

Where Can I Find It? Re: Texas EMS/Trauma Registry

Registry training:

www.dshs.state.tx.us/injury/registry/Training.shtm

For answers to many questions about EMS/Trauma Registry, click on *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)* in the menu on the left side of the web page.

How can we contact you if we don't have your current address?

Remember:

EMS Personnel can change their mailing address anytime online at: <https://vo.ras.dshs.state.tx.us/>

1. Login to your DSHS account.
 2. Go to manage your license.
 3. Choose mailing address change.
 4. Click 'Select'.
 5. Follow the steps to update address.
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NOTICE to EMS Providers

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) plans to survey each EMS provider every three years. Want to know more? Read [Survey Article and FAQs](#).

There are two new Pearson VUE Testing Centers now authorized for NREMT test delivery in Texas:

Sanford-Brown College
1250 West Mockingbird Ln
Suite 208, 2nd Floor
Dallas, Texas 75247

Tarrant County College
4801 Marine Creek Pkwy
WCTS 1133
Fort Worth, Texas 76179

Texas EMS Awards

Sponsored by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Do you know a person or organization that exemplifies the best that EMS/Trauma systems has to offer? We want to hear from you. Submit nominations by October 2, 2015 and let us know what makes your nominee really stand out. Winners will be announced at the Texas EMS Conference Awards Luncheon in Dallas, November 24, 2015. For more details go to www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/conference.shtm.

Award Categories:

EMS Educator
EMS Medical Director
EMS Administrator
Public Information/Injury Prevention
Citizen
Private/Public Provider
Volunteer Provider

First Responder
Air Medical Service
Outstanding EMS Person of the Year
Telecommunicator of the Year
Trauma Center
Regional Advisory Council

Want to follow the 84th Texas Legislative session online?

Live streaming video of both the Senate and House can be found at www.capitol.state.tx.us/Home.aspx

Archived videos of legislative meetings

- Senate – www.senate.state.tx.us/bin/live.php
 - House – www.house.state.tx.us/video-audio/
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Life Flight: Trauma Center Houston

In March, Lifetime Television premiered a six episode docudrama focusing on Memorial Hermann Life Flight crew along with the trauma teams at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center in Houston. The show provides an in-depth look into the busiest Level 1 trauma center in the nation and follows critical cases from the air to the operating room. It is a glimpse into the Texas EMS/Trauma System and an opportunity to educate the public on trauma prevention. The season wrapped on March 16, but if you missed watching, you can still catch full episodes online at www.mylifetime.com/shows/life-flight-trauma-center-houston.

NEWS FROM THE WEB

Note: External links to other sites are intended to be informational and do not have the endorsement of the Texas Department of State Health Services. These sites may also not be accessible to persons with disabilities.

FEATURED ARTICLES

NASEMO introduces [Toward Zero Deaths National Strategy](#), a vision to reduce highway fatalities.

[Measles \(Rubeola\) in the U.S.](#) The National Biosurveillance Integration Center (NBIC) has released an event report detailing measles cases from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) along with state and local health departments. The report also includes government actions and additional resources.

[Training and Tools for First Responders](#)-The Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium is offering online courses to develop and deliver relevant all-hazards training in support of rural homeland security requirements. All training delivered by the RDPC is certified by DHS and is offered tuition-free. For more information go to www.ruraltraining.org.

[FDA launches drug shortages mobile app](#)- The Food and Drug Administration launched the agency's first mobile application (app) specifically designed to speed public access to valuable information about drug shortages.

[Be a better medic by knowing the legal and legislative process](#)- We don't all need to be EMS lawyers but knowing a few basics about the impact of court decisions will make you a better EMS provider.

Additional Reading

Homes for Texas Heroes Home Loan Program: www.tsahc.org/homeownership/loans-down-payment-assistance

The program, spearheaded by the Texas legislature, provides a 30-year fixed rate home loan to Texas EMS personnel, firefighters, peace officers and others. In addition, this program offers down payment and closing cost assistance of up to 5% of the mortgage loan amount, in the form of a grant.

Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons: <http://bulletin.facs.org/>

The Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons is published monthly by the American College of Surgeons.

Washington Update: www.nasemso.org/NewsAndPublications/TheWashingtonUpdate/

The Washington Update is produced bi-monthly by the National Association of State EMS Officials in cooperation with NHTSA OEMS, with funds also provided by HHS EMSC.

EMSC Program News: <http://www.childrensnational.org/emsc/currentnews/programnews/>

Ensuring that all children receive appropriate care in a health care emergency.

NACo County News: <http://www.naco.org/newsroom/countynews/archives/Pages/default.aspx>

The voice of American counties.

The Pony Express: <https://www.bcm.edu/departments/pediatrics/sections-divisions-centers/texasemsc/news>

Official Newsletter of the EMSC State Partnership, Texas.

Integrated Healthcare Delivery: <http://ihdelivery.com/>

Integrated Healthcare Delivery focuses on improving the patient experience of care through inter-professional collaborations.