



East Corridor Minutes
Chambers County
Health Services Building
Anahuac, Texas 77514
December 6, 2024



A. Call to Order

Lydia Worthen called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

B. Minutes (C101)

Ms. Worthen requested review and approval of the May minutes. Doug Saunder (GCESD #2) made a motion to approve the minutes, Christina Watkins (Mid-Jefferson Extended Care) seconded the motion, and the corridor members carried the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

C. New Business

• **World Cup 2026**

Troy Erbentraut reported the World Cup is coming to the Houston/Dallas areas with seven games being played in Houston, and the games will not be announced until January. One of these games is going to be held on the 4th of July which adds in other festivities (Freedom Over Texas, etc.) and it is the 250th anniversary of the United States. Another complication is each county selects an area base camp with Texas A&M/College Station, University of Houston, and Rice have offered their campuses therefore raising the Houston population to approximately ten to fifteen percent for at least six to ninety days. This will impact our health care facilities and EMS agencies.

• **Upcoming Jack Brooks Full-Scale Exercise**

Ms. Worthen announced the full-scale exercise to be held at Jack Brooks Airport is scheduled for April 22nd. There will be some training opportunities leading up to the exercise (incident command, difficult airways, burns, and multi-system trauma patient). Dates are pending venue confirmations, but the all-day sessions will be held in January and March, and the dates will be released as soon as possible.

D. HPP Capabilities Review

• **Pulsara Update**

SETRAC continues to work through some of the issues with one being facilities not being able to enter incidents and working to get industry added to the system. There are some online training videos that can be accessed via the SETRAC website. Mr. Erbentraut mentioned possible having our Pulsara representative attend an upcoming meeting to help answer questions.

E. EMTF Update

Grant Kelley reported EMTF has been busy since the last meeting (see below):

Activity:

- EMTF Prehospital IDRU course was held on Oct 2nd and 3rd. Plans to hold a second Prehospital course in Q1 of 2025.
- EMTF prepositioned WLFS Wild Land Fire Support teams to multiple different locations in our region they activated 2-Task force leaders, 1-technical specialist, 1-Mist, 3-Wildland Paramedic Units, and 2-Ambulances to support the Wildland Firefighters. The total length of deployment was from 10.04 to 11.07.

- EMTF hosted an EMTF day at the SETRAC warehouse and went over EMTF101 and EMTF Deployment Basics. These courses are a part of the new curriculum and a prerequisite for attending the MIST course among others.
- During the Texas EMS Conference the newest response element of the EMTF was announced and on display. The RRU (Radiological Response Unit), and a full-time employee has been hired on to develop the Mission, SOG, and training regimen for the RRU. EMTF Region 6 will be receiving a large cache of equipment to compliment the prehospital and hospital RRU teams. Training will begin in 2025 and become operational early 2026.

Upcoming meetings AMBUS workgroup on January 9th hosted at SETRAC.

Sign in Roster if you would like to be added to EMTF 6 List Serve or Mass Notification system (please provide method of providing updated contact information.)

F. Training and Exercise Update

The Training and Exercise Schedule was distributed to the corridor members and reviewed (*filed in the Downtown Corridor minutes binder*).

Timothy Chapman announced SETRAC will begin conducting CMOC-101 training again in 2025 with registration information forthcoming. He also reminded the corridor members of the upcoming ICS classes should anyone want to attend. Mr. Chapman advised the corridor members the regional exercise scenario has changed from cybersecurity to an MCI event based on the World Cup coming in 2026 which is under a UASI contract with CISA.

Anyone with questions regarding the regional exercise or training classes should contact James Meaux and/or Timothy Chapman at exercise@setrac.org.

G. Special Populations Update (C101)

SETRAC is working to schedule the 2026 boot camps with dates forthcoming.

H. Inventory Update

Mr. Erbenbraut reported SETRAC has not purchased any new equipment. Philip Cutler and Jarrad Moreno have created a new staging trailer in the event we need to setup an ambulance staging area in our region. They are also in the process of building out a new communications trailer (MCC-604) with workspace and radios available. All VSATs have been eliminated and replaced with StarLinks on most of the assets along with deployable StarLinks.

I. Partner Updates

There was discussion regarding public health, EMS, and hospital (drills, weather, Medicare) issues.

No partner updates were submitted. Anyone wanting their partner update included in the minutes should send their update via email to Roxie Ward at roxie.ward@setrac.org. This will ensure updates are documented accurately in the minutes.

J. Other Business

Adjournment

Ms. Worthen requested a motion for adjournment. A motion was made to adjourn, the motion was seconded, and the corridor members upheld the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 pm. The next East Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday (January 10th) at Chambers County Health Services Building (102 Airport Road, Anahuac, Texas 77514).

ATTENDEES: Lydia Worthen, Kris Barnes, Sam Marrero, Timothy Chapman, Martha Simien, Danny Burke, Doug Saunders, Trey Frankovich, Chris Jannise, Chris Reviere, Cathy Muscat, Katie Gordon, Christina Watkins, Troy Erbentraut, Bryan Jordan, Sarah Freeman, Blake Jackson, Anne Exley, Grant Kelley, Tyler Ratliff, Sam Marrero