



**FY 2024 Membership
Information Packet**

Welcome!

The Capital Area of Texas Regional Advisory Council (CATRAC) would like to thank you for your organization’s membership and participation. With members like your organization, we aspire to further advance and improve the state of health care and emergency preparedness within the 11 county CATRAC region. The CATRAC mission is to facilitate coordination amongst trauma and emergency healthcare providers within TSA-O to ensure the most efficient, consistent, and expedient care of each patient, by developing and maintaining integrated quality processes in patient care, transportation, education, and prevention.

What is a RAC?

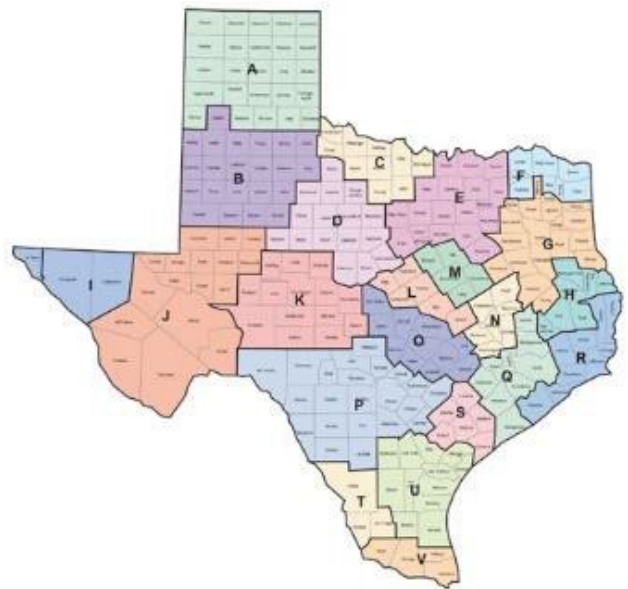
Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) are the administrative bodies that were initially formed for trauma system oversight within the bounds of a given Trauma Service Area (TSA) in Texas. Over the years, the RACs have transformed to address additional emergency healthcare systems planning efforts besides trauma to include stroke, cardiac, neonatal/maternal, injury prevention and disaster preparedness. There are 22 RACs in Texas. Each RAC is tasked with developing, implementing, and monitoring a regional healthcare system plan.

About CATRAC

CATRAC is mandated by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to serve our 11-county region, also known as Trauma Service Area O (TSA-O). Our objective is to reduce the incidence of trauma, acute illness, and injury through education, data collection/analysis, disaster preparedness, and performance improvement. CATRAC began its efforts in trauma planning in 1989 as a volunteer group and was incorporated into a non-profit organization in 1993.

CATRAC is comprised of representatives from hospitals, EMS agencies, fire departments, first responders, long-term care facilities, and other healthcare and emergency preparedness related agencies.

The CATRAC (TSA-O) region includes Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, San Saba, Travis, and Williamson counties.



Our Purpose

- Advance the state of health care and emergency preparedness within the counties of Trauma Service Area O (TSA-O)
- Decrease morbidity and/or mortality that result from injury and illness
- Assist its member organizations and the CATRAC region to achieve the highest level of health care and emergency preparedness
- Encourage activities designated to promote cooperation between member organizations
- Improve funding of trauma care providers within the counties served by this Council
- Provide a forum to discuss regional health care issues and emergency preparedness
- Provide ongoing education regarding regional health care issues and emergency preparedness to our stakeholders
- Improve public awareness of the methods of accessing the trauma and health care system and preventing injury
- Support the process for inter-facility transfers from stabilization through rehabilitation

Who Funds CATRAC?

- **Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Grant** – The majority of CATRAC’s funding comes from the HPP grant. The purpose of this federal grant is to enhance emergency disaster preparedness in the region. The HPP grant has funded projects, equipment and supplies to enhance preparedness levels for regional hospitals and EMS partners. These funds enable CATRAC to support the healthcare delivery system to save lives during emergencies and disaster events when they exceed their day-to-day capacity. CATRAC receives these funds through DSHS.
- **EMS/RAC Fund** – The purpose of these state funds is to assist in the enhancement and delivery of patient care in the EMS and Trauma Service Care System. These funds support programmatic functions related to CATRAC. They also assist CATRAC with funding for educational programs and public education materials for members.
- **EMS Allotment Fund** – The purpose of this state grant is to assist in the enhancement and delivery of patient care in the EMS and Trauma care system. The most significant difference is that these funds are paid directly to qualifying EMS Providers to support supplies, education and training, communications equipment, and vehicles. CATRAC administers this grant; however, it does not receive any allocated funding for its management. Administration involves record keeping, reviewing, follow-up, and data collection. For an EMS agency to receive these funds, they must meet eligibility requirements set by DSHS and CATRAC participation.

- **Membership Dues/Donations** – These funds are primarily used for the continued growth of CATRAC. They are our only unrestricted source of revenue for CATRAC operations, and are used for education, events/meetings, and legislative advancement. These dollars are important for operations when funds are restricted by grants.

Benefits of Being a Member

- CATRAC provides participation letters to hospitals seeking trauma, stroke, neonatal, or maternal designations that have met participation requirements
- Funding opportunities from regional and state level
- Networking opportunities amongst peers
- Access to training resources such as simulators, Stop the Bleed kits, and training manikins
- Information exchange on local, regional, statewide, and national levels
- Collaboration and information sharing between hospitals, pre-hospital, public health, and emergency management agencies in the region
- Assistance with planning and support for both planned events and disasters
- Guidance and planning for cardiac, stroke, trauma, injury prevention, perinatal, emergency preparedness and other healthcare issues
- Information sharing for educational opportunities within the region and state
- Scholarship opportunities for professional education programs

How to Become a Member

- Send an email to administrator@catrac.org and let us know your organization would like to become a CATRAC member
- Sign a Participating Agency Agreement and Memorandum of Agreement (if applicable)
- An invoice for yearly membership dues will be sent to you from accounting
- You will receive a Current Contact sheet to fill out so that we can become more familiar with your organization
- Once we receive the contact sheet back, you will begin to receive invites to meetings appropriate to each person's position

Board Of Directors			
<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliate Organization</u>	<u>Term Date</u>
Chair*	Ben Oakley	North Blanco County EMS	December 2024
Vice Chair Prehospital*	Josh Vandever	Fayette County EMS	December 2024
Vice Chair Hospital*	Dr. Ira Wood, MD	Cedar Park Regional Medical Center	December 2024
Secretary*	John Hamilton	CareFlite	December 2025
Treasurer*	Mike Knipstein	Williamson County EMS	December 2026
Travis County Rep.	Robert Luckritz	Austin Travis county EMS	December 2024
San Saba / Llano County Rep.	Wes Alexander	Hamilton EMS	December 2023
Burnett / Williamson County Rep.	Jim Persons	Williamson Co. EMS	December 2025
Hays / Blanco County Rep.	Ken Strange	Wimberley EMS	December 2024
Caldwell / Bastrop Co. Rep.	James "Scooter" Green	Bastrop Co. First Responders	December 2026
Lee / Fayette Co. Rep.	Rodney Mersiovsky	B&M Ambulance Service	December 2025
Ascension Seton	Dr. Samson Jesudass, MD	Ascension Healthcare	December 2024
HCA St. David's	Dr. Ken Mitchell, MD	HCA St. David's Healthcare	December 2025
Baylor Scott & White	Dr. Sally Gillam, DNP	Baylor Scott & White Healthcare	December 2025
Independent Hospitals	Dr. Fausto Meza	Integral Care	December 2024
Air Medical Providers	Justin Soulier	Travis County STAR Flight	December 2026
HPP Coalition Chair	Dr. Mark Escott, MD	OCCMO, ATCEMS	December 2025

* Executive Committee Member

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