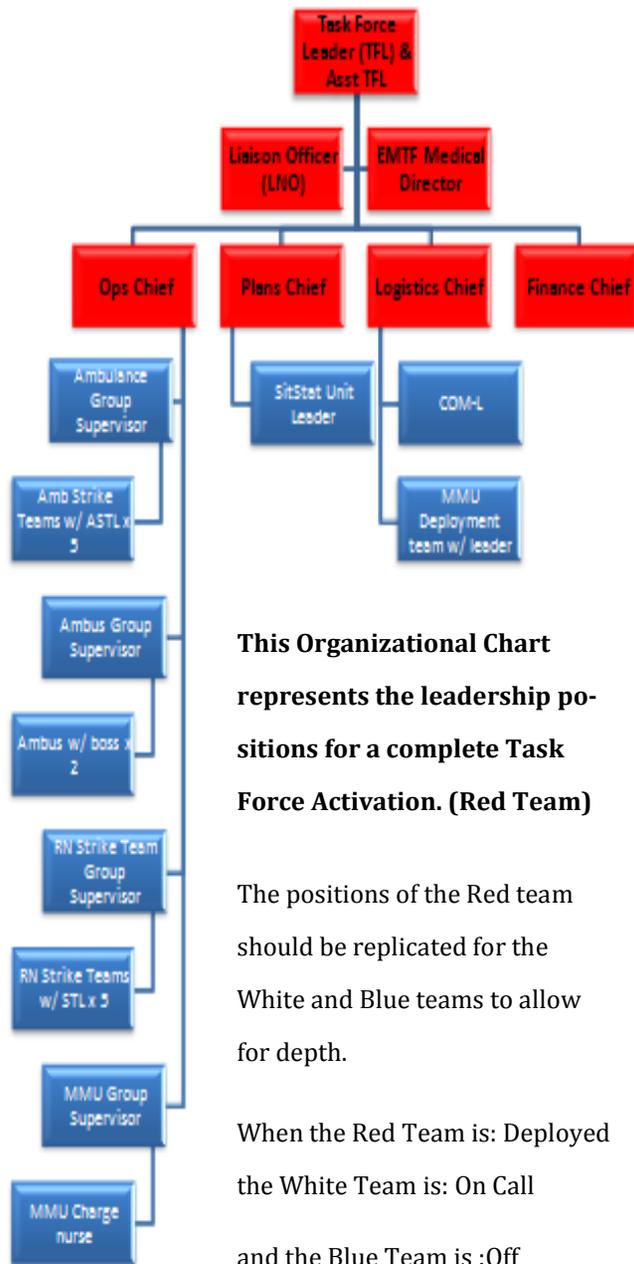


EMTF: At a Glance



This Organizational Chart represents the leadership positions for a complete Task Force Activation. (Red Team)

The positions of the Red team should be replicated for the White and Blue teams to allow for depth.

When the Red Team is: Deployed
the White Team is: On Call

and the Blue Team is :Off

Having the depth to operate is essential to EMTF success during a deployment.

When the EMTF project was developed, careful consideration for organization was taken. Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) have both hospitals and EMS agencies in their membership, and are charged with developing disaster response plans for acute health-care emergencies. The EMTFs are multi-RAC regions to leverage the capabilities of several trauma systems. The partnered RACs then selected a “Lead” RAC to be responsible for the equipment purchases and general organization of the EMTF.

The Lead RACS are located in:

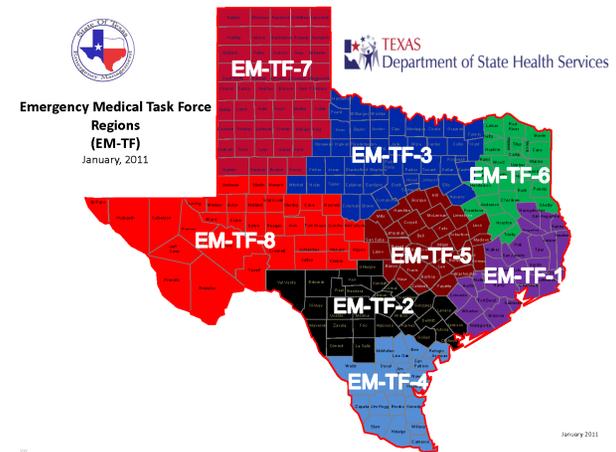
- EMTF 1 Houston at SETRAC
- EMTF 2 San Antonio at STRAC
- EMTF 3 Arlington at NCTTRAC
- EMTF 4 Harlingen at TSA-V
- EMTF 5 Belton at CTRAC
- EMTF 6 Tyler at Piney Woods RAC
- EMTF 7 Lubbock at BRAC
- EMTF 8 El Paso at Border RAC

The Emergency Medical Task Force is one of many parts of a much larger Health and Medical Response System known as the Texas Disaster Medical System (TDMS).

If you have Questions go to www.TDMS.org and “Contact Us” or email Victor Wells, Texas EMTF Project Manager at Victor.Wells@strac.org

Funding for the EMTF project is provided by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) via U.S. Health and Human Services -Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP).

E *Emergency*
M *Medical*
T *Task*
F *Force*



A Coordinated Approach to Large Incident Responses



The creation of regional Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) teams is a ground breaking journey for the State of Texas and each region. Each region's level of success will depend on the support and collaborative planning efforts with EMS and hospital administrators, their professional staff and other emergency response professionals.

The goal of the Texas EMTF program is to provide a well coordinated response, offering rapid professional medical assistance to emergency operation systems during large scale incidents.

Developing the plan to respond on a state level produces the benefit of being able to respond on a regional level when needed in your local area.

Participating agencies & personnel will interact with other agencies & personnel from across Texas using the Incident Command System and will communicate using the Texas Interoperability Communications Plan (TICP).

The EMTF consist of five basic components:

- Ambulance Strike Teams (AST)
- AmBus Strike Teams (ABST)
- Registered Nurse Strike Teams (RNST)
- Mobile Medical Units (MMU)
- Command & Control Element (CCE)

EMTF Components:



Ambulance Strike Teams

Utilizing the well understood NIMS Strike Team concept, eight Emergency Medical Task Forces will be rostered across Texas. When activated, each task force can engage up to 25 ambulances for deployment either regionally or on a statewide mission.

AmBus Component

Recognizing the unique needs of large-scale patient movements as well as the challenge of scarce resources during times of disaster, the Emergency Medical Task Forces will have two fully staffed multi-patient vehicles, more commonly known as "Ambuses". These specialty EMS units will not only be able to serve during State tasked missions but will fulfill vital roles in the day to day response of their home jurisdictions.



Registered Nurse Strike Teams

These groups of specialized nurses may be deployed during State tasked assignments to assist an over-taxed medical facility. A prime example of this would be a hospital receiving a surge of both ill and respiratory-compromised victims of a pandemic influenza in addition to the higher than normal number of individuals seeking hospital care who may not be ill. As with all other components, these nurses are to be tasked only when their home jurisdictions are unaffected. These nurses will be deployed into hospitals to provide care as they would if they were at their sponsoring agency.

Mobile Medical Unit (MMU)

The fourth, and perhaps most complex, component of Emergency Medical Task Force is the Mobile Medical Unit. Essentially a deployable Emergency Room, this component is comprised of physicians, nurses and paramedics with the appropriate tentage and life-saving equipment so they can provide emergency care and stabilization capability in austere environments. Designed to be rapidly deployable and configurable to incident

