

AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING



RBJ HEALTH CENTER, 2ND FLOOR ATCEMS, SITUATION ROOM 15 WALLER STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS

August 7, 2013 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA

ITEM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Quorum Determination
- 3) Review and approve minutes of previous meeting
- 4) Receive Citizen Communications/Comments
- 5) Receive update on new Board member orientation
- 6) Receive update on EMS CAAS accreditation
- 7) Receive update on FY-2014 Proposed City of Austin EMS Budget and unmet needs
- 8) Review Last Quarter System Reports
- 9) Systematic Review of Cardiac Arrest Process
- 10) Receive updates from System Agencies Representatives:
 - a) EMS: James Shamard, Chief of Staff
 - i) Best Practices
 - ii) Safety
 - b) Travis County: Danny Hobby, Executive Manager
 - i) Interlocal Agreement
 - ii) Addition of EMS resources
 - c) Austin Fire Department: Harry Evans, Chief of Staff
 - d) Emergency Services Districts: Ron Moellenberg, CAFCA President
- 11) Other business
 - a) Trends in transport fees: Rick Branning, Program Manager
 - b) Update on Community Health Paramedic Program: Andy Hofmeister, Commander
- 12) Adjourn

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Minutes

AUSTIN – TRAVIS COUNTY EMS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2013



The Austin – Travis County EMS Advisory Board convened on May 1, 2013, 15 Waller Street, in Austin, Texas at 9:30 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Bob Taylor, Mark Clayton, Hector Gonzales, Paula Barr, Susan Pascoe, Chris Ziebell, Vard Curtis, Richard Jung

Board Members Absent: None

Other Attendees: Ernesto Rodriguez, James Shamard, Jasper Brown, Vivian Holmes, Keith Simpson, Paul Hinchey, Jose Cabanas, Jeff Hayes, Danny Hobby, Terry Browder, Harry Evans, Teresa Gardner, Ron Moellenberg, Karyl Kinsey, Jamilatu Zakari, Jordan Smith, Anthony Marquardt, Ciara O'Rourke, Kerri Lang, Rick Branning, Bob Moore

1. CALL TO ORDER -May 1, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. QUORUM DETERMINATION

A quorum was met and the meeting proceeded.

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Chair Taylor provided an introduction and group welcomed new Board Member Richard Jung. Chair Taylor announced the resignation of Board Member Paul Carrozza effective 4/30/13. The board gave appreciation for his years of service.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: The minutes for the regular meeting of February 6, 2013 were approved on Board Member Pascoe's motion, Board Member Curtis' second on a 6-0 vote; Board Member Gonzales abstained.

5. RECEIVE CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS/COMMENTS

Mr. Anthony Marquardt, President of the Austin – Travis County EMS Association, discussed evaluating performance of all system participants and budget needs best served for citizens.

6. RECEIVE STAFF BRIEFING ON BOARD MEMBERS' EDUCATION AND DEDICATED E-MAIL USAGE REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETINGS ORDINANCE

Vivian Holmes provided an update on the City Clerk's training and information about the city's email system for board members. Chief Shamard will contact the appropriate personnel and provide an

update to board members with instructions on how to attach mobile devices to city the email account and activate push notification.

7. REVIEW LAST QUARTER SYSTEM STATISTICS; RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM ATCEMS STAFF RELATIVE TO SAME AND ANSWER ANY BOARD MEMBER OUESTIONS

Chief James Shamard and Dr. Paul Hinchey reviewed the last quarter system statistics. The group discussed what the most beneficial data is for the Board to be reviewing for city and county, including response times. Chief Shamard stated Travis County is currently analyzing response data and developing response criteria for the county. He suggested allowing time to finish this work and then bring the information back to the Board next meeting. Board Member Barr encouraged staff to make sure the right resource is directed at the proper goal.

8. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM SYSTEM PROVIDERS

- **Austin EMS Department:** Chief Ernesto Rodriguez provided an introduction of ATCEMS new Assistant Director of Administration and Finance, Ms. Kerri Lang.
- Emergency Services Districts: Chief Ron Moellenberg, CAFCA President—Microsoft XP is being phasing out on Mobile Data Computers (MDC) in every emergency vehicle. Due to limited financial resources and the large cost for this upgrade this will be difficult for most ESDs. Chief Moellenberg is pleased with the automatic aid agreements that were put in place recently.
- **Austin Fire Department**: Chief Harry Evans is hopeful that response times will improve due to a new auto dispatch function that was activated in Fire CAD. AFD has been piloting it for several months and thinks it will decrease a few seconds on response times.
- Travis County Emergency Services: Danny Hobby, Executive Manager—Hazmat program being reviewed and the county is considering transferring it to AFD instead of having hazmat units in the ESDs. The desire is that it will reduce the amount of funds being spent. Data warehouse to kick off in the next few months. A provider will maintain the data.

9. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM TRAVIS COUNTY AND ATCEMS ON STATUS OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION

Chief Rodriguez and Mr. Hobby have been working with city and county budget personnel during interlocal negotiations and it has been very helpful in determining the actual cost and budget needs to run the system. The group discussed how current revenue goes into the city's and county's general fund instead of going into the department budget. Mr. Hobby and Chief Rodriguez will continue to discuss the growth of small cities and the need of additional county units as the interlocal agreement is constructed.

10. BRIEF BOARD ON THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMISSIONERS DAUGHERTY AND ECKHARDT AND PLANS TO MEET WITH MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Chair Taylor and Vice Chair Clayton met with Travis County Commissioners Eckhardt and Daugherty. The objective was to reintroduce the ATCEMS Advisory Board to commissioners and to ask them how they want this board to be used objectively and add value. They will be meeting with the city and having a similar conversation. Their goal is to be helpful in their role as a board and to assess best practices for the county and the city.

11. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTING A WORKING GROUP OF THE BOARD TO WORK WITH ATCEMS AND OMD STAFF TO REVIEW/ASSEMBLE BEST PRACTICES OF LEADING EMS TRANSPORT SYSTEMS WITH THE AIM OF

RECOMMENDING ADDING AS APPROPRIATE BENCHMARKING MEASUREMENTS FOR THE ATCEMS SYSTEM.

Board members discussed best practices and asked about the Community Health Paramedic Program; how is the ATCEMS program doing compared to what other cities are doing.

MOTION: Appoint a working group of the board to work with ATCEMS and OMD Staff to review/assemble best practices of leading EMS transport systems with the aim of recommending adding as appropriate benchmarking measurements for the ATCEMS System. Chair Taylor and Vice Chair Clayton will meet with staff for an offline discussion to get feedback. It will be an opportunity to provide clarity on what they found and recommend charter/goals. This information will be shared between board members via City of Austin email addresses. Noted that they cannot discuss through email, but information can be shared via email. They will bring back information to next board meeting. The group will have a third member on the committee by adding Board Member Barr. Board Member Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion moved 8/0.

12. RECEIVE BRIEF BY ATCEMS STAFF ON ACCREDITATION STATUS RELATED TO COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION OF AMBULANCE SERVICES

Mr. Keith Simpson provided an update on the CAAS process. ATCEMS will have a site visit at the end of this month. ATCEMS is also working toward the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for a future consideration. The CAAS accreditation process is every three years. Examples were given on how the CAAS process has helped to improve the department.

13. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM ATCEMS ON FISCAL 2014 BUDGET INITIATIVES

Chief Shamard presented the EMS Financial Forecast for the city and county portion of the EMS budget and provided an update on the ATCEMS Fiscal 2014 Budget initiatives. The budget update included city and county funds. The final city budget approval process will occur between September 11th -14th.

14. DISCUSS HAVING AN EDUCATIONAL BRIEFING/TRAINING SESSION FOR THE ATCEMS AB MEMBERS BY ATCEMS AND OMD STAFF ON THE ELEMENTS OF A MODERN EMS TRANSPORT SYSTEM

Board members agreed that the information obtained from the workgroup (see Agenda Item 11) will cover this item. New Board Member Jung will get together with Chief Shamard for a briefing of ATCEMS. Dr. Hinchey recommended conducting training for all board members.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

- o Future agenda items:
 - Mr. Rick Branning to show trends of transport fees.
 - Andy Hofmeister to provide an update on the Community Health Paramedic Program.
 - Chief Shamard to provide information on Utilization of Units

16. ADJOURNED

Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m., without objection.

SYSTEM PERFORMANCE REPORT FY2013 Q3

Period: FY2013 Q3

Quarter Summary

Calls Received: 31,192 Incidents: 29,795 Responses: 34,934 Patient Contacts: 24,339 Patient Transports: 19,416

Priority 1		Priority 2		Priority 3	Priority 3		Priority 4		Priority 5	
Patients in need of time critinterventions	tical	Patients with conditions that time critical interventions	t could require	Patients with conditions that emergent but do not require interventions.		Patients with conditions the but do not require time crit interventions.	•	Patients with conditions the sensitive.	nat are not time	
Incidents	2,105	Incidents	8,613	Incidents	4,215	Incidents	11,547	Incidents	3,315	
Responses	3,062	Responses	10,104	Responses	4,786	Responses	13,152	Responses	3,830	
Patient Contacts	1,855	Patient Contacts	7,303	Patient Contacts	2,083	Patient Contacts	8,198	Patient Contacts	3,027	
Patient Transports	1,423	Patient Transports	6,127	Patient Transports	3,268	Patient Transports	6,104	Patient Transports	2,494	
Patient Transport Rate	85.26%	Patient Transport Rate	84.22%	Patient Transport Rate	82.61%	Patient Transport Rate	74.56%	Patient Transport Rate	83.97%	
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Response Time Pe	•									
City	(09:59)	City	(11:59)	City	(13:59)	City	(15:59)	City	(17:59)	
All Responders ATCEMS	97.98% 91.04%	All Responders ATCEMS	98.78% 95.17%	All Responders ATCEMS	99.59% 97.77%	All Responders ATCEMS	98.54% 98.09%	All Responders ATCEMS	95.90% 95.77%	
County	(11:59)	County	(13:59)	County	(15:59)	County	(17:59)	County	(19:59)	
All Responders ATCEMS	89.36% 76.43%	All Responders ATCEMS	93.14% 81.35%	All Responders ATCEMS	96.09% 89.51%	All Responders ATCEMS	97.47% 95.08%	All Responders ATCEMS	97.68% 94.78%	
		System Response Time Indicator	= (Total Incidents	-) =	97.95%		Overall Patient Transport Rate	80.71%	

Notes: 1) Analysis limited to Priority 1-5 incidents that take place within the City of Austin or Travis County.

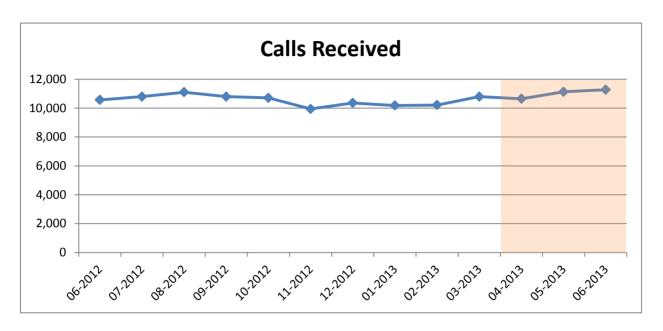
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²⁾ Incidents that occur outside the county (i.e. mutual aid incidents) are excluded.

³⁾ Stand-bys (Priority 6) and other priority levels are excluded.

Communications Report FY2013 Q3

Apr-13 May-13 Jun-13 Calls Received 10,648 11,127 11,270



Overall Compliance with Medical Priority Dispatch Evaluation Criteria

Apr-13 May-13 Jun-13 99.66% 99.73% 99.59%

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Performance Measure Summary

STEMI

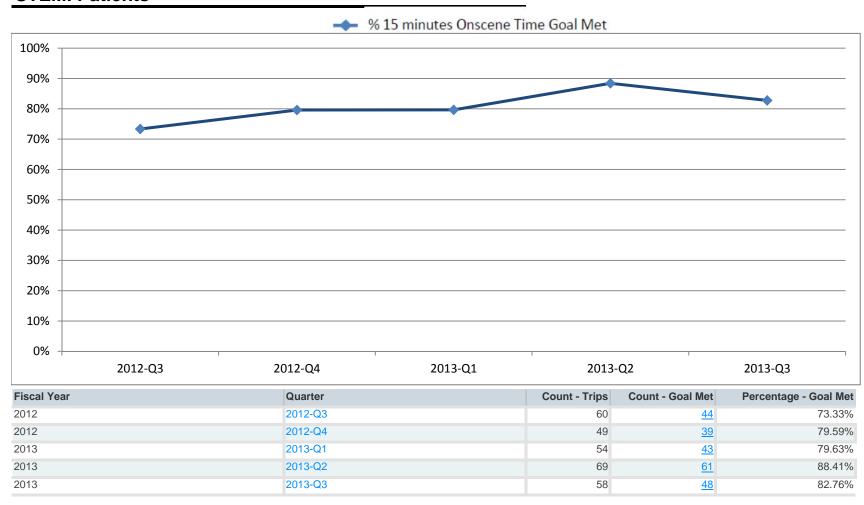
ST Segment Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) is myocardial Infarction (MI) with an electrocardiographic finding of ST segment elevation. MI is caused by an interruption of blood flow to one or more areas of the heart. The most common cause is a rupture of an atherosclerotic plaque which causes obstruction of coronary vessels. Each year, about 1.5 million people suffer a myocardial infarction. It is the leading causes of death in the United States and kills approximately 500,000 people. In 2010, the CDC estimates that heart disease will cost the United States \$316 billion dollars.

ATCEMS Performance Measures

- Scene Time Compliance Goal is 15 minutes
- Aspirin administration

Scene Time Interval for STEMI Patients

Clinical Performance Indicator 3.3

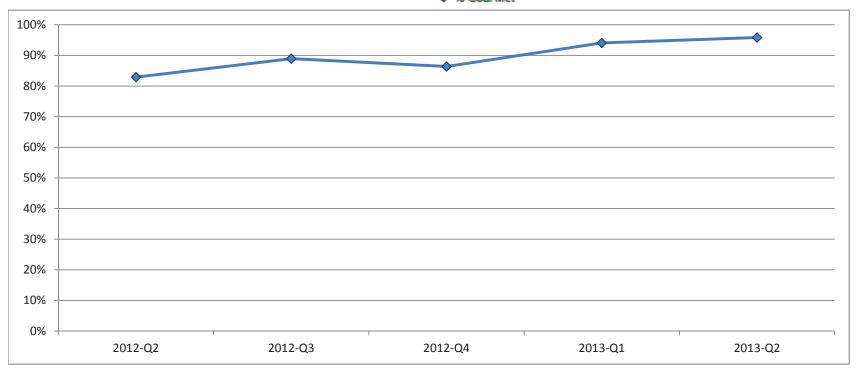


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Aspirin Administration in ACS Patients

Clinical Performance Indicator 4.3





Fiscal Year	Quarter	Count - Trips	Count - Goal Met	Percentage - Goal Met
2012	2012-Q3	325	<u>289</u>	88.92%
2012	2012-Q4	264	<u>228</u>	86.36%
2013	2013-Q1	439	<u>413</u>	94.08%
2013	2013-Q2	601	<u>576</u>	95.84%
2013	2013-Q3	198	<u>190</u>	95.96%

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Performance Measure Summary

Stroke

A stroke is the loss of neurologic function due to alterations or disturbances in the blood supply to the brain. When blood flow is stopped for more than a few seconds, brain cells begin to die, causing permanent damage. Each year, about 795,000 people suffer a stroke. It is the third leading cause of death in the United States and kills 143,579 people each year and is the leading cause of serious, long-term disability. The total cost of stroke to the United States is estimated at \$43 billion dollars.

There are two types of stroke:

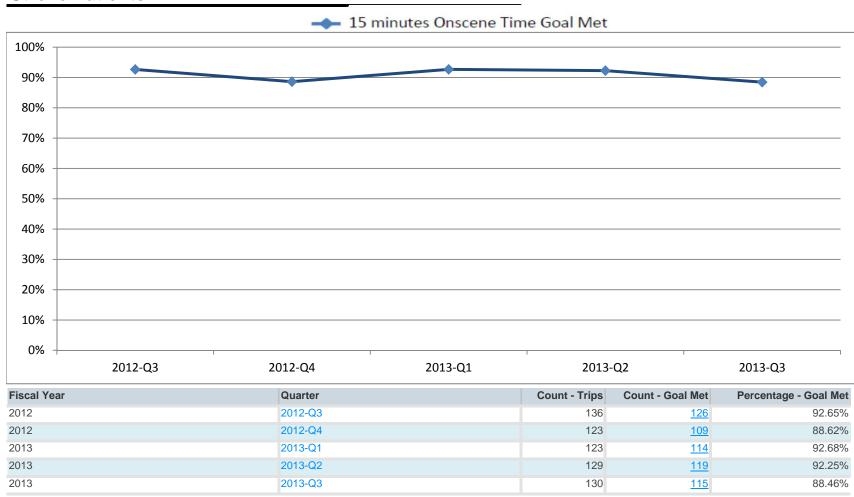
- Ischemic Ischemic stroke occurs when a blood vessel becomes obstructed and interrupts blood supply. 87% of strokes are classified as ischemic.
- Hemorrhagic Hemorrhagic strokes are caused by a ruptured blood vessel or abnormal vasculature. This type of stroke accounts for nearly 30% of all stroke deaths.

ATCEMS Performance Measures

- Scene time compliance Goal is 15 minutes
- Blood glucose assessment

Scene Time Interval for Stroke Patients

Clinical Performance Indicator 2.3

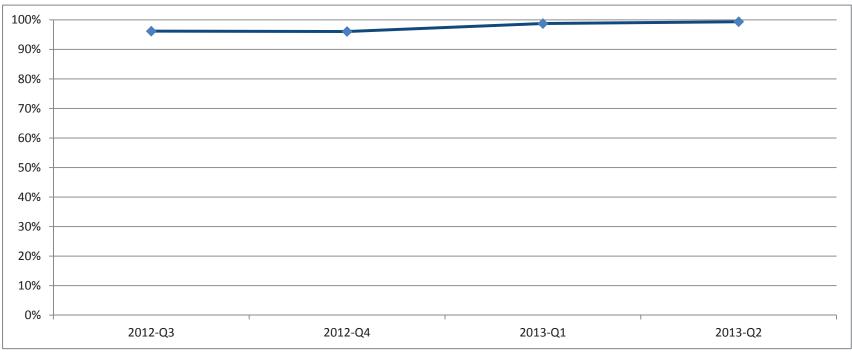


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Blood Glucose Level in Stroke Patients

Clinical Performance Indicator 7.2





Fiscal Year	Quarter	Count - Trips	Count - Goal Met	Percentage - Goal Met
2012	2012-Q3	183	<u>176</u>	96.17%
2012	2012-Q4	152	<u>146</u>	96.05%
2013	2013-Q1	159	<u>157</u>	98.74%
2013	2013-Q2	157	<u>156</u>	99.36%
2013	2013-Q3	173	<u>171</u>	98.84%

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Performance Measure Summary

Customer Satisfaction

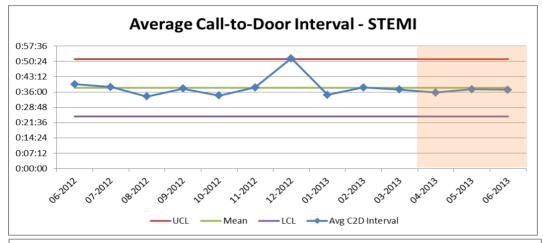
Exemplary patient care and customer service are two important aspects of the A/TCEMS operational model. One measure of customer satisfaction is the Call to Door interval. The Call to Door interval is the amount of time it takes A/TCEMS to receive a 911 request, dispatch, respond, treat, and transport a patient.

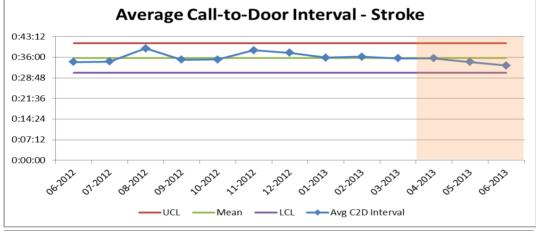
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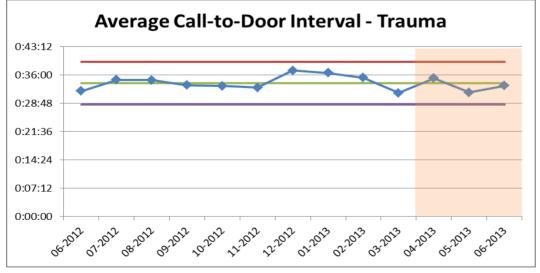
- STEMI Call to door interval
- Stroke Call to door interval
- Trauma Call to door interval

Customer Satisfaction Report FY2013 Q3

	Apr-13	may-13	Jun-13
Avg Call to Door Interval - STEMI	0:35:47	0:37:17	0:37:05
Avg Call to Door Interval - Stroke	0:35:35	0:35:35	0:34:19
Avg Call to Door Interval - Trauma	0:35:08	0:31:35	0:33:17







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FY13 Q3 - First Responder Fractile Report (From EMS Phone Pickup to Fire First Unit Arrival) EMS Priority 1 & 2 incidents

	Case	% arriving within	90th percentile for quarter		
Location	base	08:15 minutes	Current	1 Yr ago	2 Yrs ago
ESD01 North Lake Travis	84	48%	14:17	14:29	15:24
ESD02 Pflugerville	463	87%	08:43	08:54	09:01
ESD03 Oak Hill	52	79%	09:10	08:38	10:37
ESD04	68	53%	12:25	13:18	12:53
ESD05 Manchaca	49	80%	09:47	10:38	10:03
ESD06 Lake Travis FR	214	79%	10:09	10:22	11:28
ESD08 Pedernales	19	68%	10:50	11:11	12:10
ESD09 Westlake	58	79%	09:14	08:03	08:43
ESD10 Ce-Bar	15	93%	07:29	08:14	06:44
ESD11 Travis County FR	148	65%	10:24	10:20	12:04
ESD12 Manor	125	51%	13:58	13:22	15:19
ESD13 Elgin	4	0%	17:49	14:00	
ESD14 Volente	15	53%	11:41	11:03	15:28
County - City comparis	son				
All ESDs	1,314	74%	10:30	11:09	11:17
AFD	7,887	87%	08:44	08:47	08:33
County-wide	9,201	85%	09:04	09:09	08:59
Travis County ESDs B	y Regior	า			
East	653	76%	10:28	11:26	10:16
South	197	69%	10:17	10:25	11:31
West	363	78%	10:00	09:52	11:12
Northwest	101	50%	12:57	13:49	15:25

Case base excludes:

- Incidents where calltaking was performed by agency other than EMS
- Incidents where EMS was already onscene before First responder assigned to call
- Test and duplicate calls, per EMS cancel reason
- Incidents where no units were assigned and/or no arrival times recorded.

NOTES: Locations are based on EMS jurisdiction codes. Unit stage time was substituted for arrival time if the first-in unit had a stage timestamp greater or equal to enroute time but less than the arrival time (if any). Percentiles use a calculation method (waverage) that is more accurate for small case bases than the standard method.

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Cardiac Arrest Survival Rates

(thru March 2013)



Current CARES Sites

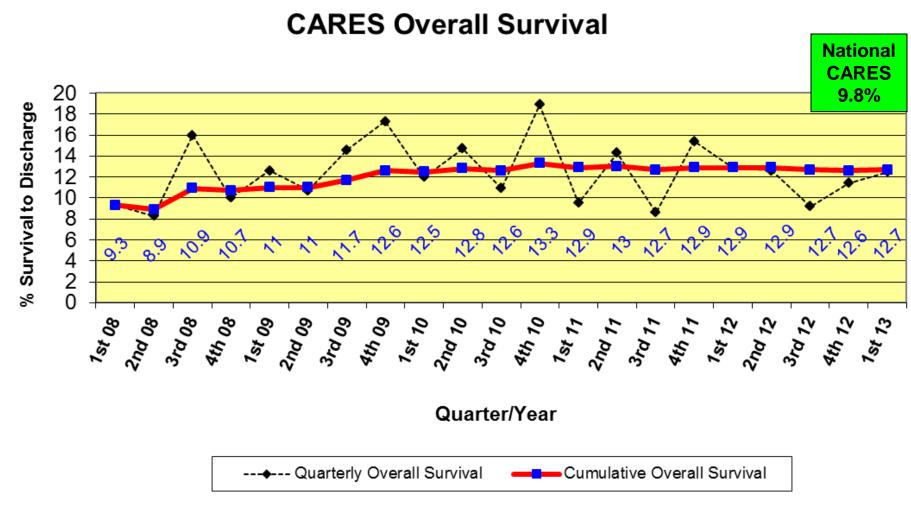
- Anchorage, AK
- Arizona (state)
- Contra Costa, CA
- o San Francisco, CA
- Santa Barbara, CA
- San Diego, CA
- Ventura County, CA
- o Colorado Springs, CO
- Denver, CO
- El Paso County, CO
- Stamford, CT
- New Castle Co., DE
- o Miami, FL
- o Atlanta, GA

- o Kansas City, KS
- o Sedgwick Co, KS
- o Boston, MA
- Cambridge, MA
- Springfield, MA
- Oakland County, MI
- Kent County, MI
- Minnesota (state)
- North Carolina (state)
- Las Vegas, NV
- Reno, NV
- o Arizona (state)

- MONOC, NJ
- Ohio (state)
- o Hershey, PA
- o Hilton Head, SC
- Sioux Falls, SD
- o Nashville, TN
- o Austin, TX
- o Baytown, TX
- o Fort Worth, TX
- o Houston, TX
- o Plano, TX
- o Richmond, VA

Definitions

- CARES a national out of hospital cardiac arrest registry based at Emory University; it only includes patients who have an out of hospital cardiac arrest that is deemed likely due to a cardiac type of problem.
- Overall Survival the proportion of patients for whom resuscitation efforts were attempted and who survived to hospital discharge
- Utstein Survival the proportion of patients who had a witnessed cardiac arrest (excludes EMS witnessed) and who had ventricular fibrillation as the 1st identified cardiac rhythm
- Quarterly Survival includes cardiac arrests for the specific quarter only
- Cumulative Survival includes all cardiac arrests since Jan 2008
- National Survival the Overall Survival or Utstein Survival for the aggregate of all CARES site data (cumulative since Jan 2008)



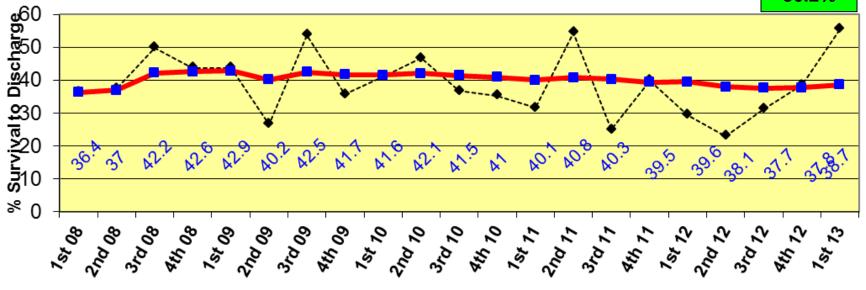
* *Indicates incomplete quarter



The clinical measures presented above have been approved by the EMS System Medical Director

CARES Utstein Survival

National CARES 30.2%



Quarter/Year

* *Indicates incomplete quarter



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ATCEMS Advisor	y Board 08/07/1	3 3rd QUAR	3rd QUARTER REPORT:			
All Emergency Response						
Dispatches	528			Aborts	In County	Out of County
Flight Hrs	218.8			Cancelled	56	20
TC Transports	40		EMS Cancelled	Mechanical	0	1
OOC Transports	103	Missed Busy	In Co / Out Co	Weather	5	22
Total Transports	143	2	38 / 20	Total	61	43

Response Type	Dispatches	Aborts	Missions	% - Missions to Dispatch	Flight Hrs	% of Total Flight Hours
Travis County Respo						*
EMS	98	48	50	51.0%	25.8	11.8%
Rescue	27	19	8	29.6%	7.7	3.5%
Law Enfor.	4	1	3	75.0%	2.7	1.2%
Fire	11	0	1	100.0%	0.2	0.1%
Sub -Total	130	68	62	47.7%	36.4	16.6%
Out of County Respo]				
EMS	138	44	94	68.1%	88.9	40.6%
Rescue	6	0	6	100.0%	4.2	1.9%
Law Enfor.	2	0	2	100.0%	1.1	0.5%
Fire	2	1	1	50.0%	1.3	0.6%
Sub -Total	148	45	103	69.6%	95.5	43.6%
All Responses]				
EMS	236	92	144	61.0%	114.7	52.4%
Rescue	33	19	14	42.4%	11.9	5.4%
Law Enfor.	6	1	5	83.3%	3.8	1.7%
Fire	3	1	2	66.7%	1,5	0.7%
Total	278	113	165	59.4%	131.9	60.3%
Other Missions]				
Operations	161	_			27.6	12.6%
Repositon	3				0.7	0.3%
Maintenance	19				10.4	4.8%
Public Relations	17				5.8	2.7%
Training	50				42.4	19.4%
Sub -Total	250	100100			86.9	39.7%
TOTAL MISSIONS	528	REVIOLEN			218.8	100.0%

Auto Launches	MPD P1	MPD P2	MPD P3	MPD P4	MPD P5	Transports	% of Tota
60	12	38	1	0	11	22	37%
PCRs	CC Reviews	% CC Reviews	MD Reviews	% MD Reviews	Exceptions*	Investigations**]
264	264	100%	2	1%	Ο	2	1

^{*}Exceptions = Unique/seldom occurring circumstances requiring a more indepth review, including crew interviews, to determine if appropriate actions were taken

^{**}Investigations = COG/protocol compliance were not adhered requiring a more indepth review, including crew interviews, to determine reason