



TETAF 2010



TETAF VISION

By our accountable stewardship and leadership, the people of Texas will have an exemplary and accountable EMS, trauma, and acute care system

TETAF MISSION

Advancing accountable emergency, trauma, and acute care delivery through Texas

Legislative Service Line

- Texas Health and Human Services Commission state budget cuts proposed, TETAF attends hearing 2/10/10 and submits written and oral comments.
- TETAF participated in a program initiated by the Legacy Center on the need to increase the number of trauma facilities in the North Texas area on March 4, 2010.
- Joint hearing of Senate Health & Human Services and Senate State Affairs Committees held March 31, 2010, to discuss impact of federal health care reform in Texas. TETAF attended and monitored this meeting.
- TETAF submits documentation to DSHS in April demonstrating a pediatric facility's ability to be designated as a Level III trauma facility.
- Texas Public Safety Commission hearings held on proposed program changes to the imposition and collection of fees associated with the Driver Responsibility Program. TETAF participated in workgroup meetings as well as testified at hearings in April, July and September 2010.
- TETAF Organizes and Hosts 1st Texas EMS and Trauma Leadership Summit. Over one hundred EMS and trauma professionals attend and participate in this one day initiative to set priorities and coalesce for the 82nd Texas Legislature.
- TETAF is asked to and does participate in American College of Surgeons consultation meetings in May 2010.
- TETAF initiates Texas EMS & Trauma Funding Coalition in June 2010. This Coalition transitions into the Coalition to Protect Trauma Care in September 2010 with four other organizations stepping up to become steering committee members.
- TETAF is asked to provide expert testimony at the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee on June 8, 2010, in Amarillo. Doug Havron, TETAF Disaster Planning Division Chair provides testimony.
- TETAF monitors House Appropriations Health and Human Services Subcommittee meetings June 14-15, 2010.
- House Public Safety Committee requests and receives a briefing on the Texas Trauma System by TETAF in June 2010.
- TETAF offered testimony at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission Rate Hearing on Texas Ambulance Provider Medicaid rate cuts June 29, 2010.
- TETAF is asked to and participates in the Keep Houston SAFE Red Light Camera initiative.
- TETAF is asked to provide expert testimony at the House Public Safety Committee on the Driver Responsibility Program and the Texas Trauma System August 10, 2010. Jorie Klein, RN and Ronald Stewart, MD both provide testimony.
- TETAF testified at the September 13, 2010, Legislative Appropriations Request hearing reviewing the Texas Department of State Health Services request.
- TETAF Chair Jorie Klein, RN, was invited and did testify at the House Select Committee on Emergency Preparedness, subcommittee on Border Security, Health and School Centered Emergencies September 17, 2010, regarding public health response.



- TETAF Chair Jorie Klein, RN, provided testimony at the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security committee meeting October 13, 2010, regarding the importance of the Driver Responsibility Program on trauma funding in Texas.
- TETAF produces the first TETAF Legislative Watch for the 82nd Texas Legislature. Frequent updates will be made to this report throughout the legislative session.
- Planned and coordinated EMS & Trauma Day at the Capitol – February 22, 2011

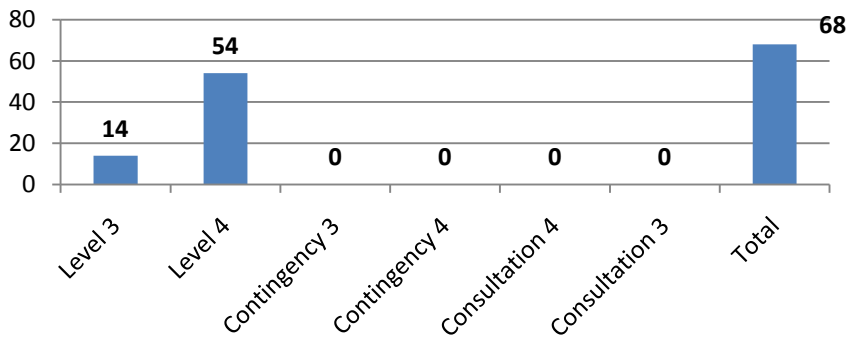
TRAUMA SERVICE LINE

The TETAF Trauma Service Line has experienced growth and evolution since approved as a surveying agency by DSHS in June of 2007. Ongoing, continuous quality assurance has resulted in high satisfaction surveys from trauma centers. TETAF continues to strive to provide a quality, valued service to our constituents and our customers.

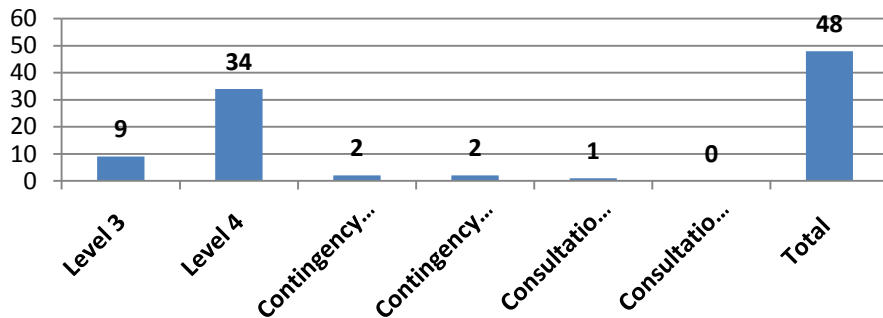
The 2009-2010 highlights:

- Development of monthly meetings with our partners, Office of EMS/Trauma, DSHS
- Quarterly meetings with our service partners, TETAF Credentialed Surveyors
- Development of an online survey process evaluation closely monitoring satisfaction surveys for our valued customers, trauma centers.
- Streamlined contracting processes
- Revision of Trauma Survey Fee Structure
- Continued and ongoing on-line support for trauma centers
- Development of a Trauma Center Consultation Process.

September 2009 – August 2010



September 2010 – December 2010





Acute Care Service Line

In 2010, TETAF was approved as a Stroke Support Facility Surveying Agency for the Office of EMS/Trauma, DSHS. Although TETAF has not yet had the opportunity to provide Stroke Support Facility Survey Services yet, the journey to this successful effort has been a long, busy road. The highlights of this service line's year are:

- Development of the Stroke Support Facility Survey Process
- Development of supporting forms and tools to roll out a consistent, well planned survey process.
- Defining the gold standard for credentialing TETAF surveyors.
- Development of a comprehensive Stroke Surveyors Training Course.
- Launching a stroke surveyor application process with successful credentialing and training of 7 TETAF Stroke Support Facility Surveyors.
- Continued support for the Primary Stroke Centers and the potential Stroke Support Centers through education, networking and sharing of ideas, tools, and policies through the development of the Stroke Resource Flash Drive in partnership with our Acute Care Division.
- Continued efforts in Stroke Coordinator education with the 2nd successful Stroke Support Symposium, created through the efforts of the TETAF Acute Care Division and TETAF staff.
- Development of the TETAF Stroke Accrediting Body Crosswalk and Gap Analysis with a comprehensive comparison to the rule 157.133.

Education Division

TETAF has coordinated multiple educational events in 2009-2010 including:

- Trauma Outcomes and Performance Improvement Course (TOPIC)
- Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine Injury Scoring Class (AAAM)
- TETAF Injury Prevention Symposium (TIPS)
- Trauma Registry Summit
- Partners with the Texas Trauma Coordinator's Forum in coordination of the Texas Trauma Designation Education Course (TTDEC)
- Sponsor Support for the EMS Medical Director's Course

EMS Division

The EMS Division continues to strive to provide valued services to the TETAF subscribers:

- Sponsorship partners in the EMS Medical Directors Course in August and November
- Developing a Regional Expert Contact List for the TETAF website offering question and answer resource for EMS Administrators, mentoring EMS Administrators.
- Developing a EMS FAQ page for the new TETAF website.



Pediatrics Division

TETAF staff and the Pediatrics Division worked diligently with DSHS to ensure Texas pediatric patients would have access to pediatric trauma care in facilities without resources to achieve Level 1 or Level 2 Pediatric verification through the ACS. These efforts resulted in DSHS approving an application, survey and designation process for Level 3 and Level 4 Trauma Centers specializing in pediatric care.

Injury Prevention Division

The Injury Prevention Division successfully developed and presented the TETAF Injury Prevention Symposium (TIPS), filling a gap in injury prevention education for trauma coordinators, EMS providers and injury prevention coordinators. The success of this course has resulted in an annual presentation. Additionally, the division is building an Injury Prevention Resource Manual on flash drive.

RAC Division

The RAC Division developed an educational event for RAC Executive Directors. This course provides education regarding grant management, human resource management and best practice sharing. This opportunity is presented annually in December in San Antonio.