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## **TETAF Launches New Website**

TETAF has launched a new, user friendly website. Through this new site, TETAF hopes to better serve all trauma and emergency healthcare stakeholders. Visit [www.tetaf.org](http://www.tetaf.org) today for more information on survey services, advocacy, upcoming educational opportunities, Texas TQIP and our new resource library.

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## Serving the Texas Trauma & Emergency Healthcare Community

**SERVICES**

TETAF has an outstanding team of experienced surveyors trained to provide trauma, NICU and stroke designation surveys throughout Texas.

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**EDUCATION**

TETAF offers a variety of educational opportunities throughout the year and is an approved provider of continuing nursing education and EMS continuing education.

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**ADVOCACY**

TETAF provides testimony, advises lawmakers and actively pursues legislation to provide the best trauma and emergency healthcare for all Texans.

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### TETAF Was Created to Help Improve the Trauma and Emergency Healthcare System for All Texans.

TETAF was created to support the development of the state trauma and emergency healthcare system and provides designation surveys, advocacy and educational opportunities throughout the state.

TETAF was granted authority by the Texas Department of State Health Services in 2008 to provide verification surveys for Level II and Level III designated trauma facilities, and in 2009 the first TETAF staff was hired to begin fully implementing TETAF's mission. TETAF is now approved to perform trauma, NICU and stroke surveys.

TETAF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Austin.

#### MAY, 2016

- 10 MAY** TETAF GENERAL MEETING- MAY 2016  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 11 MAY** TOPIC AUSTIN  
9:00 am - 11:00 am
- 11 - 13 MAY** GOVERNOR'S EMS & TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

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## Congratulations to TETAF Board Members, Top Nurses in Texas

Congratulations to TETAF board members Courtney Edwards and Robin Garza, who were recently honored for their success and dedication as nurses.

Courtney Edwards, RN, MSN, MPH was named one of the 2016 DFW Great 100 Nurses and was honored at a celebration May 3. The event honors 100 RNs who were nominated by their peers and selected for being role models, leaders, community servants, compassionate caregivers and significant contributors to the nursing profession.

Robin Garza, RN, MSN was honored as one of the Top 150 Nurses in Houston during the Salute to Nurses luncheon May 5. Every year, the Salute to Nurses program honors 150 outstanding nurses for their immense dedication, warmth and care for patients and their families.

Congratulations to Courtney and Robin!

## EMS Data Management Course Coming to Central Texas

For the second year, TETAF is presenting the EMS Data Management Course, designed for team members responsible for abstracting and submitting data to the Texas EMS Trauma Registry. With a focus on the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) and the data dictionary, the planning committee is bringing much needed education on this topic to central Texas.

This course is designed for EMTs, paramedics, nurses and physicians responsible for or with an interest in abstracting and submitting data to the Texas EMS/Trauma Registry.

This year's course will take place in Belton. More information and a registration link are available on the TETAF [website](#).



## TETAF Brings Trauma Conference to Panhandle RAC, Hosts Second Hospital Data Management Course



On April 28, TETAF partnered with the Panhandle Regional Advisory Council to present a trauma and emergency healthcare conference in Amarillo.

Targeting the educational needs of the region and current practice guidelines, this conference touched on many useful subjects such as the rising epidemic of human trafficking including strategies of recognition and prevention of domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST), awareness of the increasing practice of drug diversion and the current Texas regulations addressing this practice and a trauma center's lessons learned from the Ft.

Hood active shooter disaster response. Additionally, with the challenges of the 2017 legislative session on the horizon, participants received an update on trauma and emergency healthcare legislation and initiatives as well as ways of increasing community awareness of the critical service provided by emergency responders in the community.

Thank you to the host committee, speakers and the Panhandle RAC for your hard work to bring trauma and emergency healthcare education to Amarillo. If you are interested in hosting a conference in your region, contact [Brenda Putz](#) for more information.

In addition, TETAF has partnered with the Panhandle RAC to offer a second Hospital Data Management Course this year. The course will be offered July 27-28 in Amarillo and is open to trauma registrars from throughout the state. More information and a registration link are available on the TETAF [website](#).

## **NICU Update**

The neonatal levels of care designation process continued in May with the Perinatal Advisory Council meeting on May 2. The meeting was webcast and is available for viewing [online](#). Program development continues, pending the final rule from the state.

To facilitate discussion and education on the neonatal levels of care criteria and designation process, TETAF has created a Texas NICU Coordinators forum on groupspace. To join the forum, visit <http://groupspaces.com/TXNICUCoordinators/>. TETAF is also building a mailing list specific to NICU updates from our organization. To be included in the mailing list, please email [Kathy Clayton](#).

To assist hospitals in preparing for the designation process, TETAF has created a "Where to Start" document available on our [website](#). These guidelines will assist in developing and evaluating facility neonatal programs.

TETAF will continue to keep you updated as the NICU designation process continues. Please contact [Holly White](#) with any questions related to TETAF's involvement in the designation process.

## **Voluntary Pediatric EMS Recognition Program Launches in Amarillo, One Million Thank You's During EMS Week**

On March 18, EMS for Children (EMSC) Program Manager Sam Vance kicked off the Pediatric EMS

Recognition Program in Amarillo. This is a multi-phase recognition program for EMS agencies that wish to establish programs and standards to improve their capabilities to deliver care to pediatrics.



The program will be piloted in Amarillo for 3-6 months, then introduced to a larger region for an additional 3-6 months. After that, it will be introduced throughout the rest of the state. More information can be found online [here](#).

EMSC is also promoting the "One Million Thank Yous" program as part of EMS Week (May 15-21). This is a program developed by the National Association of EMTs (NAEMT) and the EMS for Children National Resource Center that encourages children to draw or color thank you cards and deliver them to local EMS agencies during EMS Week.

## **Governor's Office Seeks Nominations for 2016 Star of Texas Awards**

The office of Governor Greg Abbott is now accepting nominations for the 2016 Star of Texas Awards, which honor EMS professionals, peace officers and firefighters who were seriously injured or killed in the line of duty. Nominations for this year's awards must be submitted to the Governor's Office by June 15, 2016. The awards ceremony will take place in September.

"During the most challenging circumstances, our first responders have consistently put service above self by placing their lives on the line to protect and defend their fellow Texans," said Governor Abbott. "In serving their communities with extraordinary valor and courage, the Star of Texas award recipients demonstrate the best of what Texas has to offer. I look forward to continuing the legacy of celebrating and honoring the brightest stars in the Lone Star State."

To be eligible for the 2016 award, the critical incident must have occurred between September 1, 2003 and June 15, 2016, and the first responder must not have previously received a Star of Texas Award. The nomination form can be accessed through the Governor's Office website [here](#).

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## **Upcoming Meetings**

### **June 1 – TETAF General Meeting (Conference Call)**

The June TETAF General Meeting will take place via conference call at 10:00 am. Please

contact [Courtney DeBower](#) with any questions.

**June 15 – EMS Data Management Course (Belton)**

More information and registration available on the TETAF website.

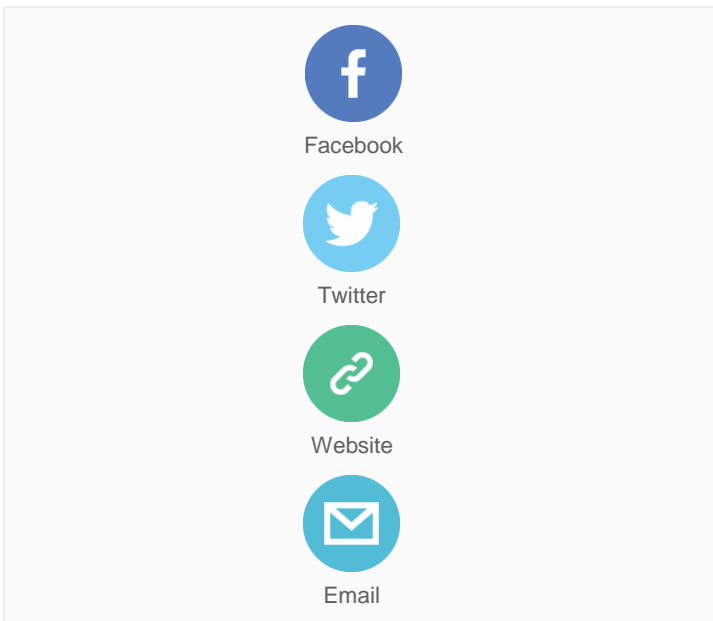
**July 27-28 – Hospital Data Management Course (Amarillo)**

More information and registration available on the TETAF website.

**Aug. 24 – Trauma Outcomes & Performance Improvement Course - TOPIC (Austin)**

More information available on the TETAF [website](#). The registration form is available [here](#).

*\* Please submit any additional educational opportunities to Courtney DeBower at [cdebower@tetaf.org](mailto:cdebower@tetaf.org).*



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