

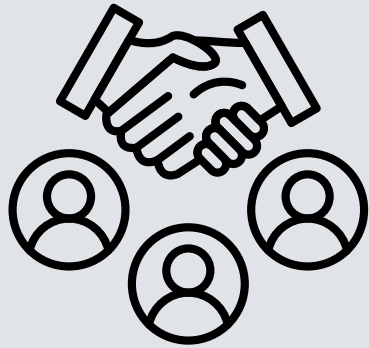
ANNUAL REPORT 2024

COASTAL



BEND

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL



Our Mission

Mission: To reduce death/disability related to trauma, disaster and acute illness, through implementation of appropriate education and a well-planned, coordinated Disaster and Emergency Response Plan.

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A Message from Board Chair, Felicia Powell

I have had the awesome privilege of completing my fifth year as the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council (CBRAC) Chair in June 2024. I have been involved with CBRAC since 1997 and have seen tremendous growth and collaboration between each of the members involved, I would personally like to thank my fellow board members past and present for their dedication to this organization. I would also like to acknowledge the CBRAC staff who work diligently to facilitate regional collaboration. Together we strive to make a difference in the outcomes of the communities we serve.

With appreciation,

Felicia Powell



A Message from Hilary Watt, CEO

Dear friends,

I am thrilled to share with you our first published annual report.

Fy24 was another busy year for the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council (CBRAC).

A year marked by strong financial performance, various preparedness activities and education provided, and real-world incidents experienced.

Record numbers of TX Emergency Medical Task Force 11 members were deployed and reimbursed through our office. This performance reinforces our belief in investing in our partners.

CBRAC staff retention remains at 100%, and by ensuring we have a nimble and efficient team, our commitment towards fulfilling the mission of the organization remains prominent.

Partnerships are at the heart of everything we do, and the progress we have made shows that nothing is impossible when we tap into the power of collaboration.

This progress is made possible by our dedicated Board of Directors, the CBRAC staff, and our very cooperative stakeholders. To say we value your contributions is an understatement.

However, there is still work to do and I remain fully committed to the mission and vision of the CBRAC.

With appreciation,

Hilary Watt



WHO WE ARE

The Organization is a recognized **Regional Advisory Council (RAC)** for the area described by The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) as TSA-U (defined below) and organized under the Texas Trauma Rules. All other definitions are in accordance with those set forth by DSHS Rules 157.2. A RAC is a formal organization originally chartered by DSHS to develop and implement a regional emergency medical services/trauma system plan and to oversee trauma system networking, contracts, and to perform other management services, including, but not limited to, emergency preparedness or other services. The RAC has the authority to expand its purpose for other regional healthcare system coordination. TSA-U is defined as the Trauma Service Area so designated by DSHS.

Currently TSA-U includes the Texas counties of:

Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Jim Wells, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TASK FORCE - 11

COASTAL BEND HEALTHCARE COALITION

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

HEALTHCARE PREPAREDNESS COALITION

SEVEN FLAGS HEALTHCARE COALITION



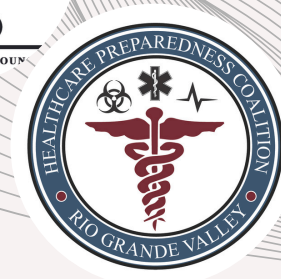
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Additional Components:

The Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) provides leadership and funding through grants and cooperative agreements to improve surge capacity and enhance community and hospital preparedness for public health emergencies. The program is managed by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, (ASPR), and directly monitored by Department of State Health Services (DSHS) which provides programmatic oversight and works with its partners such as the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council (CBRAC) to ensure that the program's goals are met or exceeded. Through a contract with the CBRAC, this funding is used to support each TSA's healthcare coalition and its members to help strengthen public health emergency preparedness in several ways. CBRAC's Hospital Preparedness Program covers three Trauma Service Areas: TSA-U, TSA-V, and TSA-T.



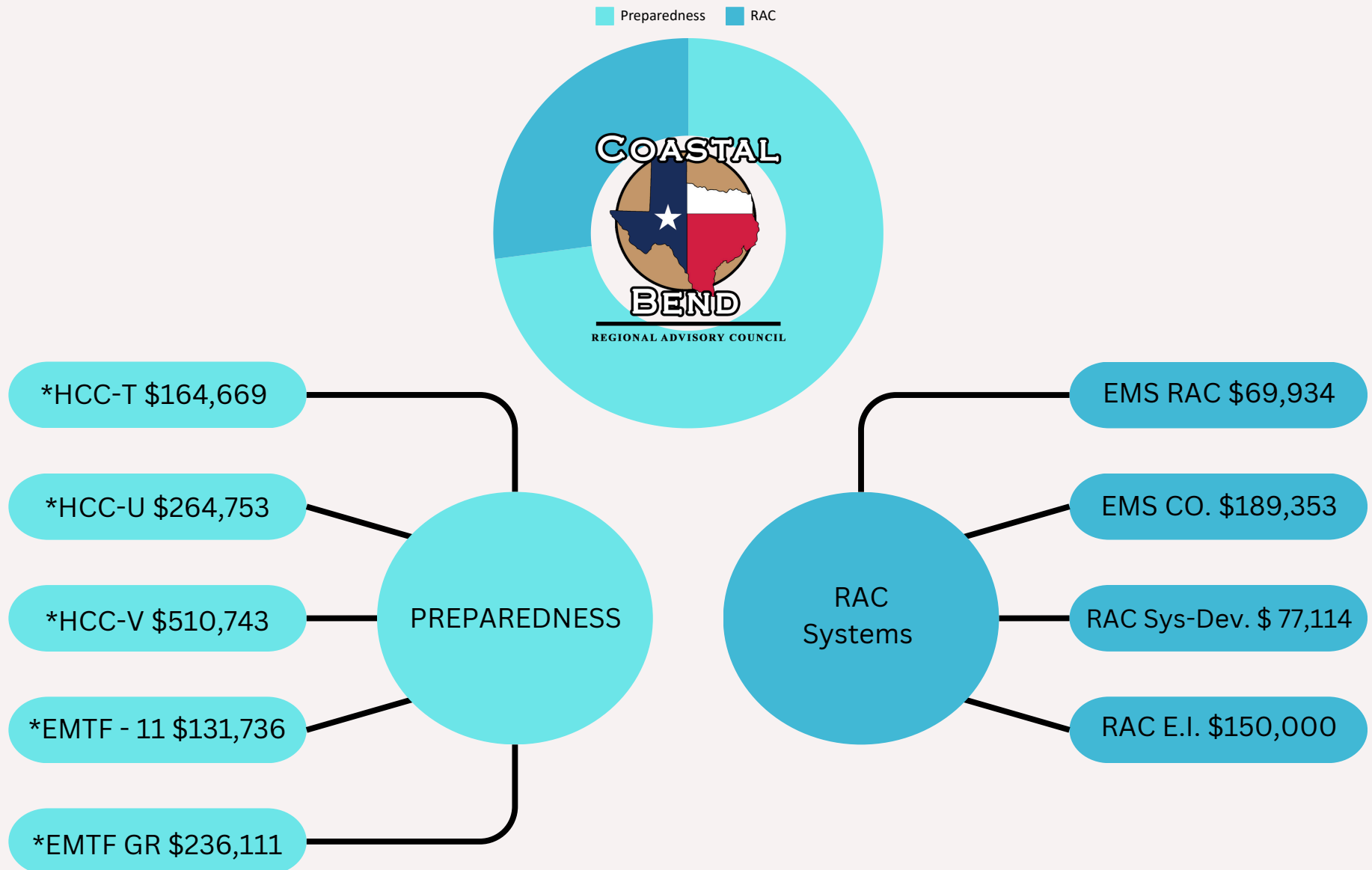
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Financial and Funding Overview

September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024

*July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024



CBRAC EDUCATION OFFERINGS 2024

Throughout the year, CBRAC coordinated multiple training sessions to be provided to local first responders in the area.

CBRAC worked with Del Mar College in July to execute a Continuing Education (CE) Expo June 6th - 8th, 2024.

The CE Expo included the following educational sessions :

- Pediatric Transport Mistakes: Dr. Gideon Mecum
- Child Life: Lisa Cervantez, DCH Child life
- How to Emotionally and Physically Support a Child Who Needs Emergent Medical Care
- Pediatric IO: Albert Villarreal, EMT-P AAS
- PM Maternal Emergencies-Prolapsed Umbilical Cord: Dr. Bobi Jo Martinez, DNP, RNC-OB C-EFM
- Pediatric Airway: Dr. Kosca/DCH Anesthesia/Resp. Team
- Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury-Avoiding the 3-H Bombs to Enhance Outcomes: Dr. Peter Antevy
- Placenta Accreta Spectrum Disorder: Dr. Bobi Jo Martinez, DNP, RNC-OB C-EFM
- Emergency Assessment of Crashing Kids: Scott DeBoer RN MSN, CPEN, EMT-P
- HANDTEVY INSTRUCTOR COURSE



CBRAC EDUCATION OFFERINGS 2024

**NAEMT TECC –
TACTICAL EMERGENCY CASUALTY
CARE
JUNE 5 – 6, 2024 – EMS
PERSONNEL**

**TCAR – TRAUMA CARE
AFTER RESUSCITATION
PROVIDED TO 33
HOSPITAL AND EMS PERSONNEL**

**6 ACLS PALS
SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED

6 PHTLS
SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED**

**TETAF DATA MANAGEMENT
COURSE FOR 13 STUDENTS**

**PCAR – PEDIATRIC CARE AFTER
RESUSCITATION
PROVIDED TO 27
HOSPITAL AND EMS PERSONNEL**

EQUIPMENT PURCHASED BY CBRAC IN FY24



**STOP THE BLEED SUPPLIES GSW
AND STAB WOUND LEG**



VIAL OF LIFE EQUIPMENT



**FALL SAFETY PREVENTION LIGHTS
AND BRACELETS**



**NENASIM INFANT SIMULATOR
- GT SIMULATIONS**



**OB MANNEQUINS MODELS: VICTORIA
- GAUMARD S2200**



**MOULAGE EQUIPMENT FOR
SHATTERED DREAMS
& ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

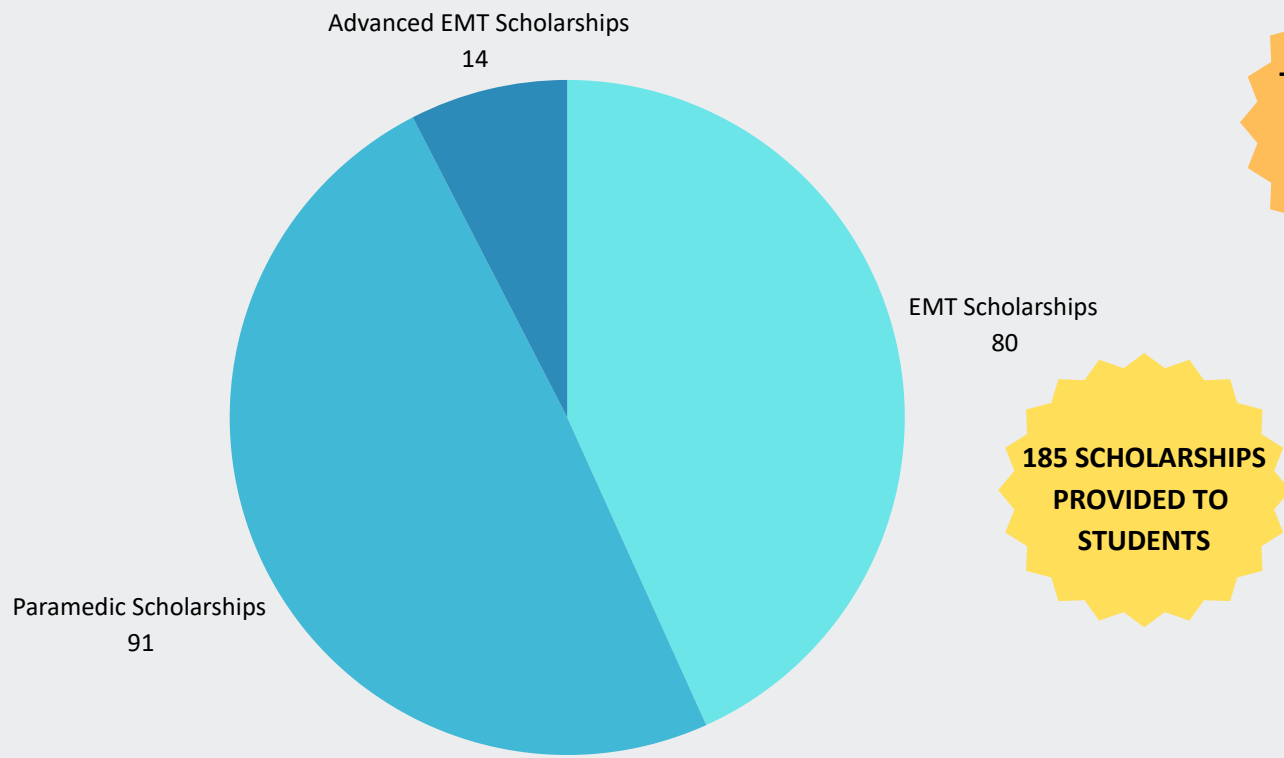
CBRAC CRITICAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM (CISM)

The CBRAC is proud to continue financial support and facilitation of our regional Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team. Our CISM team is recognized by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation and is a uniquely trained multi-disciplinary group who provide peer to peer support to stop or slow the symptoms of traumatic stress. Over the past year, our CISM team has answered 18 requests for their services. Completely volunteer, we applaud their efforts to support their peers in times of need.



SENATE BILL 8

In September 2021, the Texas legislature provided \$21.7 million (Senate bill 8) to be distributed between the twenty-two (22) Regional Advisory Councils charged with developing and implementing a program to incentivize and increase the number of EMT, Advanced EMT, and Paramedic personnel that provide care on an ambulance, including workforce development initiatives.



**TOTAL AWARDED
WITHIN TSA - U
\$813,627.08**

**185 SCHOLARSHIPS
PROVIDED TO
STUDENTS**



Felix Camarillo
CBRAC Senate Bill 8 Coordinator



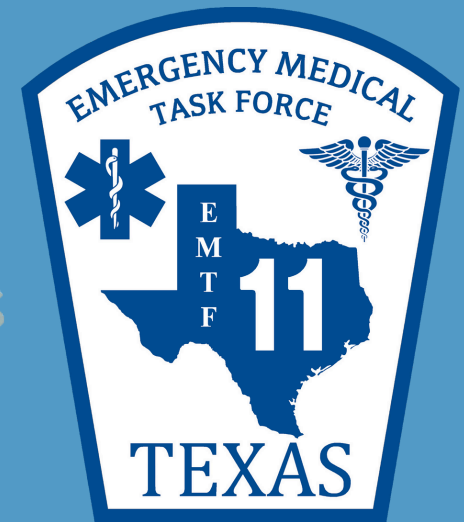
CBRAC and The Port of Corpus Christi Collaboration

Due to the generosity of the Port of Corpus Christi's Community Funding Program, the CBRAC received grant funding to expand our Education Scholarship program. This has enabled us to provide access to education for first responders such as Hot Zone, Propane Fire Training, Industrial Municipal Based Responders and CISM.



Emergency Medical Task Force 11

John Phillips	EMTF 11 Coordinator
Scott Marsh	EMTF 11 District Chief TSA-U
Nathan Rubio	EMTF 11 District Chief TSA-T
Bernardino Palacios	EMTF 11 District Chief TSA-V



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EMTF 11 Exercise Highlight



TXEMTF 11 is proud to support The Bataan Memorial Death March Marathon. Since its inception, the Bataan Memorial Death March's participation has grown from about 100 to about 9,600 marchers. These marchers come from across the United States and several foreign countries. While still primarily a military event, many civilians choose to participate in the challenging march. Participants get to choose between two courses: a 14.2-mile and a 26.2-mile course. TXEMTF 11 provides medical and logistical support for the event, ensuring quick and accesable care for all participants. In 2024 EMTF 11 provided food support for all EMTF members deployed to this exercise.

EMTF 11 Response Highlights

12.02.24



TXEMTF RGV MARATHON

8.24.23



TXEMTF EMAC REQUEST TO LA



TXEMTF TACTICAL MEDICAL RESPONSE UNIT
(TMSU) DEPLOYMENT TO CAPITOL COMPLEX TO SUPPORT
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - RANGERS
DIVISION SWAT FOR CIVIL UNREST RELATED TO ISRAELI / PALESTINIAN WAR

7.8.24



HURRICANE BERYL

Coastal Bend Healthcare Preparedness Coalition HCC-U



Driscoll Children's Hospital 3533 S Alameda St, Corpus Christi, TX 78411	Joe Schuman	CBRAC Chair
Allegiance Mobile Health 1702 N Lexington Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX 78409	Stephanie Roth	CBRAC Vice Chair



HCC-U HIGHLIGHTS



HCC-U MEMBERS ATTENDED A PER211 TEEX COURSE THAT WAS BROUGHT DOWN FOR THE COALITION. THE CLASS CONSISTED OF HALF LECTURE AND HALF HANDS ON SIMULATIONS.



STOP THE BLEED COURSE FOR BROOKS COUNTY

NOT PICTURED:

- MRSE Exercise with HCC for a Train collision with a chemical release
- WRAP EM Chemical Exercise
- Full Scale Regional Hurricane Exercise
- Numerous Stop the Bleed Classes
- ETN Training for Evacuation in the Region
- Pulsara Training

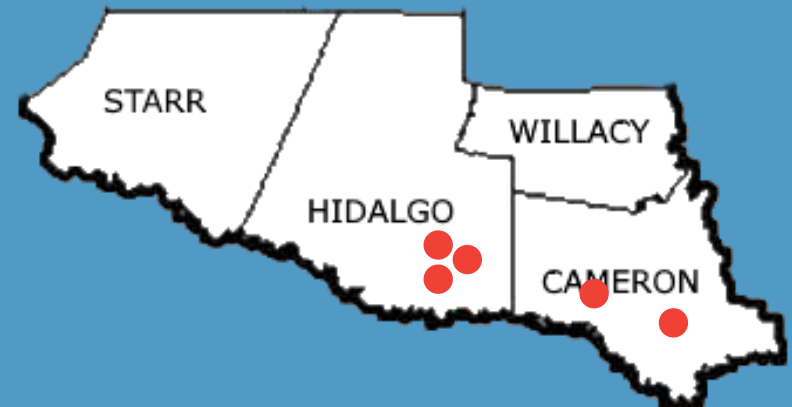
FSE WITH THE PORT OF CC - BARGE AND TANKER COLLISION IN THE BAY



Rio Grande Valley Healthcare Preparedness Coalition HCC-V



City of Pharr Emergency Medical Service Office of Emergency Management 3000 N Cage Blvd, Pharr, TX 78577	Danny Ramirez	RGVHPC Chair
Rio Grande Regional 101 E Ridge Rd McAllen, Texas 78503	Amber Fuentes	RGHVPC Vice Chair
Cameron County Office of Emergency Management 964 E. Harrison St., 2nd Floor Brownsville, Texas 78520	Tom Hushen	Executive Council Member
Doctors Hospital at Renaissance 5501 S. McColl Rd Edinburg, TX 78539	Sherri Abendroth	Executive Council Member
South Texas Emergency Care 1705 Vermont, Harlingen, TX 78550	Rene Perez	Executive Council Member



HCC-V RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS



**MPV 11-01 RESPONSE TO SUPPORT MULTI-AGENCY FIRE MISSION.
RGVHPC WITH HOSPITAL COORDINATION FOR INHALATION
INJURIES AND PATIENT MOVEMENTS.**



**WILDLAND FIRE RESPONSE WITH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
ACTIVATION. RGVHPC ACTIVATED THE FORCE PROTECTION
REHABILITATION PROCESS AND HOSPITAL COORDINATION.**



**MUTLI-AGENCY COORDINATED RAPID RESPONSE FOR
DOWNED HELICOPTER. RGVHPC WITH HOSPITAL
COORDINATION.**



**MPV 11-01- MULTIPLE PATIENT TRANSPORT FROM A MOTOR
VEHICLE COLLISION. RGVHPC WITH HOSPITAL COORDINATION FOR
SURGE/DECOMPRESSION EFFORTS.**

HCC-V EXERCISE HIGHLIGHTS



DHR RESPONSE TEAMS ACTIVATE FOR MULTIPLE PATIENT SURGE DURING MEDICAL READINESS SURGE EXERCISE. THE RAPID RESPONSE WAS CLOCKED AND ESTABLISHED READY UNDER 5 MINUTES OF NOTIFICATION.



PHARR EMS ACTIVATED MUTUAL AID SUPPORT UTILIZING EMTF MMU OPERATIONS EQUIPMENT IN SUPPORT OF CITY OF MCALLEN HOLIDAY PARADE, WHICH HOSTS OVER 150K PEOPLE YEARLY.



MULTI-AGENCY EMS, HOSPITAL, AND EMTF 11 AMBUS MPV 11-01 FOR A MULTIPLE MASS CASUALTY PATIENT EVENT/EXERCISE AT THE VALLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.



DSHS PHR REGION 11- PHEP TEAM PROVIDES COORDINATION TRAINING FOR REUNIFICATION CENTER VS. FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER TO REGION 11.

SEVEN FLAGS HEALTHCARE COALITION HCC-T



City of Laredo Office of Emergency Management 616 E. Del Mar Blvd. Laredo, TX 78045	Captain Chris Niles	SFHCC Chair
City of Laredo Health Department 2600 Cedar Ave. Laredo, TX 78040	Lyssie Hernandez	SFHCC Vice Chair
Laredo Medical Center 1700 E. Saunders St. Laredo, TX 78041	Virginia Goldsmith	Secretary



HCC-T HIGHLIGHTS



EMTF ASSETS MOVE INTO LAREDO TO ASSIST WITH SWX OPERATIONS (ALBERTO)



HCC-T WAS CALLED UPON AS A CRITICAL COMPONENT IN SEVERE WEATHER OPERATIONS AT THE CITY OF LAREDO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (ALBERTO).



FIRST RESPONDER COALITION MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THE LAREDO PORT OF ENTRY ANNUAL TTX WHERE OPERATIONS TESTED A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE AFFECTING DOWNSTREAM RIO GRANDE INFRASTRUCTURE.



HCC-T SPONSORED NEW CAPABILITIES FOR REDUNDANT COMMUNICATIONS. HERE IS ONE OF THE FIELD OPERATIONS STATIONS AT ZAPATA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT (CHIEF ARRIAGA WITH OPERATOR GUNNOE) DURING THE WHOLE OF SOUTH TEXAS FULL-SCALE EXERCISE "OPERATION CONNECT".

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