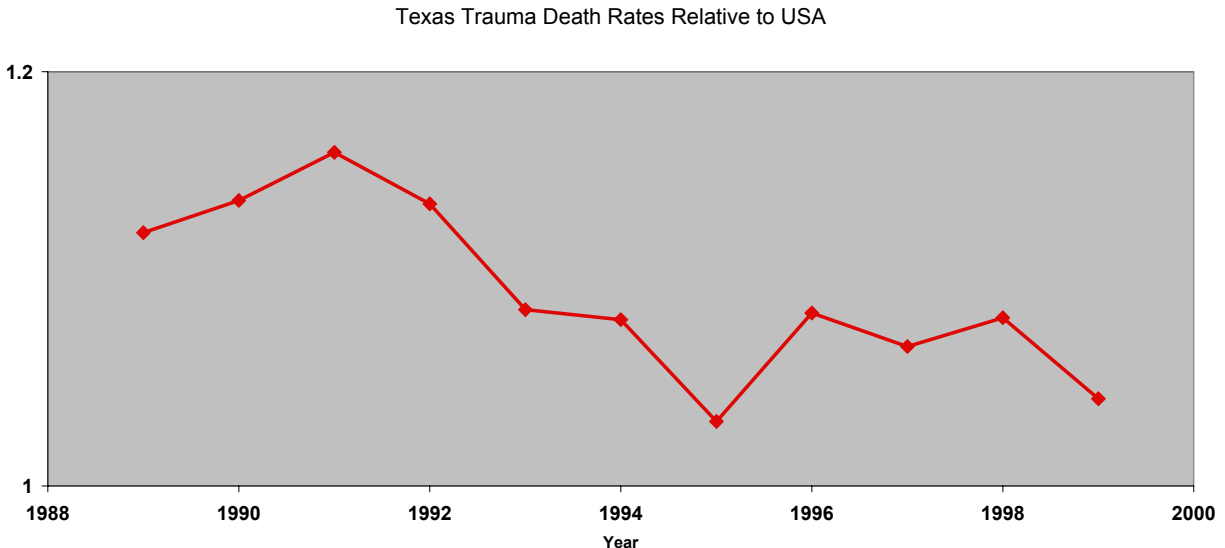


GETAC Position Statement

The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) has reviewed the recent proposed structures of the Department of State Health Services and strongly recommends the EMS and Trauma System functions remain intact. These functions are critical to public health and safety, are inter-related, and require consistent oversight and coordination. We believe that HB 3588, a mandate from the Texas Legislature, supports this system approach to EMS and Trauma care. Such an approach to the EMS and Trauma System is a hallmark component of the *EMS Agenda for the Future* published by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and well documented throughout industry publications.

Integration and collaboration between stakeholders and TDH has allowed the Texas EMS and Trauma System to show dramatic decreases in trauma deaths – 20% since 1989.



Despite this, trauma remains the leading cause of death for children and young adults. Maintaining the integrated approach to EMS and Trauma will promote the goals of reorganization – cost savings as well as efficient and effective management while improving quality of service to our patients. Fragmentation of the system will limit coordination of the inter-related components, increase costs to tax payers and local governments, and inhibit the efforts to further reduce mortality and morbidity rates in Texas.

A coordinated functional approach to EMS and Trauma Systems (including Healthcare Systems, EMS Licensing and Credentialing, Trauma Systems, and Injury Prevention) will:

- Focus on service delivery
- Foster direct management accountability
- Reorganize around common service delivery
- Promote integration and consistency
- Establish appropriate span of control

To this end, GETAC recommends EMS and Trauma Systems remain functionally intact in one of the two following scenarios in order of preference:

1. As an integrated unit reporting to an Assistant Commissioner for EMS and Trauma.
2. As an integrated unit reporting through the Healthcare Systems branch to the Assistant Commissioner of Regulatory Services (as proposed).

Through continued EMS and Trauma System integration, we will produce cost savings for the taxpayers, improved care for the consumers, and a process that meets the stakeholders' needs.

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