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# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

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August 11, 2022



# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Georgia Trauma Commission Meeting

August 11, 2022

09:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

St. Simons, King and Prince Resort

Agenda

### **09:00 am to 09:10 am (10 minutes)**

Welcome, call to order & establish quorum

Dr. Dennis Ashley

Approval of May 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes \*

Chairman's Report

### **09:10 am to 9:30 am (15 minutes)**

Executive Director's Report

Liz Atkins

### **Committee & Workgroup Reports I 09:25 am to 10:15 am (50 minutes)**

Budget Committee\*

Dr. Regina Medeiros

EMS Committee/ MARCH PAWS Grant Update

Courtney Terwilliger

Level III/Level IV/Rural Trauma Center Committee

Dr. Greg Patterson

Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence

Jesse Gibson

### **-----BREAK 10:15 am -10:30 am (15 minutes) -----**

### **Committee & Workgroup Reports II 10:30 am to 11:10 am (40 minutes)**

Trauma Administrators Committee

Dr. Michelle Wallace

Trauma System Performance Committee

Dr. James Dunne

Trauma Medical Directors Committee

Dr. Katherine Kohler

### **Trauma System Partner Reports 11:10 am to 11:40 pm (30 minutes)**

Georgia Trauma Foundation

Cheryle Ward

Georgia Quality Improvement Program

Dr. S. Rob Todd

Gina Solomon

Office of EMS and Trauma

Renee Morgan

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### **New Business 11:40 am to 11:55 (15 minutes)**

RTAC Coordinator's STOP THE BLEED Program Proposal\*

Crystal Shelnett

GCEP Rural EM Course Collaboration

Dr. James Smith

### **11:55 am to 12:00 pm (5 minutes)**

Summary of Action Items

Dr. Dennis Ashley

Motion to Adjourn\*

**\* Commission action anticipated**



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## Georgia Trauma Commission

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 19, 2022

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Morgan County Public Safety Complex

Meeting Recording: <https://youtu.be/LejZ2C87FCk>

Meeting Attachments: [trauma.ga.gov](https://trauma.ga.gov)

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT
Dr. Dennis Ashley, Chairman Dr. James Dunne, Vice-Chairman Dr. Regina Medeiros, Secretary /Treasurer Dr. John Bleacher Mr. Courtney Terwilliger Dr. Michelle Wallace Mr. Victor Drawdy	Mr. Jim Adkins Dr. James J. Smith

STAFF MEMBERS & OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
Gina Solomon Katie Hamilton Gabriela Saye Tracy Johns Cheryle Ward Becca Hallum S. Rob Todd Kelli Vaughn John Harvey Jesse Gibson Nadirah Burgess Michelle Archer Bernard Restrepo Jonathan Lieupo Michael Johnson Renee Morgan Kelly Joiner Heather Morgan Richard Jacob Karen Hust Pamela Vanderberg	GTC, GQIP Director GTC, Finance Operations Officer GTC, Executive Assistant Atrium Health Navicent (Medical Center Navicent Health) Georgia Trauma Foundation Georgia Hospital Association Grady Health System John D Archbold Memorial Hospital MAGMRC NGMC Northside Hospital Gwinnett OEMST OEMST OEMST OEMST OEMST OEMST Piedmont Athens Piedmont Walton Piedmont Walton Hospital Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center



**Call to Order (00:00:07 on the recording)**

Dr. Dennis Ashley called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM with six of nine Commission members present. Dr. John Bleacher arrived a few minutes after Call to Order.

**Chairman's Report (00:00:48)**

***Presented by Dr. Dennis Ashley***

Dr. Ashley started his report by recognizing our EMS colleagues for EMS week and appreciation for everything they do for us throughout the state. He shared some events his facility did to celebrate the week and success stories thanks to first responders.

I have also been amazed by the volunteer work with the Committees. Without the Committees, the Commission would not be anything. Thanks to everyone who participates.

Thanks to all the Level III/IV trauma centers that participated in the Readiness Cost Survey. We submitted an abstract to the American Association for Surgery of Trauma, and it was accepted for podium presentation at the national meeting in September. The abstract will also be considered for publication and journal trauma. We are excited that it gives the Level III and IVs national prominence and gets the word out on their costs. We will get you more information about it as we develop the slides.

Liz Atkins asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes before continuing to the Executive Director Report.

**MOTION GTCNC 2022-05-01:**

**Motion to approve the March 2, 2022, and Called April 28, 2022 meeting minutes as submitted.**

**MOTION BY:** Courtney Terwilliger

**SECOND BY:** Michelle Wallace

**VOTING:** All members are in favor of the motion.

**ACTION:** The motion **PASSED** with no objections nor abstentions.

**Executive Director Report (00:09:00)**

***Presented by Liz Atkins***

Liz congratulated Jesse Gibson on winning the national Leadership Award at the Society of Trauma Nurses Annual Meeting. Jesse is the Chair of the Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence, which is comprised of all the trauma programmatic staff. Thank you Jesse, for leading our state.

Liz referenced page on page 20 of the meeting packet. We track the Super Speeder revenue to ensure we are on target with our budget. Dr. Dunne asked what would be the reason for a decline in revenue. Are people speeding less? Katie Hamilton clarified that the revenue depends on when the fines are paid, not when they incur the ticket. Liz added that it doesn't appear we are in jeopardy of having to adjust our budget. Due to the trust fund, we have our FY23 funds in full. We have to settle up at the end of year on the Fireworks Excise revenue, which can act as a buffer for our budget. We haven't inquired what happens if the revenues fall short of what we were allocated. Vic Drawdy mentioned that state police or patrol might not know where the Super Speeder funds go. Once they

find out, they are more diligent on the matter. Dr. Ashley mentioned he is willing to go to a police training day or banquet to thank them and inform on the result of their labor. Vic Drawdy stated that Stop the Bleed has been the easiest way he can access and educate them on the Super Speeder funds. There are research opportunities too if we can get the data to find out where most of the speeding occurs and correlate with accidents and traumas.

A note on strategic planning starts on page 21, which is slightly different this year. They want the plans by July 11<sup>th</sup> and are in the form of an excel sheet. Our environmental scan will remain essentially unchanged. The focus shifted to internal service levels, ensuring payments tracking, finances, expenditures, and maximizing our budget. The strategic plan outlines items we have direct control over. We will send the revised strategic plan to you all and can make modifications if necessary.

In the packet, pages 25-32, you will also see the February Trauma Center of Association of America (TCAA) annual virtual lobby day. It was very successful, and we encourage everyone to participate in the future. It is an excellent opportunity to see what is going on at the federal level and eye-opening to see how many people advocate for the funds we need to build a stronger system. Cheryle Ward's sister, Radienne Slaughter, was featured as a trauma survivor and included in the meeting packet. They also provided detailed information on Mission Zero, a bill for improving trauma systems, and the emergency care act, which can be found on their website.

I included a screenshot of the cover of the new Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient (page 34). Unfortunately, all the Level IV criteria was eliminated from the book. The ACS COT has recognized the oversight, and they will be adding it back. They don't know how it will get added, but we'll see how it gets incorporated. The ACS COT has stood up a rural committee comprised of multi-disciplinary rural trauma care providers. The ACS also released the national guideline for Field Triage Criteria. I would encourage you to go on their website to review all the literature and meta-analysis that went into updating the criteria.

May is Injury Prevention Month, and the American Trauma Society has many resources around safe surroundings. There is also a National Trauma Survivor's Toolkit, which is included in the meeting packet, pages 40-45.

The Georgia Trauma Commission will be funding the Pennsylvania Trauma System Foundation (PTSF) consult visits for Level IVs. A Powerpoint in your packets, pages 46-62, describes the education provided to the Level IV trauma centers for a successful visit. Both surveyors are Level IV Emergency Department physicians, which is exciting since the ER doctors drive those programs, and they can get feedback at their colleague level. In November, PTSF will come to report to the Commission on their findings: the strengths, opportunities, and recommendations. Since the November Commission meeting falls on Rural Health Day, we may move the meeting to the Macon Marriott and have it be a full-day meeting. We also have the TMD Committee revamping, and we will have a lot more reports. Dr. Dunne asked if it would be helpful for the Commission members to be present during the Level IV visits? Liz answered that Commission members are not needed during the consult visits but will need to attend the Commission meeting in November to review the results. If we move it to the Macon Marriott, we can invite the rural centers to talk about their experience during their visits. Courtney Terwilliger asked if an EMS representative would need to attend the consult visits. Liz answered that it is customary to have someone from the EMS community present and ask Courtney to bring up that option to the Level III/IV Committee.

We have an update on the malicious email that went out on behalf of Georgia Trauma Commission staff employees. We obtained a new email domain ga.gov, which will be deployed soon. We received additional recommendations for cybersecurity training and multi-factor authentication for several applications.

EMS equipment grants rolled out in April, and we had only 4 out of 177 services that did not participate. We look to have a consistent date for future grants when we open and close the application process.

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## COMMITTEE AND WORKGROUP REPORTS

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### **Budget Committee Report (00:37:47)**

#### ***Presented by Dr. Regina Medeiros***

Dr. Regina Medeiros gave a brief report on behalf of the Budget Committee, page 65.

- We are excited to report the entire 20 million FY 2023 budget was approved.
- The next item we will tackle is the FY2024 budget, due in September.
- Our grants and contracts workgroup has concluded their recommendations for updates and changes to the existing grants and contracts. We will review a one-page summary of changes at our next Budget Committee.

### **Level III/IV Committee Report (00:38:56)**

#### ***Presented by Dr. Greg Patterson***

Dr. Greg Patterson referenced the Level III/IV Committee Report submitted to the Commission, page 68.

- Level III/IV Readiness Cost Survey oral abstract was accepted for podium presentation at the AAST
- Level III/IV Trauma Center Consults are progressing. Level III ACS consult visits are already scheduled. Level IV PTSF visits will be October 10-14, 2022, and the orientation PowerPoint was included in the Executive Director Report.
- MARCH PAWS is still ongoing development with the help of Courtney Terwilliger. We hope to have some advances by our next August meeting. Some questions regarding how MARCH PAWS differs from the ACS rural trauma development program. The ACS program was taught by level one trauma surgeons in the rural centers. Ultimately, with MARCH PAWS, we want the rural centers to reach out to the smaller rural areas and create connections.
- The Level III/IV Committee is working with the Administrators Committee for access to specialty care.
- The Committee wants the Commission's attention for the support of the ESO Web-Based registry to help the Level III/IV centers catch up with the other centers in the state. Liz Atkins added that we received an updated quote to include the PRQ report package and the outcomes module. The Commission already approved Web hosting as part of the amended budget. David Newton stated that OEMST already has the system for free, and we have the PRQ reports already done. Liz Atkins noted that they would talk about that at a later time.
- The Committee wants to bring forward a request to approve the ACS Rural-Focused Consult Visit dates. The ACS would visit the vast majority of the regions to do a consult visit for the whole state and see how the trauma system functions from a rural perspective. The dates of the visit would be January 6-13, 2023. Liz Atkins added that they need to confirm the date because they are currently holding that whole week and have to coordinate schedules. We already have a placeholder for the full ACS system visit, but it has not been scheduled due to the need for a NHTSA evaluation first. David Newton informed the Commission

that the NHTSA evaluation is tentatively planned for the end of August, which should last a week. The dates will be confirmed once they are assigned site surveyors. NHTSA will provide a verbal report at the end of the visit, but the official report will take weeks.

Kelly Joiner with OEMST brought up the concern of the tight turnaround between the NHTSA evaluation in August and the ACS Rural-Focused visit in January. It won't give us time to absorb whatever NHTSA finds. Regina Medeiros mentioned that OEMST wouldn't fill out the PRQ. The ACS suggests getting a multi-disciplinary group to complete it and compile the documents. It has to be submitted by whoever the requesting agency is. Dr. Dunne agreed that there isn't an ideal time, and it will always be busy. We have good engagement from the rural centers and want to keep the momentum going. Dr. Ashley recognized the trepidation about the timing, but it will be a team effort with the Level III/IV Committee doing the heavy lifting to get that data. Dr. Dunne added that it might be beneficial if David Newton sent the Commission a copy of what the NHTSA PRQ looks like so we can tailor some of those same questions. It was noted that the ACS Rural-Focused Consult visit was not a pass/fail. The ACS will give us suggestions to improve our system and provide us with data and information for action planning.

**MOTION GTCNC 2022-05-02:**

**Motion to approve January 6-13, 2022 dates for the ACS Rural-Focused Consult Visit**

**MOTION BY:** Courtney Terwilliger

**SECOND BY:** Michelle Wallace

**VOTING:** All members are in favor of the motion.

**ACTION:** The motion **PASSED** with no objections nor abstentions.

**EMS Committee Report (01:06:07)**

***Presented by Courtney Terwilliger***

Courtney Terwilliger referenced the report on page 67 for the EMS Committee.

- The Committee has a called meeting next week to review the Budget allocated to us. We will also review the issue of ambulance services in rural communities not facilitating timely transport. We will look into the EMS equipment grants to ensure we fund 911 transport vehicles, not general transport. Dr. Dunne added that the Data Committee is also looking at the time for definitive care for the rural areas. The rural hospitals do a great job contacting for transport, but there is a delay from the first hospital to the end hospital. It could be an issue of not enough EMS providers or not enough rigs. The NHTSA evaluation will look into the availability of transportation and has a section on systems of care.
- We had our last subcommittee meeting at the T-Mobile Innovation center. Several presenters gave us information on potential systems that might enhance the AVLS system. We also put out a policy of an "open enrollment" time frame for changing vendors for the InMotion devices. This will allow us to better plan our budget process.
- As part of the MARCH-PAWS initiative, we are investigating the Moodle platform for training purposes.

- The classes have been scheduled and are ongoing. We continue to get positive feedback from these classes. During the May 24th discussion, we will discuss the merits of the courses we are currently supporting.

### **GCTE Report (01:23:00)**

#### ***Presented by Jesse Gibson***

Jesse Gibson referenced the report on page 72 for the Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence

- Pediatric Subcommittee continues to work on several things, including gun violence initiatives and the shock index specific to pediatrics. The group has developed a pediatric readiness package to distribute due to new ACS requirements in the Gray Book.
- The Registry Subcommittee is working on the time to definitive care report to identify themes or gaps. They are also discussing the new 2022 ACS Standards, which will require increased trauma registry staff, so there may be a potential for increased resources to our top centers to cover those costs.
- The Education Subcommittee is also working on transfer to definitive care and a PowerPoint to share with non-trauma and lower-level trauma centers. They are also working on a presentation on kidney injury since we are low performers as a state based on our TQIP feedback. The state had education funding left over from the previous FY. They have asked the education subcommittee to help fund educational offerings. The Education Subcommittee had approx. \$11,000 to help fund educational offerings around the state.
- The Injury Prevention and Outreach Subcommittee is busy with injury prevention month and working on programs such as the road ahead, child abuse prevention, and bingosize.
- PI Subcommittee is also working on our shared goal of time to definitive care. They are looking at specific cases and finding trends or barriers in getting those patients out.

There was a brief discussion on telemedicine and how it could help rural facilities treat patients. It is uncertain what kind of liability there would be. Dr. Todd added that the GQIP Advisory Committee had discussed the ability of telemedicine and the potential benefits it could provide to trauma centers.

### **Trauma Administrators Committee Report (01:35:25)**

#### ***Presented by Michelle Wallace***

- We had a great meeting in March at Barnsley, and since then, we have had a co-chair meeting and a full committee meeting in April.
- We established some workgroups: Finance, Diversion, and Education, which all have chairs. We sent out a workgroup sign-up and have 12 administrators interested in participating.
- We plan to have at least one more committee meeting in July, which will be virtual. The Co-chairs will meet during the summer meeting and have a strategy session.
- I sent some screenshots to Liz and Regina to provide some feedback to finalize our GCC request and send it to DPH. We will need to understand the education rollout. I would like the diversion workgroup to get some feedback.
- Our Co-chairs for the Committee are:
  - Katrina Keefer, LI Co-Chair, Augusta University (Finance Workgroup)
  - Frances Van Beek, LII Co-Chair, Wellstar Health System (Diversion Workgroup)
  - Amy Watson, LIII Co-Chair, Effingham Medical Center (Diversion Workgroup)

- Damien Scott, LIV Co-Chair, Emanuel Medical Center (Education Workgroup)

### **Trauma System Performance Committee Report (01:37:52)**

#### ***Presented by Dr. James Dunne***

I am excited about all the enthusiasm around all the committees working together to resolve time to definitive care. The conversion to ImageTrend at the state office has halted our data analysis. Mare Probst added that hopefully, the transition would be completed by June. We are working with the pilot centers to resolve some issues, and once complete, the download will go to all other centers. Once all centers receive the files to download, we will have to wait on each of them to complete the installation. We are working on getting July 2021 through March 31, 2022 data. There was concern regarding relying on centers and their IT security departments to download the files, which could take longer than expected due to approval procedures within each facility.

Dr. Dunne asked David Newton about the progress of the armband project. David Newton stated they are working with EMS PCR vendors to see where the number can be entered on the trip report. Next, they will be reaching out to a couple of hospitals to see how it can be entered into their system. We are also working with the governor's Office of Highway Safety and Law Enforcement to educate on the armbands and put a process together. There is currently no live date for the pilot. The armbands will only be used on car crash victims per the funding parameters. There was concern regarding integrating the armband number into a hospital's EMR, which varies from facility to facility. It is not easy for hospitals to add extra fields to their EMRs and go through approval processes. Hospitals may share the same software, such as EPIC, but each facility has its setup and system. A suggestion of writing the armband number to the History and Physical Note. Many registrars look at the H&P note when abstracting, and the doctor can just notate it in there.

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## **SYSTEM PARTNER REPORTS**

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### **Georgia Trauma Foundation Report (01:59:40)**

#### ***Presented by Cheryle Ward***

- We have entered into a partnership with Alexander Haas, a top fundraising consulting firm. They have worked with thousands of non-profits to get them where they need to be financially. Our first engagement with them is to help us put resources in place to reach the levels of success that we need to advance the state's trauma system. Another item is board expansion and we have successfully onboarded one director. Under the advisement of Alexander Hass, we won't be adding any more until we put together a recruitment strategy that is targeted toward our fundraising needs.
- The Foundation has historically been involved with education, and we are currently working on a project with the State Office of Rural Health to spearhead a continuing education database. It will serve as a one-stop-shop to identify course faculty for the state and nationally approved programs.

Dr. Dunne asked if it is reasonable to assume that the Foundation will be self-sustaining in the future. Dr. Bleacher answered that the Commission will always fund the operational costs of the Foundations. In turn, the Foundation will be able to provide resources and funds for Commission initiatives.

### **Georgia Quality Improvement Report (02:09:30)**

#### ***Presented by Gina Solomon***



- Workgroup Updates
  - AKI: Plan for more recent data pull for comparison to 2017 data. Poster submitted by Dr. Jesse Codner on AKI Physician Practice Survey accepted at Quality & Safety Conference. Dr. Codner will be leaving us in June to start his clinical. We will have a research resident from Emory take over that role.
  - TBI: Completing larger data pull from centers for analysis.
  - Opioids: Continuing to work on Multimodal guidelines.
- VAP Guideline Review: Workgroup developed to review and update as needed.
- The new contract process requires contracts involving software to be reviewed by the Georgia Technology Authority (GTA). Their review requested numerous changes. Changes completed & back to commercial contract team to finalize and resend to GTA for approval. Once GTA approves can send to benchmarking platform vendor. Awaiting project timeline and SOW for central site project. Liz Atkins added that we could add the platform as part of the center's PBP criteria for the next three years.
- Meetings continue with the special counsel and AG office. The recent focus on clarifying status in regards to HIPAA-covered entities. Moving forward, GTC is clarified as a noncovered entity regarding HIPAA.
- GQIP Trauma Advisory Committee continues to meet monthly. They recently submitted their input for the Day of Trauma Agenda, page 80

#### **Office of EMS and Trauma Report (02:24:17)**

##### ***Presented by Renee Morgan***

Renee Morgareferenced the report on page 81 and gave a couple of highlights:

- We have sent out a copy of the 2019 Trauma Registry Report, which is included in your packets, pages 83-148. Special thanks to Marie and Danlin for putting a lot of hard work into it. We intend to have these reports go out annually, and we are already working on 2020.
- Redesignations are revamping back up.
- We have two new level IV designations in region 4, West Georgia Medical Center and Lagrange.

#### **MAG MRC Report (02:28:17)**

##### ***Presented by Dr. John Harvey***

MAG MRC report can be found on pages 149-150 of the meeting packet. Dr. John Harvey presented on the efforts of the MAG Medical Reserve Corps, such as facilitating deployments for volunteer physicians and aiding with vaccinations during COVID. They have developed some new protocols for a response that were utilized throughout Georgia. In addition to state responses, they have done several trainings, including active shooter drills and Stop the Bleed training. Recently, MAG MRC has partnered with the Georgia Department of Public Health to coordinate shelter support during hurricanes.

Dr. Medeiros asked if most of the MAG MRC operating funding comes from the Commission or if you have funding from outside sources. Dr. Harvey states they do receive other funding in federal funding and grants.

Dr. Ashley thanked Dr. Harvey for the continued support.

**MOTION GTCNC 2022-05-03:**

**Motion to adjourn**

**MOTION BY:** Vic Drawdy

**SECOND BY:** Dr. James Dunne

**VOTING:** All members are in favor of the motion.

**ACTION:** The motion **PASSED** with no objections nor abstentions.

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Gabriela Saye*

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# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Executive Director Report

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Elizabeth Atkins

August 11, 2022

King and Prince Resort

# Executive Director Report

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Initiative/Project	Description	Update
<b>Budget &amp; Finance</b>		
Finance – Fiscal Year 2022 Closeout	Reconciliation of all fiscal year expenses and purchase order adjustments	Details in presentation as part of Budget Committee report.
Finance - FY 2023	FY 2023 Budget approval May 19, 2022, GTC Meeting	Approved FY 2023 overall budget and departmental-based budget allocations are included in the meeting packet for review.
Georgia Fund 1 – Trauma	HB 155 resulted in the creation of the Georgia Trauma Trust fund to house fees dedicated from super speeder collections and fireworks excise tax revenues. GTC, DPH, and GA Treasury are working to establish this account per the new code.	The resolution for the creation of the fund was completed on 7/22. The GA Treasury is working to establish the account. An 8/17 meeting is planned to review the progress and continue discussions on new processes related to this account.
<b>Future Meetings &amp; Key Dates</b>		
<b>October 11-14, 2022</b> Level IV Consultative Visits Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF)	The ACS does not have a consultation process for Level IV trauma centers, so we have contracted with PTSF to provide that service	Two site survey teams will be deployed to survey six GA level IV centers.
<b>November 17, 2022</b> Commission Meeting – Annual Meeting and Rural Health Day	The November Commission meeting is the Annual Meeting the GTC; it also coincides with Rural Health Day	PTSF Board/Surveyors to present aggregate findings of LIV consultative visits conducted in October; Presentations by Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center and State Office of Rural Health



# Executive Director Report

Initiative/Project	Description	Update
<b>Future Meetings &amp; Key Dates (Continued)</b>		
<b>January 9-13, 2023</b> American College of Surgeons' Trauma Systems Rural Focused Consultation	The ACS Trauma Systems consultation program offers a critical analysis of system status including its challenges and opportunities and provides recommendations for system improvement and enhancement	Logistics in process with ACS Trauma Systems Team in concert with G. Patterson, K. Vaughn (LIII/IV/Rural Committee), R. Morgan (OEMS/T) & N. Ham (SORH); Tentative locations: Cartersville, GA Cordele, GA
<b>March 1, 2023</b> Commission Meeting - Winter 2023 GQIP Meeting	Feb 28 – Mar 1, 2023; <i>Tentatively</i> at Chateau Elan	More information as we finalize contractual arrangements
<b>Projects &amp; Initiatives</b>		
<b>Trauma System Analysis</b> Replication of the 2013 trauma system study by E. Pracht	The 2013 trauma system analysis included a summary on access as well as survivability. The new study will use the most available data from 2010 - 2020	Dataset completed and ready for review; multiple logistical challenges with meeting scheduling
<b>Strategic Planning</b>	The purpose of strategic planning is to align agencies' focus with state goals and demonstrate steps to meet the agency's statutory requirements, mission, and vision	Three major changes: 1. Submission timeframe 07/11; 2. New template in excel; 3. More detailed action plans (vs strategies). Cascades to each GTC team members' individual goals



# Executive Director Report

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Initiative/Project Updates	Description	Update
Projects & Initiatives		
<b>RTAC Coordinator Transitions</b>	RTAC Coordinators from Regions 1 and 8 transitioned prior to the start of FY 2023; RTAC coordinators from Regions 3 & 9 requested contract termination after the start of FY 2023	Welcome Ben Harbin as Region 1 RTAC Coordinator and Anita Matherly as Region 8 RTAC Coordinator; Recruitment process initiated for Region 3 & 9
<b>Level III/IV Trauma Center Readiness Costs Survey</b> September 21, 2022, AAST Podium Presentation	Replication of the Level I/II readiness costs survey using criteria from the 2014 ACS <i>Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient</i> document for the level III/IV trauma centers	<i>Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery</i> Manuscript submission completed July 29, 2022

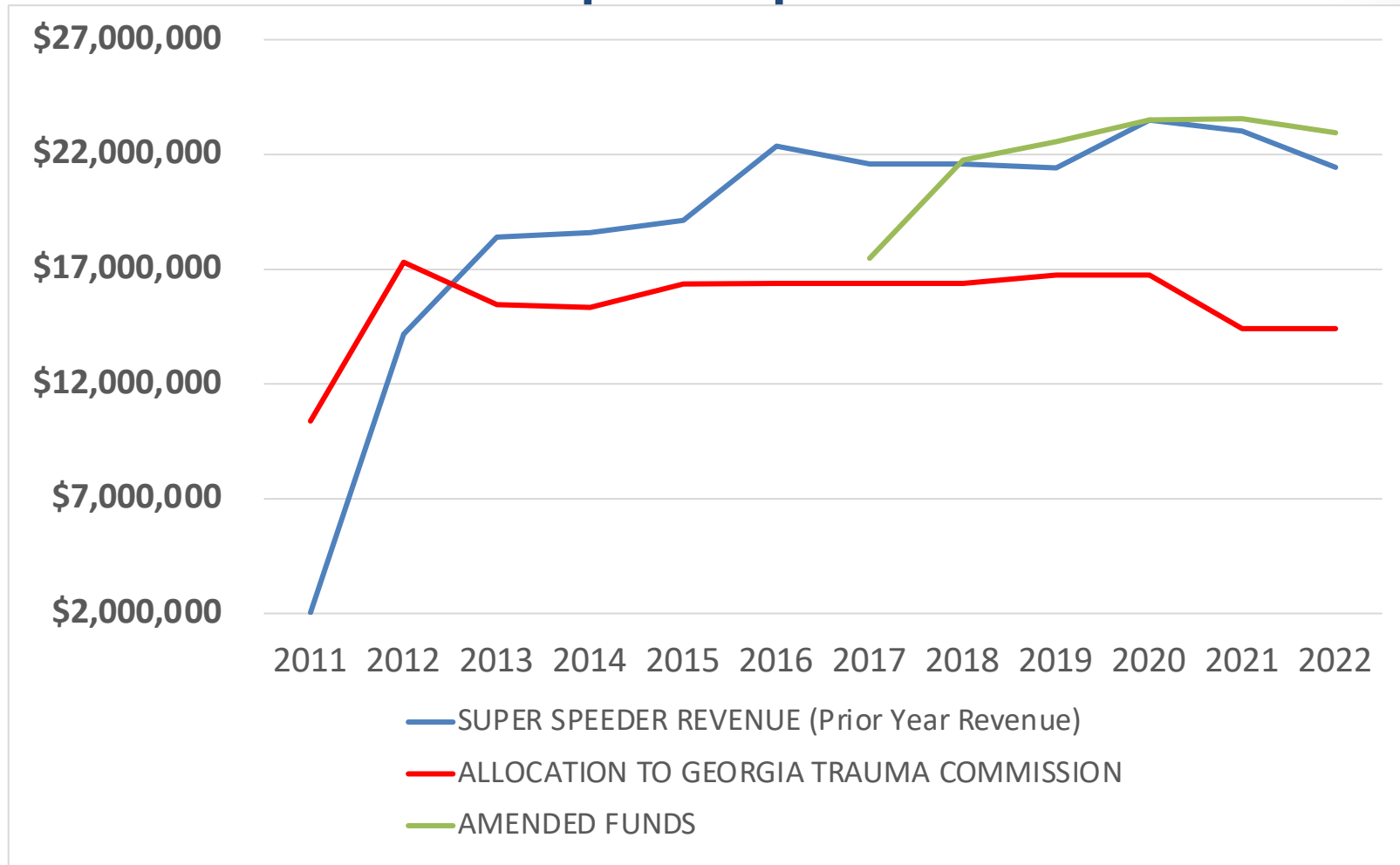


# Super Speeder Revenue Summary



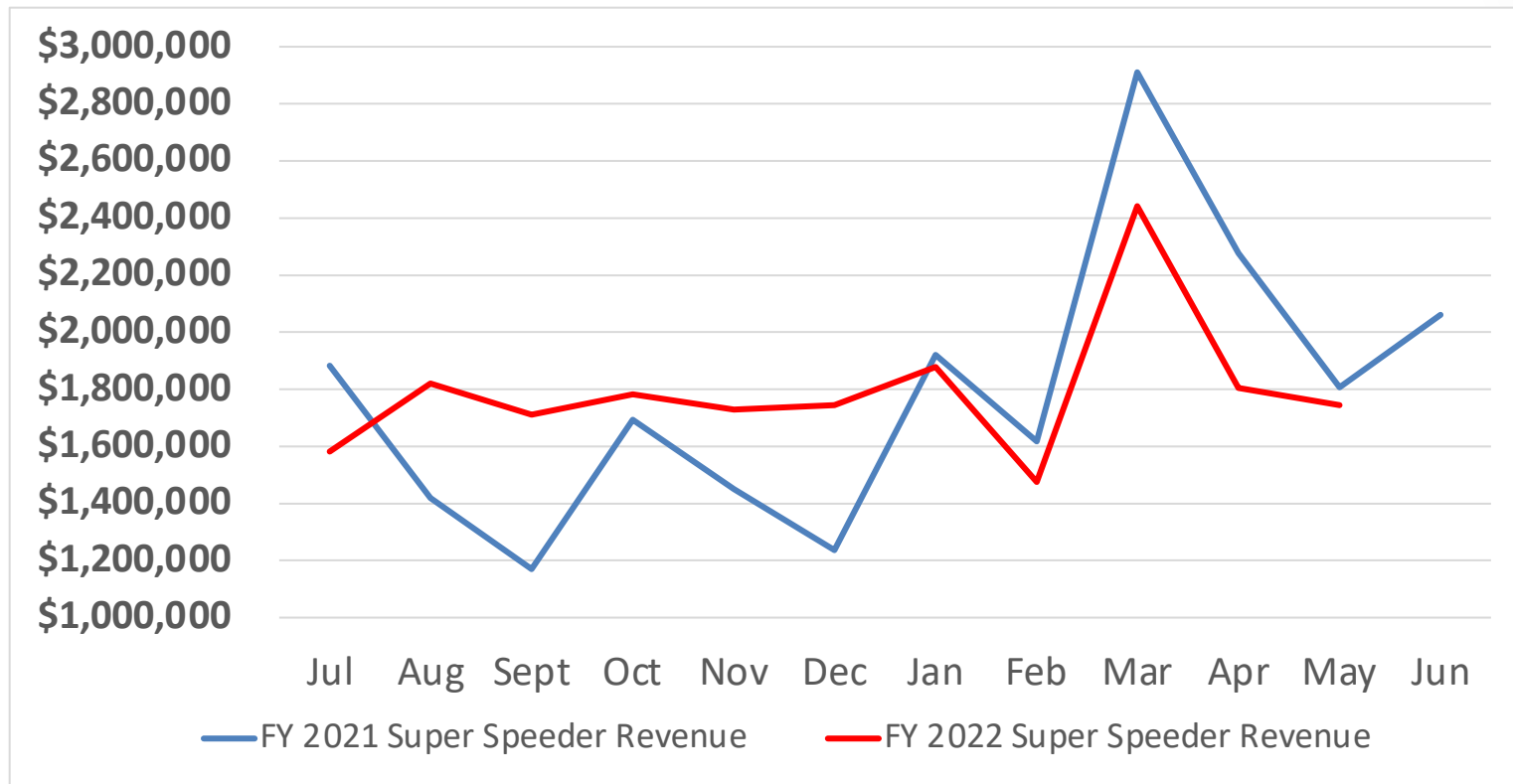
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# Revenue to Budget Comparison: Super Speeder



# Super Speeder Revenues

## FY 2021 vs. FY 2022



# Super Speeder Cumulative Revenue FY 2021 vs. FY 2022

Month	FY 2021 Cumulative Total	FY 2022 Cumulative Total	Cumulative Variance	Percentage +/-
Jul	\$ 1,882,436.00	\$ 1,580,677.00	\$ (301,759.00)	-16%
Aug	\$ 3,302,244.00	\$ 3,400,448.00	\$ 98,204.00	3%
Sept	\$ 4,472,201.00	\$ 5,111,959.00	\$ 639,758.00	14%
Oct	\$ 6,165,461.00	\$ 6,895,251.00	\$ 729,790.00	12%
Nov	\$ 7,616,157.00	\$ 8,623,089.00	\$ 1,006,932.00	13%
Dec	\$ 8,853,010.00	\$ 10,368,341.00	\$ 1,515,331.00	17%
Jan	\$ 10,773,002.00	\$ 12,245,538.00	\$ 1,472,536.00	14%
Feb	\$ 12,390,822.00	\$ 13,720,763.00	\$ 1,329,941.00	11%
Mar	\$ 15,301,275.00	\$ 16,162,195.00	\$ 860,920.00	6%
Apr	\$ 17,578,083.00	\$ 17,965,676.00	\$ 387,593.00	2%
May	\$ 19,384,342.00	\$ 19,709,703.00	\$ 325,361.00	2%
Jun	\$ 21,444,840.00			





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*The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission distributes funds appropriated for trauma system improvement and works to stabilize and strengthen the state's trauma care system.*

## Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission FY 2023 GTC Budget Approved April 28, 2022

Budget Areas	Description	O.C.G.A. Reference	\$ 21,444,840.00
Commission Operations	Staff salaries, benefits, office rental, business IT, telecommunications, virtual meeting platforms, meeting equipment, and travel; standardize grant and contracting processes; implement business intelligence processes and tools	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.11,16	\$ 1,074,627
System Development, Access & Accountability	Regional trauma system development & outcome metrics	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.12-15	\$ 530,396
MAG Medical Reserve Corps	Medical reserve corps administrative, recruitment and education support	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.13	\$ 170,000
Georgia Quality Improvement Program (GQIP)	National benchmarking to elevate the quality of trauma care in Georgia. Includes over 850 participating centers nationally.	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.14	\$ 164,630
Injury Prevention	Coordinate, establish, maintain and administer programs designed to educate the citizens of Georgia on trauma prevention	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.13	\$ 50,000
Georgia Trauma Foundation	Create, oversee, and maintain a foundation to raise funds specifically for investment in the overall trauma system.	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.8	\$ 182,000
DPH Office of EMS & Trauma (Maximum 3%)	Monitor state-wide trauma care, recruitment of trauma care service providers into the network as needed and continue to operate and improve the system	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.9	\$ 432,183
<b>Subtotal of Budget Areas</b>			<b>\$ 2,603,837</b>
<b>Available for Stakeholders Distribution</b>			<b>\$ 18,841,003</b>
EMS Stakeholders	Supports emergency medical services trauma readiness costs. Provide Ambulance Automatic Vehicle Location Systems (AVLS) maintenance and Pre-hospital provider education.	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.7	\$ 3,768,201
Trauma Center UCC Audits	Annual third party validation of uncompensated care claims	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.5	\$ 50,000
Trauma Centers & Physicians Stakeholders	Support trauma center readiness and uncompensated care	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.3-5	\$ 15,022,803
<b>Subtotal of Stakeholder Distribution</b>			<b>\$ 18,841,003</b>
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$ 21,444,840</b>

GTC FY 2023 Approved Budget	
<b>FY 2023 Approved Budget:</b>	<b>29-Jul-2022</b>
<i>Trauma Care Trust Funds</i>	\$ 13,594,359
<i>State General Funds</i>	\$ 7,850,481
<b>FY 2023 Available Funding</b>	<b>\$ 21,444,840</b>
<b>Budget Areas</b>	<b>Approved FY 2023 Budget</b>
Commission Operations	\$ 1,074,627
System Development, Access & Accountability	\$ 1,529,209
<b>Subtotal of Budget Areas</b>	<b>\$ 2,603,836</b>
<b>Available for Stakeholders Distribution</b>	<b>\$ 18,841,004</b>
EMS Stakeholders @ 20% of stakeholders distribution	\$ 3,768,201
Trauma Center UCCC Audits	\$ 50,000
Pracht Study	
Trauma Centers & Physicians Stakeholders @ 80% of stakeholders distribution	\$ 15,022,803
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 21,444,840</b>

Budget Area: Commission Operations			
		FY 2023 Approved Budget:	29-Jul-2022
Staff Costs: 4051300101 (Operations)	FY 2022	FY 2023	Description
Staff Salaries	\$ 487,080	\$ 425,566	Executive Director, Finance Operations Officer, & Office Coordinator
Benefits	\$ 301,425	\$ 295,732	61.884% (FY 2022 Fringe Rates)
DOAS Administrative Fee	\$ 16,229	\$ 16,229	
Staff Travel	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	Travel for above employees.
Commission Members Expense Allowance	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,500	Commission Per Diem at \$105 per meeting and Travel Expenditures
<b>Total Staff Costs</b>	<b>\$ 846,734</b>	<b>\$ 776,027</b>	
<b>Operations</b>			
Office Rent	\$ 25,800	\$ 7,800	
Conference call account	\$ 4,010	\$ 2,650	Commission and subcommittee meetings
Website Services	\$ 8,900	\$ 4,200	
Printing/Supplies	\$ 8,000	\$ 11,500	Office Supplies & Printing
Telephone/Internet Service	\$ 4,656	\$ 2,000	Telephone & Internet service
Shipping	\$ 500	\$ 500	Program-wide expense.
Cell Telephones & Mifi	\$ 5,550	\$ 7,000	Staff cell phones and mifi
Meeting Expense	\$ 30,000	\$ 100,000	Meeting Expenses
Software	\$ 11,220	\$ 11,450	Box, Adobe, Office 365, Name Cheap, Quickbooks
Warran Averett	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Finance Optimization
TCAA		\$ 1,500	
Grahpic Designer		\$ 20,000	
Contingency funding	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000	
<b>Total Operations Costs</b>	<b>\$ 228,636</b>	<b>\$ 298,600</b>	
<b>Total Commission Operations Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,075,370</b>	<b>\$ 1,074,627</b>	

## Budget Area: System Development

**FY 2023 Approved Budget: 29-Jul-2022**

Staff Costs: 4051303001 (System Development)	FY 2022	FY 2023	Description
<b>System Development</b>			
RTAC I Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
RTAC II Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	North Georgia Community Foundation
RTAC III Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
RTAC IV Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
RTAC V Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
RTAC VI Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
RTAC VII Funding Request	\$ 40,364	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
RTAC VIII Funding Request		\$ 40,364	
RTAC IX Funding Request	\$ 50,900	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
RTAC X Funding Request	\$ 40,564	\$ 40,364	RTAC Coordinator
American College of Surgeons TQIP State participation	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
Medical Association of Georgia	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000	
Georgia Quality Improvement Program Collaborative	\$ 100,000	\$ 164,630	
State Trauma Medical Director	\$ 32,884	\$ 32,884	
TQIP Participation for Level III		\$ 68,872	
Legal-Peer Review	\$ 60,000	\$ 10,000	
Injury Prevention		\$ 50,000	
Georgia Trauma Foundation	\$ 142,000	\$ 182,000	
OEMST	\$ 432,183	\$ 432,183	
<b>Total Development &amp; Access Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,326,079</b>	<b>\$ 1,529,209</b>	

## Budget Area: EMS Stakeholders

FY 2023 Approved Budget: 29-Jul-2022

Available EMS Budget @ 20% of available funds for stakeholders:	FY 2022	FY 2023	Description
<b>Total Allocation</b>	\$ 3,753,162	\$ 3,768,201	
AVLS Maintenance	\$ 65,775	\$ 128,445	
Program Management		\$ 42,000	
AVLS Airtime Support	\$ 649,992	\$ 597,840	
AVLS Equipment	\$ -	\$ 110,584	
EMS Equipment Grant	\$ -	\$ 1,189,331	
Contracts for EMS Training and Equipment	\$ 1,685,322	\$ 1,700,000	
<b>Available for Stakeholder Distribution</b>	\$ 2,401,089	\$ 3,768,201	

## Budget Area: Trauma Centers & Physicians

FY 2023 Approved Budget:

29-Jul-2022

		Amount	
Trauma Center & Physician Readiness Payments		\$1,041,592	54%
Performance Based Payments Program		\$3,255,732	46%
Sub Total Readiness Payments		\$7,031,547	100%
	Trauma Center UCC Audits		\$50,000
	Registry		\$959,709
	Trauma Education		
Qualifying Uncompensated Care Claims Reimbursement CY 2017		\$7,031,547	
Sub Total Trauma Center Allocation		\$14,063,094	
Total Hospital/Physician Fund Allocation			\$15,072,803

Trauma Centers & Physicians Fund Division		75% Hospital	25% Physician	Total
	Readiness	\$5,273,660	\$1,757,887	\$7,031,547
	Uncompensated Care	\$5,273,660	\$1,757,887	\$7,031,547
Total		\$10,547,321	\$3,515,774	\$14,063,094

## Budget Area: Readiness & Performance Based Payments

FY 2023 Approved Budget: 17-May-2020					
Trauma Center	Comparative Funding Levels	% of Fund	Readiness Payments <sup>1</sup>	Potential PBP Payments <sup>2</sup>	Total Readiness Payments
<b>Level IV</b> Morgan Emanuel Effingham Polk Meadows	<b>\$10,000</b>	0.14% 0.14% 0.14% 0.14% 0.14%	\$8,100 \$8,100 \$8,100 \$8,100 \$8,100	\$1,900 \$1,900 \$1,900 \$1,900 \$1,900	\$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000
<b>Level III</b> Archbold Clearview Crisp Hamilton Redmond	<b>\$50,000</b>	0.71% 0.71% 0.71% 0.71% 0.71%	\$20,000 \$20,000 \$20,000 \$20,000 \$20,000	\$30,000 \$30,000 \$30,000 \$30,000 \$30,000	\$50,000 \$50,000 \$50,000 \$50,000 \$50,000
<b>Level II</b> Athens Midtown Medical Floyd Gwinnett Kennesstone North Fulton Northeast GA Med Ctr Scottish Rite	<b>60% of Baseline</b>	4.87% 4.87% 4.87% 4.87% 4.87% 4.87% 4.87% 4.87%	\$68,456 \$68,456 \$68,456 \$68,456 \$68,456 \$68,456 \$68,456 \$68,456	\$273,826 \$273,826 \$273,826 \$273,826 \$273,826 \$273,826 \$273,826 \$273,826	\$342,282 \$342,282 \$342,282 \$342,282 \$342,282 \$342,282 \$342,282 \$342,282
<b>Level I</b> Atlanta Medical Egleston Grady Navicent Health Augusta University Memorial	<b>Baseline<sup>4</sup></b>	8.11% 8.11% 8.11% 8.11% 8.11% 8.11%	\$114,094 \$114,094 \$114,094 \$114,094 \$114,094 \$114,094	\$456,376 \$456,376 \$456,376 \$456,376 \$456,376 \$456,376	\$570,470 \$570,470 \$570,470 \$570,470 \$570,470 \$570,470
<b>Burn Center<sup>3</sup></b> Grady Burn Center Doctors Hospital (JMSBC)	<b>50% of Baseline</b>	4.06% 4.06%	\$142,618 \$142,618	\$142,618 \$142,618	\$285,235 \$285,235
<b>Totals</b>		<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$1,657,950</b>	<b>\$5,373,597</b>	<b>\$7,031,547</b>

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Level IV and III trauma centers receive a stipend amount based upon their relative share of readiness costs.

Level II trauma centers receive 60% relative payments to Level I trauma centers (Baseline) and burn centers 50% of baseline.

<sup>2</sup>Performance Based Payments Program (PBP), if fully earned, will be distributed to trauma centers.

<sup>3</sup> The GTC survey of burn centers' 2009 readiness costs indicated they were 81% of Level II trauma center 2008 readiness costs, so the relative funding level for burn centers was set at 50% of baseline compared to 60% of baseline for Level II trauma centers.

<sup>4</sup>Baseline equals to Level I total readiness funding.

Budget Area: Uncompensated Care Claims Reimbursement									
FY 2023 Approved Budget:						29-Jul-2022			
		Qualifying CY 2019 UCC				Cost Norm Based Allocation of Funds			
Trauma Center	ISS 0-8	ISS 9-15	ISS 16-24	ISS >24	Total	Severity Adjusted Cost Norms	Total Based Upon Cost Norms	Allocation Based On % of Norm Cost Total	
	Basic	Moderate	Major	Severe					
Level IV Morgan Emanuel Effingham Polk Meadows									
Level III Archbold Clearview Crisp Hamilton Redmond									
Level II Athens Midtown Medical Floyd Gwinnett Kennestone North Fulton Northeast GA Med Ctr Scottish Rite	73 149 37 158 126 40 122 67	75 78 26 129 112 32 106 10	19 26 12 48 31 15 40 1	9 13 4 26 26 10 29 -	176 266 79 361 295 97 297 78	\$10,483 \$9,585 \$10,599 \$11,086 \$11,263 \$12,147 \$11,843 \$6,113	\$1,844,990 \$2,549,728 \$837,299 \$4,002,016 \$3,322,554 \$1,178,216 \$3,517,387 \$476,795	2.51% 3.47% 1.14% 5.44% 4.52% 1.60% 4.78% 0.65%	\$176,455 \$243,857 \$80,079 \$382,754 \$317,770 \$112,685 \$336,404 \$45,601
Level I Atlanta Medical Egleston Grady Navicent Health Augusta University *Memorial	249 59 699 274 148 300	147 10 522 188 138 240	45 2 238 82 66 100	28 2 199 39 33 54	469 73 1,658 583 385 694	\$12,069 \$8,655 \$14,998 \$13,152 \$14,564 \$13,736	\$5,660,382 \$631,827 \$24,866,636 \$7,667,487 \$5,607,199 \$9,532,862	7.70% 0.86% 33.82% 10.43% 7.63% 12.97%	\$541,360 \$60,428 \$2,378,250 \$733,320 \$536,274 \$911,725
Burn Center Grady Burn Center Doctors Hospital (JMSBC)	- -	13 39	2 4	5 20	20 63	\$20,845 \$22,358	\$416,893 \$1,408,550	0.57% 1.92%	\$39,872 \$134,714
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>5,594</b>		<b>\$73,520,821</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$7,031,547</b>
Allocation is based on the number and severity of patients meeting SB 60 requirements times cost norms. This derives a percent of total costs which is then applied to the total amount available.							Patient Treatment Cost Norms		
To develop a fair and consistent approach to estimating costs, national trauma center patient treatment cost norms by injury severity were used, for both community and academic hospitals.							ISS	Community	Academic
*Memorial: 5 year average \$654,879; the qualifying CY 2017 UCC claims in the column for the ISS score from 0-8 Basic was inflated by 785 claims to have the formulas adjust for the total amount of funds to Memorial increased from \$285,366 to \$654,089 to get close to the actual 5 year average the GTC voted upon during May 16, 2019 meeting.							0-8	\$5,267	\$6,373
							9-15	\$10,428	\$12,618
							16-24	\$19,626	\$23,747
							>24	\$33,945	\$41,073
							Severity Score Category	ISS Criteria	Burn Severity Criteria
							Basic	ISS 0-8	TBSA 0-5%, 6-10%
							Moderate	ISS 9-15	Smoke, TBSA 11-20%
							Major	ISS 16-24	Electrical Burn
							Severe	ISS >24	TBSA 21-30% and >30%



Budget Area: Trauma Registry Support to Trauma Centers			
FY 2023 Approved Budget:		29-Jul-2022	
Trauma Center	Comparative Funding Levels	% of Fund	Registry Payments
Level IV	5% of Baseline		
Level IV	5%		
Morgan		0.40%	\$2,317
Emanuel		0.40%	\$2,317
Effingham		0.40%	\$2,317
Polk		0.40%	\$2,317
Meadows		0.40%	\$2,317
Level III	10% of Baseline		
Archbold		0.81%	\$11,484
Clearview		0.81%	\$11,484
Crisp		0.81%	\$11,484
Hamilton		0.81%	\$11,484
Redmond		0.81%	\$11,484
Level II	60% of Baseline		
Level II	60%		
Athens		4.84%	\$45,331
Midtown Medical		4.84%	\$45,331
Floyd		4.84%	\$45,331
Gwinnett		4.84%	\$45,331
Kennestone		4.84%	\$45,331
North Fulton		4.84%	\$45,331
Northeast GA Med Ctr		4.84%	\$45,331
Scottish Rite		4.84%	\$45,331
Level I	Baseline		
Level I			
Atlanta Medical		8.06%	\$75,451
Egleston		8.06%	\$75,451
Grady		8.06%	\$75,451
Navicent Health		8.06%	\$75,451
Augusta University		8.06%	\$75,451
Memorial		8.06%	\$75,451
Burn Centers	50% of Baseline		
Burn Center	50%		
Grady Burn Center		4.03%	\$37,675
Doctors Hospital (JMSBC)		4.03%	\$37,675
Totals		101.21%	\$959,709

## Budget Area: Total Trauma Center Allocations

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Trauma Center	FY 23 Readiness	FY 23 Potential PBP	FY 23 CY 2020 UCC	FY 23 TOTAL FROM TRUAMA FUND	Registry (No Change in Budget Reduction)	FY 2023 TOTAL FOR EACH CENTER
<b>Level IV</b>						
Morgan	\$8,100	\$1,900		\$10,000	\$2,317	<b>\$12,317</b>
Emanuel	\$8,100	\$1,900		\$10,000	\$2,317	<b>\$12,317</b>
Effingham	\$8,100	\$1,900		\$10,000	\$2,317	<b>\$12,317</b>
Polk	\$8,100	\$1,900		\$10,000	\$2,317	<b>\$12,317</b>
Meadows	\$8,100	\$1,900		\$10,000	\$2,317	<b>\$12,317</b>
<b>Level III</b>						
Archbold	\$20,000	\$30,000		\$50,000	\$11,484	<b>\$61,484</b>
Clearview	\$20,000	\$30,000		\$50,000	\$11,484	<b>\$61,484</b>
Crisp	\$20,000	\$30,000		\$50,000	\$11,484	<b>\$61,484</b>
Hamilton	\$20,000	\$30,000		\$50,000	\$11,484	<b>\$61,484</b>
Redmond	\$20,000	\$30,000		\$50,000	\$11,484	<b>\$61,484</b>
<b>Level II</b>						
Athens	\$68,456	\$273,826	\$176,455	\$518,737	\$45,331	<b>\$564,068</b>
Midtown Medical	\$68,456	\$273,826	\$243,857	\$586,139	\$45,331	<b>\$631,470</b>
Floyd	\$68,456	\$273,826	\$80,079	\$422,362	\$45,331	<b>\$467,693</b>
Gwinnett	\$68,456	\$273,826	\$382,754	\$725,036	\$45,331	<b>\$770,367</b>
Kennesstone	\$68,456	\$273,826	\$317,770	\$660,052	\$45,331	<b>\$705,383</b>
North Fulton	\$68,456	\$273,826	\$112,685	\$454,967	\$45,331	<b>\$500,298</b>
Northeast GA Med Ctr	\$68,456	\$273,826	\$336,404	\$678,686	\$45,331	<b>\$724,017</b>
Scottish Rite	\$68,456	\$273,826	\$45,601	\$387,883	\$45,331	<b>\$433,214</b>
<b>Level I</b>						
Atlanta Medical	\$114,094	\$456,376	\$541,360	\$1,111,830	\$75,451	<b>\$1,187,281</b>
Egleston	\$114,094	\$456,376	\$60,428	\$630,898	\$75,451	<b>\$706,349</b>
Grady	\$114,094	\$456,376	\$2,378,250	\$2,948,720	\$75,451	<b>\$3,024,171</b>
Navicent Heathh	\$114,094	\$456,376	\$733,320	\$1,303,790	\$75,451	<b>\$1,379,241</b>
Augusta University	\$114,094	\$456,376	\$536,274	\$1,106,744	\$75,451	<b>\$1,182,195</b>
Memorial	\$114,094	\$456,376	\$911,725	\$1,482,195	\$75,451	<b>\$1,557,646</b>
<b>Burn Center</b>						
Grady Burn Center	\$142,618	\$142,618	\$39,872	\$325,107	\$37,675	<b>\$362,782</b>
Doctors Hospital (JMSBC)	\$142,618	\$142,618	\$134,714	\$419,949	\$37,675	<b>\$457,624</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,657,950</b>	<b>\$5,373,597</b>	<b>\$7,031,547</b>	<b>\$14,063,094</b>	<b>\$959,709</b>	<b>\$15,022,803</b>



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## NOTICE

American College of Surgeons (ACS)  
Rural-Focused Trauma Systems Consultation Site Visits



The ACS Trauma Systems Consultation Program offers a critical analysis of the current system status, including its challenges and opportunities, and provides recommendations for system improvement and enhancement. This rural-focused Trauma Systems Consultation is a first for the ACS and will serve as a pilot for other states to replicate.



Rural Northern, Southwestern, and Southeastern Locations are being considered. More details to come.



January 9<sup>th</sup>-13, 2023

## We need you!

The American College of Surgeons encourages all trauma system stakeholders (Trauma Centers, EMS, State Agencies) to participate and provide feedback of what occurs in your areas. Please see list of stakeholders on attached page.



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### **STAKEHOLDER INVITEES & PARTICIPANT CATEGORIES**

1. State Health Commissioner
2. State Health Department staff and leadership
3. State EMS Medical Director
4. State Trauma Medical Director
5. State EMS Director
6. Trauma Advisory Committee and Subcommittee Members
7. EMS Advisory Committee Members
8. State Trauma Registrar
9. Trauma Program epidemiology and statistics representatives
10. Office of Rural Health
11. Disaster and Emergency Management representatives
12. Governor's Highway Traffic Safety representative
13. State Legislators
14. Emergency Medical Services for Children, State Program Director/Coordinator
15. State Hospital Association
16. American College of Emergency Physicians, State Chapter
17. State Emergency Nurses Association, State Chapter
18. Committee on Trauma, State Chapter
19. Surgeons
20. Nurses
21. Rehabilitation representatives
22. Injury Prevention program leaders and advocates
23. Trauma Center Administrators
24. Trauma Center Directors
25. Trauma Program Managers and Trauma Registrars
26. Hospitals without trauma centers
27. Rural and Critical Access Hospitals
28. EMS Regional Coordinators
29. EMS Agency Managers
30. EMS Medical Directors – Regional, State and Local Chapters
31. Prehospital providers
32. Aeromedical Service representatives
33. EMS Dispatch and PSAP representatives

## Georgia Trauma Commission Strategic Plan FY 2022-FY 2025

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**Agency Core Values: (optional):**

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- Integrity: Demonstrated thorough accountability, ethical behavior, transparency, and reliability
- Inclusivity: Ensure teamwork, collaboration and inclusion of a diverse stakeholder group

Environmental Scan:

**STRENGTHS**

- The Georgia Trauma Commission works collaboratively with other entities and agencies across all 159 counties
- High level of trauma stakeholder engagement
- Diverse, goal-driven team
- National recognition of several key GTC initiatives such as Stop the Bleed, the Georgia Quality Improvement Program, and the Performance-Based Payment Program structure
- Dedicated funding source

**WEAKNESSES**

- Small staff in relation to the number of contracts and grants executed annually
- Long transport times for critically injured patients related to size of geographic area served and lack of specialized trauma care in rural Emergency Medical Services regions
- Inability to increase trauma tertiary care access in underserved areas
- Long-standing legacy operational inefficiencies with budget processes, IT infrastructure, contracting practices
- Lack of reliable, valid data to drive operational improvement to the trauma system

**OPPORTUNITIES**

- Expand collaboration with other entities and agencies across Georgia
- Inclusion of rehabilitative services in stakeholder group
- Develop Georgia Trauma Commission's role within existing injury prevention infrastructure and maximize partnerships
- Build capacity to apply for and receive federal funding
- Transparency & accountability in financial reporting for all grant & contract funded entities
- Restructure of GTC Committees to align with GTC strategic priorities, foster engagement, support leadership succession planning and enhance accountability

**THREATS**

- High risk of trauma centers withdrawing from participation in the trauma system
- Fiscal year base budget reductions limit ability to provide training to maintain clinical competence
- Managing the expectation gap about Georgia Trauma Commission's role within the trauma system
- Legacy rural/urban distrust limits progress aimed at improving outcomes for all Georgians



Agency Head Signature

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Objective	Action Plan	Associated Funding	Resource/Responsibility	Completion Date	Outcomes
<b>1. Develop a process to collect and evaluate data to improve the provision of trauma care based on evidenced based principles. (QUALITY PILLAR)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete ArborMetrix risk-adjusted benchmarking project build by December 31, 2022.</li> <li>2. Develop policies and procedures that address the eight required patient safety activities of a PSO by June 30, 2024.</li> <li>3. Compile list of evidenced based process of care metrics associated with ACS verification by October 31, 2022.</li> <li>4. Develop a targeted quality improvement plan utilizing the PSWP, along with GA TQIP report with GQIP leadership and members by December 31, 2023.</li> <li>5. Develop custom data elements/reports targeted at identified opportunities by June 30, 2025.</li> </ol>	ArborMetrix/ESO: \$1,585,245 (AFY21budget). ESO yearly subscription \$49,800 starting FY24. SAAG : \$50,000 (FY21 budget)	<b>Action 1:</b> Gina Solomon/ArborMetrix Team <b>Action 2:</b> Gina Solomon/Michelle Williams/Dan Walsh/Liz Atkins/Rob Todd <b>Action 3, 4, 5:</b> Rob Todd/Gina Solomon/GQIP Advisory Committee	12/31/24	GQIP will achieve Patient Safety Organization (PSO) status by December 31, 2024.
<b>2. Study the provision of trauma care services in this state to determine the best practices and methods of providing such services (ACCESS PILLAR)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete replication of the 2013 trauma system study (Pracht study) by January 15, 2023</li> <li>2. Convene a multidisciplinary working group to compile and complete the pre-review questionnaire for the American College of Surgeons Rural-focused Trauma System Consultative visit October 14, 2022.</li> <li>3. Conduct American College of Surgeons Rural-focused Trauma System Consultative visit by June 30, 2023</li> <li>4. Recruit and formalize multistakeholder group to address findings from level IV consultative visits, ACS rural focused consult visit, Pracht study and NHTSA EMS system evaluation visit by July 1, 2023</li> <li>5. Develop and prioritize action items from level IV consultative visits, ACS rural focused consult visit, Pracht study and NHTSA EMS system evaluation visit by October 15, 2023</li> <li>6. Disseminate rural trauma education initiative to all level III and IV trauma center by June 30, 2024.</li> <li>7. Develop Georgia Trauma Commission Research Agenda by October 1st.</li> </ol>	ACS Rural Focused System Consultation - \$65,000; Cost allocated as part of the AFY 2022 budget Level IV Trauma Center Consults \$107,100, allocated as part of the AFY 2022 budget Pracht Study \$30,000 from the FY 2021 budget	<b>Action 1:</b> Liz Atkins <b>Action 2:</b> Commission driven, Liz Atkins facilitate <b>Action 3:</b> Liz Atkins, Renee Morgan <b>Action 4:</b> Commission driven, Liz Atkins facilitate <b>Action 5:</b> Commission driven, Liz Atkins facilitate <b>Action 6:</b> Courtney Terwilliger, Emanuel Medical Center <b>Action 7:</b> Jim Dunne, Dennis	6/30/24	Provides a data-driven mechanism to identify facilitates to explore feasibility of participating in the Georgia Trauma System as either a designated center or non-designated, participating center
<b>3. Optimize contract and grant process (FINANCE PILLAR)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Revise Budget Timeline to include by September 1, 2022.</li> <li>2. Complete Contracts and Grants Workgroup to develop language, deliverables, performance based pay metrics and provisional billing by June 30, 2025 using the following schedule: Tier 1 June 30, 2023; Tier 2 June 30, 2024 and Tier 3 June 30, 2025.</li> <li>3. Create an effective communication plan and cadence for stakeholders by June 30, 2023.</li> <li>4. Revise contract and grant associated reporting templates by December 30, 2022.</li> <li>5. Include key templates and exhibits on GTC website for ease of access by contractors and grantees by December 30, 2022</li> </ol>	None	<b>Action 1:</b> Katie Hamilton <b>Action 2:</b> Katie Hamilton/Contracts and Grants Work Group <b>Action 3:</b> Katie Hamilton <b>Action 4:</b> Katie Hamilton <b>Action 5:</b> Katie Hamilton/Gabby Saye	6/30/25	Increase release of 80% of following fiscal year contracts by June 1st of current fiscal year.
<b>4. Establish financial efficiency metrics with supporting visual displays to maximize stakeholder awareness and accountability (FINANCE PILLAR)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establish agency key financial performance indicators with color-coded status indicators by June 30, 2023.</li> <li>2. Full-feature utilization of accounting software by June 30, 2024</li> <li>3. Track all contract and grant execution phases, invoices and payments through accounting software by June 30, 2023.</li> <li>4. Utilize agency accounting software and tools to produce financial reports and dashboards to assess real-time financial position by June 30, 2024.</li> </ol>	None	<b>Action 1:</b> Katie Hamilton/Liz Atkins <b>Action 2:</b> Katie Hamilton/Gabby Saye <b>Action 3:</b> Katie Hamilton/Gabby Saye <b>Action 4:</b> Katie Hamilton	6/30/24	Establish relationship with stakeholders and provide awareness around due dates and timelines.



## Committee and Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

<b>Name of Committee or Workgroup:</b>	<b>Budget Committee</b>
<b>Project/Activity<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Comments</b>
1. FY22 Close Out	The committee reviewed the year end close out for FY 22 reviewed expenses to budget, if no addition changes are made we will end the year returning \$440.38
<b>Status: P</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
2. FY 24 Spend Plan	The draft spend plan for FY 24 is due to DPH by September 1. The committee approved and overall spend plan that will need to be reviewed and approved by the full commission
<b>Status: C</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):Y</b>
3. Enhanced financial report	The committee is working on an enhanced reporting tool for use at full commission meetings that will reflect expense to budget in major spend categories. The committee will review report and finalize the document to include in commission packet – we are hoping the first report will be ready by the November commission meeting
<b>Status:P</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):Y</b>

<b>Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:</b>	If there is specific financial information you would like to see reported by the committee please send email with specifics
<b>Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:</b>	Approval of FY 24 spend plan
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Dennis Ashley, Courtney Terwilliger, James Dunne, Katie Hamilton & Elizabeth Atkins
<b>Chair/Commission Liaison:</b>	Regina Medeiros
<b>Date of Next Committee Meeting:</b>	September

<sup>1</sup> Wherever possible the topic/task should be related to GTCNC Strategic Plan or activities of the GTCNC as defined by O.C.G.A. § 31-11-100, § 31-11-101, § 31-11-102 and § 31-11-103.



## GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

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*The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission distributes funds appropriated for trauma system improvement and works to stabilize and strengthen the state's trauma care system.*

Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission FY 2024 Proposed Budget			
Budget Areas	Description	O.C.G.A. Reference	\$ 21,444,840.00
Commission Operations	Staff salaries, benefits, office rental, business IT, telecommunications, virtual meeting platforms, meeting equipment, and travel; standardize grant and contracting processes; implement business intelligence processes and tools	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.11,16	\$ 1,074,627
System Development, Access & Accountability	Regional trauma system development & outcome metrics	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.12-15	\$ 530,396
MAG Medical Reserve Corps	Medical reserve corps administrative, recruitment and education support	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.13	\$ 170,000
Georgia Quality Improvement Program (GQIP)	National benchmarking to elevate the quality of trauma care in Georgia. Includes over 850 participating centers nationally.	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.14	\$ 164,630
Injury Prevention	Coordinate, establish, maintain and administer programs designed to educate the citizens of Georgia on trauma prevention	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.13	\$ 50,000
Georgia Trauma Foundation	Create, oversee, and maintain a foundation to raise funds specifically for investment in the overall trauma system.	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.8	\$ 182,000
DPH Office of EMS & Trauma (Maximum 3%)	Monitor state-wide trauma care, recruitment of trauma care service providers into the network as needed and continue to operate and improve the system	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.9	\$ 432,183
<b>Subtotal of Budget Areas</b>			<b>\$ 2,603,837</b>
<b>Available for Stakeholders Distribution</b>			<b>\$ 18,841,003</b>
EMS Stakeholders	Supports emergency medical services trauma readiness costs. Provide Ambulance Automatic Vehicle Location Systems (AVLS) maintenance and Pre-hospital provider education.	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.7	\$ 3,768,201
Trauma Center UCC Audits	Annual third party validation of uncompensated care claims	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.5	\$ 50,000
Trauma Centers & Physicians Stakeholders	Support trauma center readiness and uncompensated care	O.C.G.A. § 31.11.102.3-5	\$ 15,022,803
<b>Subtotal of Stakeholder Distribution</b>			<b>\$ 18,841,003</b>
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$ 21,444,840</b>



ACCOUNT	Approved FY 2022 Budget	Actual 2022 Expenses through June	Remaining FY 2022 Funds \$	Reallocated From
<b>GTC OPERATIONS</b>				
Staff Salaries	\$ 511,313.99	\$ 394,628.67	\$ 116,685.32	
Merit System Assessment Adjustment			\$ -	
Benefits	\$ 301,424.59	\$ 255,697.32	\$ 45,727.27	
DOAS Administrative Fee	\$ 16,229.00		\$ 16,229.00	
Staff Education and Travel	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 14,141.54	\$ 20,858.46	
Commission Member Per Diem	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,581.21	\$ 5,418.79	
Rent	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 16,425.16	\$ 9,374.84	
Printing	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,842.44	\$ (1,842.44)	
Office Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 511.93	\$ 4,488.07	
Postage	\$ 500.00	\$ 186.02	\$ 313.98	
Meeting Expense	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 36,428.86	\$ (6,428.86)	
Warren Averett Financing Optimization	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	
TCAA				
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>\$ 14,216.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,769.52</b>	<b>\$ 2,446.48</b>	
Virtual Meeting Platform	\$ 4,010.00	\$ 1,783.37	\$ 2,226.63	
Office Telephone and Internet	\$ 4,656.00	\$ 3,833.90	\$ 822.10	
Staff Cell and Mifi	\$ 5,550.00	\$ 6,152.25	\$ (602.25)	
<b>SOFTWARE/IT</b>	<b>\$ 135,120.00</b>	<b>\$ 99,898.07</b>	<b>\$ 35,221.93</b>	
Website Hosting				
Website Maintenance	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 10,850.00	\$ (6,150.00)	
The Box Cloud Storage	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 800.00	
Adobe	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 1,139.28	\$ (19.28)	
Office 365	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,968.00	\$ 1,032.00	
Name Cheap	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.44	\$ (0.44)	
Quickbooks	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ -	
Media/Graphic Designer		\$ 7,547.50	\$ (7,547.50)	
Georgia GovHub/GTA	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (15,800.00)	
			\$ -	
Contingency	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 52,092.85	\$ 62,907.15	
<b>Total GTC Operations</b>	<b>\$ 1,099,603.58</b>	<b>\$ 836,110.74</b>	<b>\$ 263,492.84</b>	
<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>				
<b>RTAC Funds</b>	<b>\$ 374,012.00</b>		<b>\$ 374,012.00</b>	
Start Up Grants				
Region 1	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 24,750.35	\$ 15,613.65	
Region 2	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 40,364.00	\$ -	
Region 3	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 27,189.89	\$ 13,174.11	
Region 4	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 36,064.00	\$ 4,300.00	
Region 5	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 40,364.00	\$ -	
Region 6	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 36,420.00	\$ 3,944.00	
Region 7	\$ 40,364.00	\$ 38,315.00	\$ 2,049.00	
Region 8			\$ -	
Region 9	\$ 50,900.00	\$ 49,974.18	\$ 925.82	
Region 10	\$ 40,564.00	\$ 40,564.00	\$ -	
			\$ -	
State Trauma Medical Director	\$ 32,883.82		\$ 32,883.82	
ACS TQIP State Participation	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	
MAG (Year 4 of 5)	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	\$ -	
GQIP (Year 5 of 6)	\$ 74,929.00	\$ 74,929.00	\$ -	
GQIP Trauma Medical Director	\$ 25,071.00	\$ 25,071.00	\$ -	
Injury Prevention			\$ -	
Legal-Peer Review P&P Development	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	
ACS System Consult with Rural South Georgia Focus	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ -	
TQIP for Level III Trauma Centers	\$ 64,920.00	\$ 64,920.00	\$ -	
Level III and Level IV Consultative Visits	\$ 259,000.00	\$ 259,100.00	\$ (100.00)	
GEORGIA TRAUMA FOUNDATION (Year 9)	\$ 142,000.00	\$ 142,000.00	\$ -	
OEMS&T	\$ 517,352.49	\$ 517,352.40	\$ 0.09	
<b>Total System Development</b>	<b>\$ 1,800,168.31</b>	<b>\$ 1,727,377.82</b>	<b>\$ 72,790.49</b>	
<b>EMS STAKEHOLDERS</b>				
AVLS Maintenance	\$ 65,775.00	\$ 104,949.82	\$ (39,174.82)	EMS Equipment Grant
Program Management-Tim Boone			\$ -	
AVLS Airtime Support	\$ 649,992.00	\$ 678,639.61	\$ (28,647.61)	Operating and System Development
AVLS Equipment		\$ 26,230.00	\$ (26,230.00)	EMS Stakeholders Reallocation
Contracts/Grants	\$ 3,317,156.22	\$ 3,253,157.30	\$ 63,998.92	
<b>Total EMS Stakeholders</b>	<b>\$ 4,032,923.22</b>	<b>\$ 4,062,976.73</b>	<b>\$ (30,053.51)</b>	
<b>TRAUMA CENTERS</b>				
Nurses Education			\$ -	
Warren Averett UCC Audits	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	
Pracht Study			\$ -	
Trauma Center Funds	\$ 15,234,398.00	\$ 15,540,209.00	\$ (305,811.00)	Operating and System Development
Trauma Registry Web-Hosting	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -	
Unfunded Trauma Centers	\$ 669,842.00	\$ 669,842.00	\$ -	
<b>Total Trauma Centers</b>	<b>\$ 16,034,240.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,340,051.00</b>	<b>\$ (305,811.00)</b>	
<b>Total Budget by Fiscal Year</b>	<b>\$ 22,966,935.11</b>	<b>\$ 22,966,516.29</b>	<b>\$ 418.82</b>	

# FY 2022 Budget Closeout Summary

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FY 2022

St. Simons  
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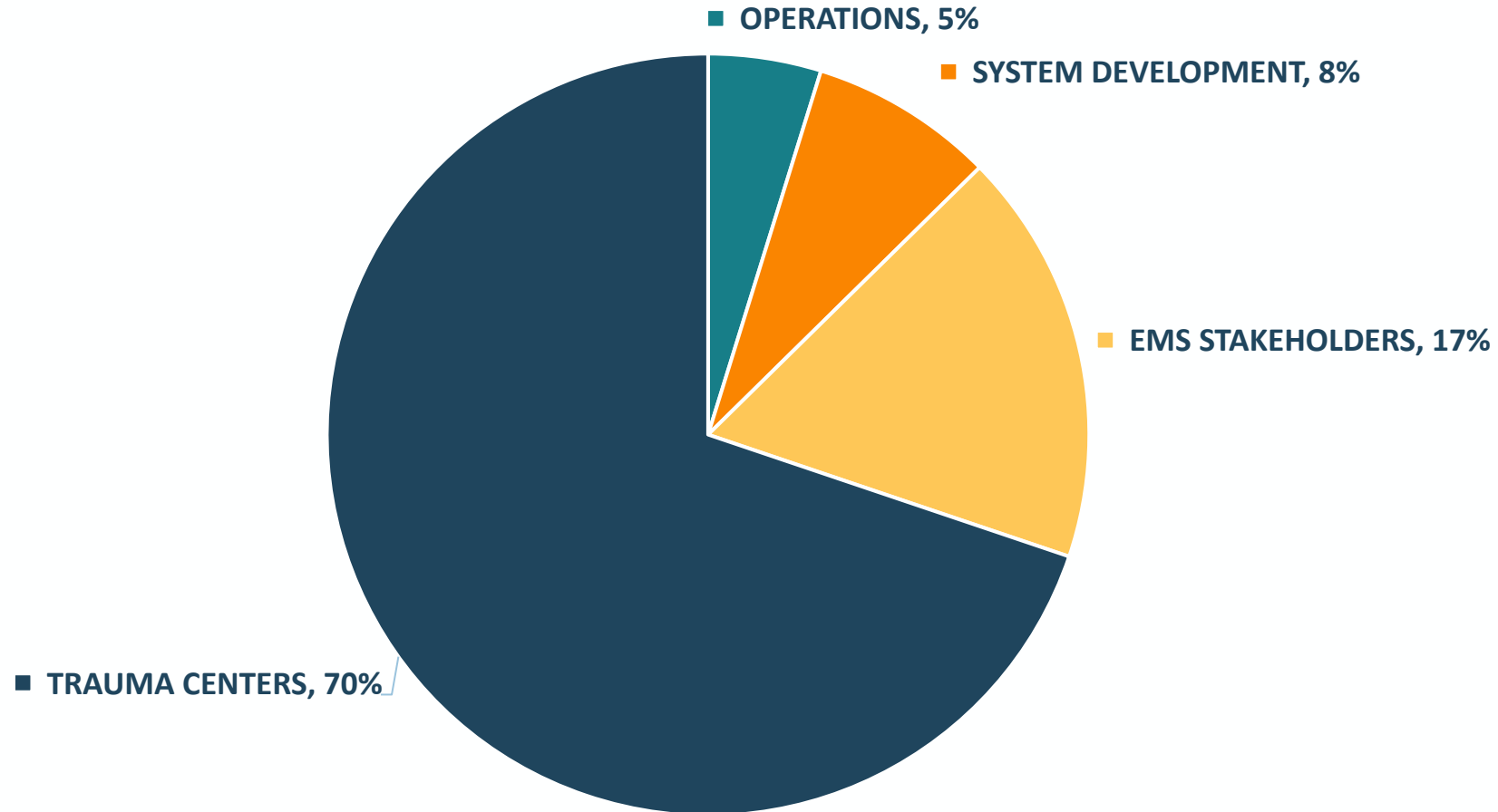
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# FY 2022 Budget Summary

Total Budget: \$22,966,935.11



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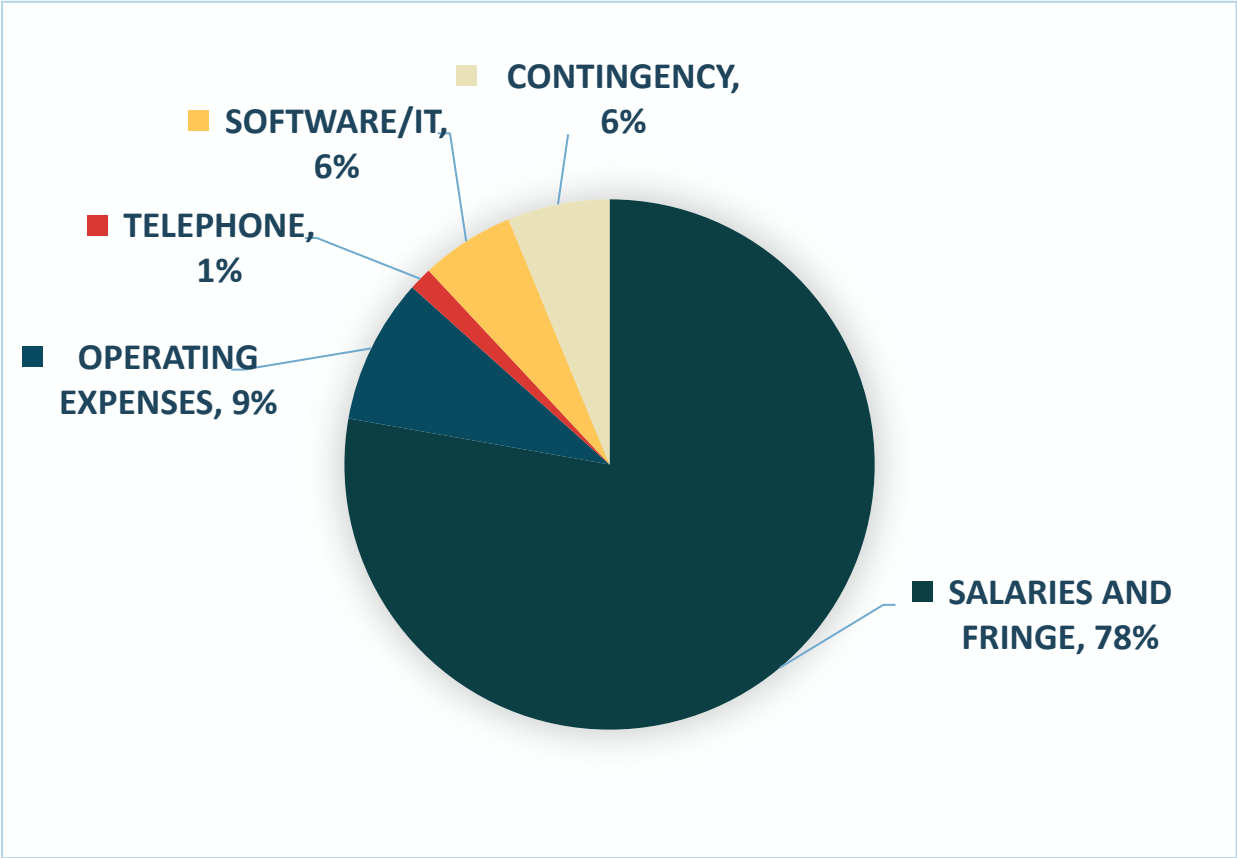
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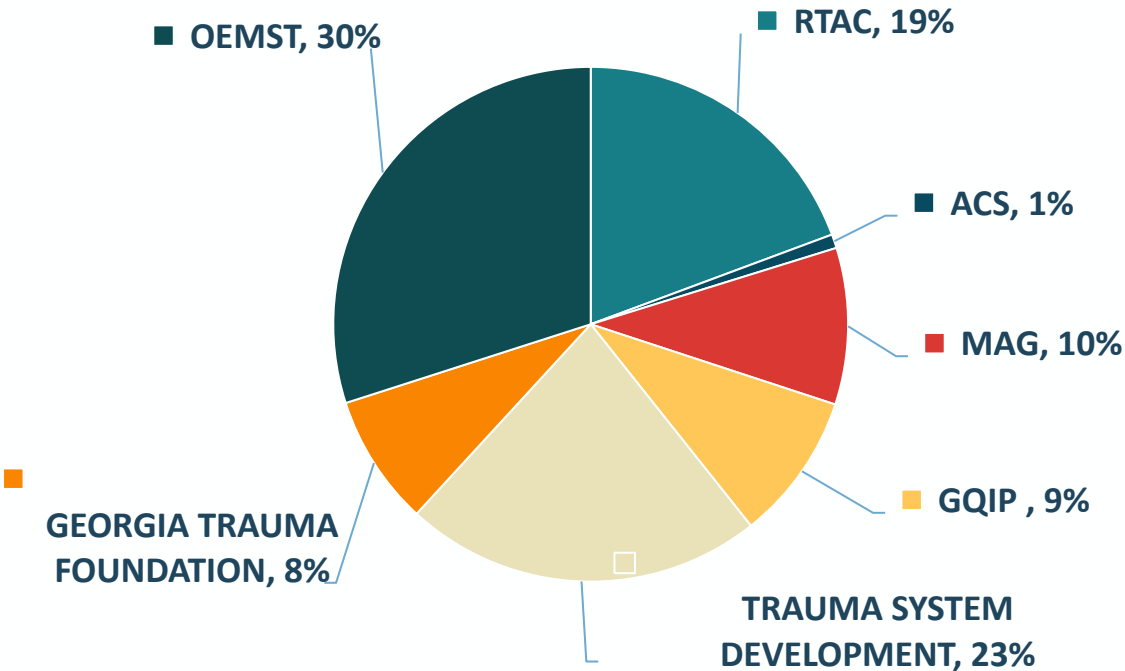


# FY 2022 Departmentalized Budget Summary

Operations Budget  
\$836,110.74

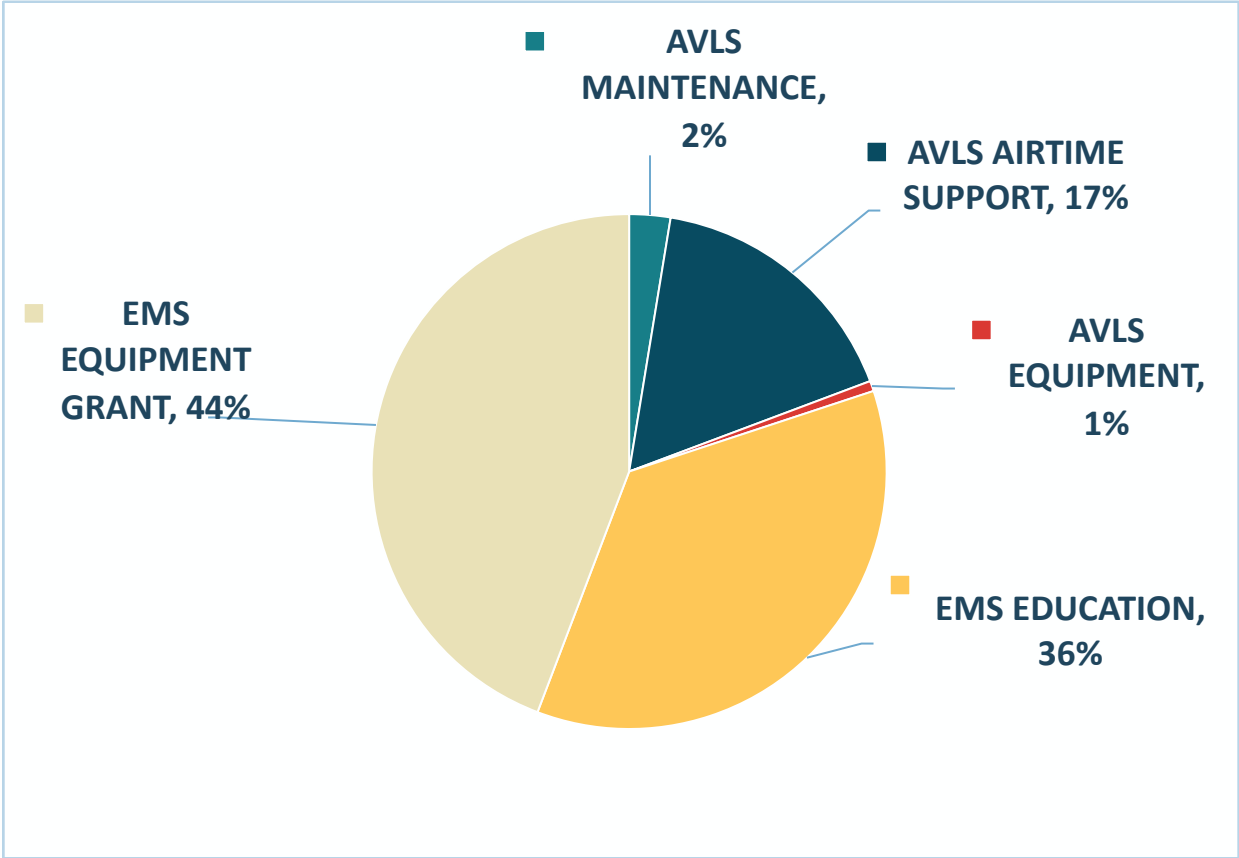


System Development  
\$1,727,377.82

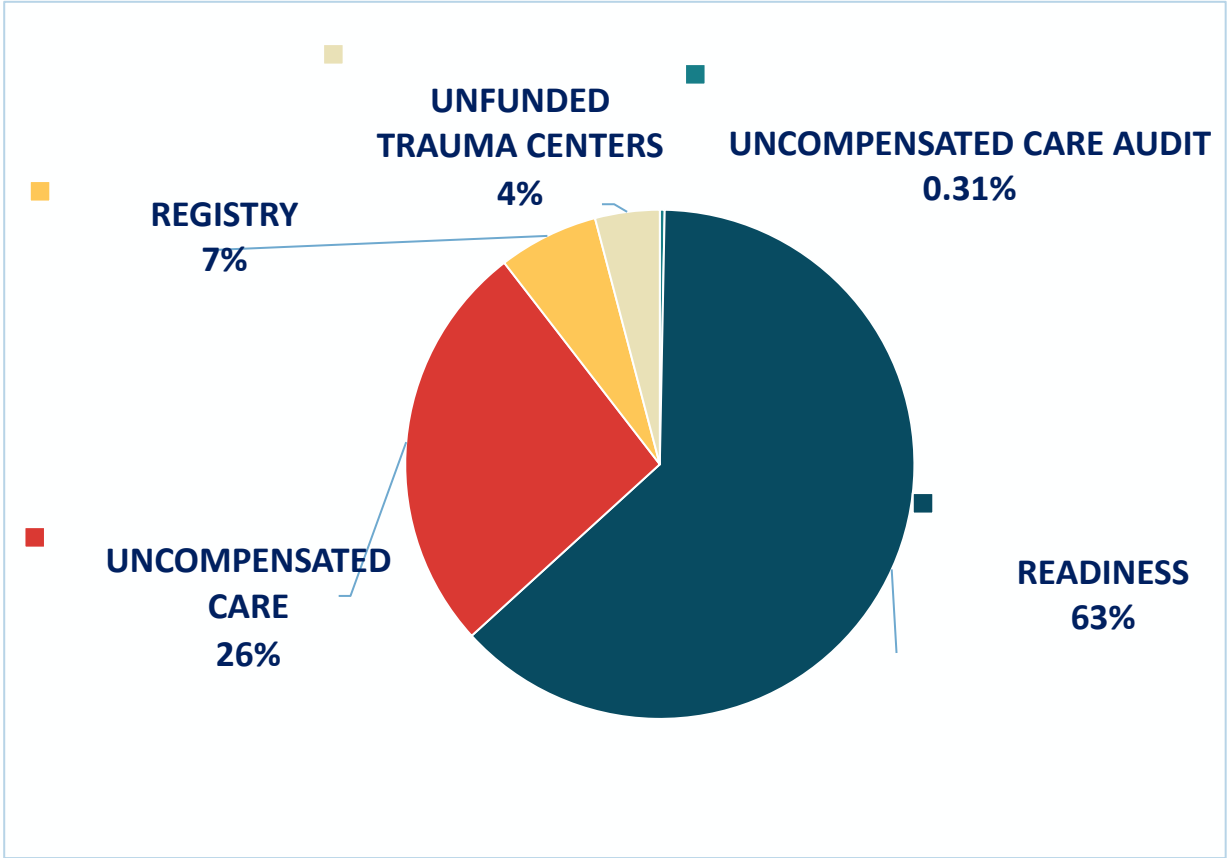


# FY 2022 Departmentalized Budget Summary

EMS Stakeholders  
\$4,062,976.73



Trauma Centers  
\$16,340,051.00



# GTC Operations Budget

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## Total GTC Operations: Remaining funds for reallocation \$263,492.84

- Staff Salaries: One FTE not filled
- Not charged DOAS administrative fee
- Staff Travel: Resumed towards the end of fiscal year
- Rent: Closed Rossville Office
- Office Supplies: Encumbered office supplies on prior year purchase order
- Over budget items paid from contingency
  - Meeting Expense: Barnsley Meeting
  - Website Maintenance: RTAC Website Development
  - Graphic Design: Annual Report Design
  - GOV Hub: GOV Hub implementation costs



# Trauma System Development Budget

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**Total Trauma System Development: Remaining funds for reallocation  
\$72,790.49**

- State Trauma Medical Director position not filled
- RTAC Purchase Order Reconciliation
  - Prior year funds held over to cover 1<sup>st</sup> months contractual payment until new purchase orders are established
  - Region 1 RTAC Coordinator contract voluntarily terminated





# EMS Stakeholders Budget

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## EMS Stakeholders Remaining funds for reallocation: \$63,998.92

- Residual from EMS Equipment grant funds
- Reallocated to:
  - AVLS Maintenance: \$39,174.82
  - AVLS Equipment: \$24,824.10

## EMS stakeholder budget received reallocated funds from Operations and System Development Budgets for:

- AVLS Airtime: \$28,647.61
- AVLS equipment: \$1,405.90



# Trauma Center Budget

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**Trauma Center Budget received \$305,811.00 reallocated from Operations and Trauma System Development Budgets**

- As part of the approved reallocation plan to support additional Trauma Center Readiness Funds



# FY 2022 Remittance to Treasury

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- **FY 2022 unspent funds returned to Treasury: \$418.82**
- **Working with DPH Finance to determine threshold residual funds**



# FY 2022 & FY 2023 Performance Based Payment Summary

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St. Simons  
August 11, 2022



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# Overview of PBP by Percent

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- **Level I/II (80%)**  
5% per criteria  
Two criteria at 10%
  - Timely NTDS submissions
  - Registry FTE
- **Level III (60%)**  
No higher than 5% per criteria
- **Level IV (19%)**  
2% with exception of NTDS submission at 5%
- **Burn (45%)**  
5% per criteria



# Trauma Center PBP At-Risk Dollars by Criteria

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Trauma Center Criteria	LI	LII	LIII	LIV	Burn
All Center Criteria					
1. 75% TMD Call Participation in Quarterly TMD/GA COT/GQIP Conference Calls	\$16,938	\$10,163	\$2,500	\$0	\$8,469
2. 75% TPM participation in Georgia for Trauma Excellence (GCTE) meetings.	\$16,938	\$10,163	\$2,500	\$200	\$8,469
3. 2021 Summer “Day of Trauma” (St. Simons) GQIP mtg attendance by BOTH TMD AND TPM	\$16,938	\$10,163	\$2,500	\$200	\$8,469
4. Spring 2022 (Chateau Elan or alt location) meeting attendance by BOTH TMD AND Trauma Program Manager	\$16,938	\$10,163	\$2,500	\$200	\$8,469
5. 75% Participation by appointed Senior Executive in quarterly Trauma Administrators Group meetings	\$16,938	\$10,163	\$2,500	\$200	\$8,469
6. Peer Review Committee attendance 50%	\$16,938	\$10,163	\$2,500	\$0	\$8,469
7. Timely quarterly NTDS data submissions	\$33,874	\$20,324	\$2,500	\$500	\$0

Trauma Center Criteria	LI	LII	LIII	LIV	Burn
System Participation					
8. Participation in rural, Level III/Level IV workgroup	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$300	\$0
9. Participation in Level III/Level IV Readiness Costs Survey	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$300	\$0
10. Participation by trauma program staff member in ONE GCTE official subcommittee	\$16,938	\$10,163	\$0	\$0	\$0
11. Trauma Medical Director/Burn Center Medical Director must be member of the Georgia Chapter Committee on Trauma (COT)	\$16,938	\$10,163	\$2,500	\$0	\$8,469



Trauma Center Criteria	LI	LII	LIII	LIV	Burn
ACS Optimal Resources Document Criteria					
12. Surgeon response time	\$16,938	\$10,163	\$2,500	\$0	\$0
13. TQIP Participation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
14. In Level I and II trauma centers, the TPM must be full-time and dedicated to the trauma program	\$16,938	\$10,163	\$0	\$0	\$0
15. One full-time equivalent employee for NTDS data set for each 500-700 admitted patients annually	\$33,875	\$20,324	\$2,500	\$0	\$0
16. Achieve & maintain ACS Verification by 6.30.2023	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Trauma Center Criteria	LI	LII	LIII	LIV	Burn
GQIP					
17. Participation in external data validation visit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
18. Timely email submission of facility-specific TQIP performance matrix and drill-down exercises for spring and summer meetings	\$16,938	\$10,163	\$0	\$0	\$0
19. National TQIP meeting attendance by TPM (or designee), TMD (or Designee) with strong consideration to TPIC & Registrar attendance/involvement	\$16,938	\$10,163	\$0	\$0	\$0

Trauma Center Criteria	LI	LII	LIII	LIV	Burn
OTHER					
20. Schedule American College of Surgeons Consultative Visits by June 30, 2021 (*Visit does not have to occur during the FY, scheduled prior to end of FY*)	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
21. Center host and participate in one Rural Trauma Team Development Course by June 30, 2022.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Burn Center Criteria	LI	LII	LIII	LIV	Burn
ABA Criteria					
22. Identify two quality metrics, with associated reports for reporting and sharing in the GQIP statewide quality collaborative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,469
23. The burn program regularly participates in regional education related to burn care	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
24. Attendance at burn continuing education meetings by Burn Surgeon, Burn Nursing leader & Burn Therapy in regional, national, or international	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,469
Burn-Specific Criteria					
25. Participation by burn program staff member in Burn Center Workgroup	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,469

# FY 2022 PBP Results

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## TOP THREE CRITERIA ASSOCIATED WITH PBP DEDUCTIONS BY CENTER LEVEL

Center Level	Meeting Attendance	Peer Review Committee	Response Times
Level I	\$0	\$0	\$0
Level II	\$10,163	\$20,326	\$10,163
Level III	\$0	\$0	\$2,500
Level IV	\$200	\$0	\$0
Burn	\$0	\$0	\$0

### Detailed Notes:

Level II: GCTE Meetings: 1 center out of 8 did not meet  
 Peer Review Committee: 2 center out of 8 did not meet  
 Response Times: 1 center out of 8 did not meet

Level III: Response Times: 1 center out of 5 did not meet

Level IV: Summer Meeting Attendance: 1 center out of 5 did not meet

# **Trauma Center PBP FY 2022 vs FY 2023 At-Risk Dollars**

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Trauma Center Criteria	LI	LII	LIII	LIV	Burn
All Center Criteria (FY 2022/2023)					
1. 75% TMD Call Participation in Quarterly TMD/GA COT/GQIP Conference Calls	\$16,938/\$28,524	\$10,163/\$17,114	\$2,500	\$0	\$8,469/\$14,262
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5. 75% Participation by appointed Senior Executive in quarterly Trauma Administrators Group meetings	\$16,938/\$28,524	\$10,163/\$17,114	\$2,500	\$200	\$8,469/\$14,262
6. Peer Review Committee attendance 50%	\$16,938/\$28,524	\$10,163/\$17,114	\$2,500	\$0	\$8,469/\$14,262
7. Timely quarterly NTDS data submissions	\$33,874/\$57,045	\$20,324/\$34,228	\$2,500	\$500	\$0



Trauma Center Criteria	LI	LII	LIII	LIV	Burn
System Participation (FY 2022/FY 2023)					
8. Participation in rural, Level III/Level IV workgroup	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$300/\$200	\$0
9. Participation by trauma program staff member in ONE GCTE official subcommittee	\$16,938/\$28,524	\$10,163/\$17,114	\$0	\$0	\$0
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ACS Optimal Resources Document Criteria (FY 2022/2023)					
11. Surgeon response time	\$16,938/\$28,524	\$10,163/\$17,114	\$2,500	\$0	\$0
12. TQIP Participation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
13. In Level I and II trauma centers, the TPM must be full-time and dedicated to the trauma program	\$16,938/\$28,524	\$10,163/\$17,114	\$0	\$0	\$0
14. One full-time equivalent employee for NTDS data set for each 500-700 admitted patients annually	\$33,875/\$57,045	\$20,324/\$34,228	\$2,500	\$0	\$0
15. Achieve & maintain ACS Verification by 6.30.2023 (Level I/Level II); 6.30.2025 (Level III)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
16.Multidisiplinary participation in “March Paws”	\$0	\$0	\$0/\$1,500	\$0/\$200	\$0

Trauma Center Criteria	LI	LII	LIII	LIV	Burn
GQIP (FY 2022/2023)					
17. Participation in external data validation visit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
18. Timely email submission of facility-specific TQIP performance matrix and drill-down exercises for spring and summer meetings	\$16,938/\$28,524	\$10,163/\$17,114	\$0/\$1,000	\$0	\$0
19. National TQIP meeting attendance by TPM (or designee), TMD (or Designee) with strong consideration to TPIC & Registrar attendance/involvement	\$16,938/\$28,524	\$10,163/\$17,114	\$0	\$0	\$0
20. Submit aggregate report of ED LOS for trauma transfer patients to GQIP Collaborative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0/\$200	\$0

Trauma Center Criteria	LI	LII	LIII	LIV	Burn
OTHER (FY 2022/2023)					
21. Achieve & Maintain AC Verification by 6.30.2025	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
22. Center host and participate in one Rural Trauma Team Development Course by June 30, 2022.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Burn Center Criteria	LI	LII	LIII	LIV	Burn
ABA Criteria (FY 2022/2023)					
23. Identify two quality metrics, with associated reports for reporting and sharing in the GQIP statewide quality collaborative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,469/\$14,262
24. The burn program regularly participates in regional education related to burn care	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
25. Attendance at burn continuing education meetings by Burn Surgeon, Burn Nursing leader & Burn Therapy in regional, national, or international	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,469/\$14,262
Burn-Specific Criteria (FY2022/2023)					
26. Participation by burn program staff member in Burn Center Workgroup	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,469/\$14,262

# FY 2023 PBP Summary

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- Increased at risk dollars due to increased readiness allocation
- New budget process for FY 2023 and into FY 2024
- Protects LIII/IV allocations due to stipend amounts
- Consider funding formula review/revision given new budget processes associated with inception of Georgia Fund 1-Trauma (Trauma Trust Fund)



# Three-Year Open Purchase Order Summary

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FY 2020 – FY 2022

St. Simons  
August 11, 2022



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# Three-Year Open Purchase Order Summary

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	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Current Open Purchase Order by Fiscal Year	4	6	*
Cumulative Open Prior Year Purchase Orders	28**	10	10
Total Dollar Amount open on prior year Purchase Orders	\$1,076,965.62	\$552,412.65	\$1,143,017.49

\* Measured November 1, 2022

\*\* Explanation on Slides 3 - 5



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# Background: FY 2020 Open Purchase Order Summary

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- In April 2020, amid State budgetary concerns related to COVID-19, the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget initiated a reconciliation of prior year purchase orders
- Over **28** purchase orders remained open, dating back to FY **2016**, totaling **\$1,076,965.62**
- Provided an opportunity to evaluate PO tracking practices



# Background: FY 2020 Open Purchase Order Summary

Fiscal Year/Vendor	Amount of Open Purchase Order	Amount Paid Out on Open PO	Remaining Funds on Open PO
<b>2016</b>			
ATHENS TECHNICAL COLLEGE	\$ 18,731.00	\$ -	\$ 18,731.00
AUGUSTA HOSPITAL LLC	\$ 54,826.00	\$ (26,076.00)	\$ 28,750.00
GEMSA	\$ 1,977,956.00	\$ (1,873,038.00)	\$ 104,918.00
NORTHWEST GEORGIA EMS SYSTEMS INC.	\$ 30,746.00	\$ (16,770.94)	\$ 13,975.06
WELLSTAR FOUNDATION	\$ 35,000.00	\$ (16,860.00)	\$ 18,140.00
<b>2017</b>			
EMORY UNIVERSITY	\$ 194,628.00	\$ (183,202.19)	\$ 11,425.81
FLOYD HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT INC	\$ 346,881.00	\$ (346,880.00)	\$ 1.00
GEMSA	\$ 968,730.00	\$ (333,147.00)	\$ 635,583.00
GEORGIA TRAUMA FOUNDATION INC	\$ 131,500.00	\$ (129,857.70)	\$ 1,642.30
<b>2018</b>			
CRISP REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	\$ 46,070.00	\$ (28,859.00)	\$ 17,211.00
DOOLY COUNTY	\$ 4,297.45	\$ -	\$ 4,297.45
GEMSA	\$ 157,400.00	\$ (110,000.00)	\$ 47,400.00
NORTH GEORGIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	\$ 25,479.00	\$ (25,000.00)	\$ 479.00
<b>2019</b>			
BRCA FOUNDATION	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (25,000.00)	\$ 25,000.00
GEMSA	\$ 123,500.00	\$ (109,738.00)	\$ 13,762.00
GEMSA	\$ 127,500.00	\$ -	\$ 127,500.00
GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES	\$ 8,150.00	\$ -	\$ 8,150.00
<b>Open PO Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,076,965.62</b>
<b>Funds Returned to GA Treasury</b>			<b>\$ 97,040.75</b>



# Background: FY 2020 Open Purchase Order Summary

## Results

- Of the original **\$1,076,965.62** in Open POs, **\$979,924.62** was paid out (in less than 60 days), and **\$97,040.75** was returned to the GA Treasury
- **9%** return rate on four years of open POs

## Lessons Learned

- Discrepancy in PO amounts reflected in Open PO report vs. reality
- Coordinated aggressive PO clean-up efforts with vendors
- Delay in the closure of PO from when funds expended, and PO closed by DPH



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## Mitigation Strategies

- Added contractual language to include invoicing deadlines
- Created a reconciliation process to assess open POs monthly
- **Most important:** Enhanced vendor/contractor communication

# FY 2022 Prior Year Open Purchase Order Summary Detail

Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount	Explanation
GEMSA	2020	\$1,687.96	Pending invoices
Apple	2020	\$21,700.81	Equipment
Home Depot	2020	\$40,122.38	Pending invoices
Amazon	2020	\$6,931.84	Office Supplies
Warren Averett	2021	\$1,994.00	Pending invoices
Warren Averett	2021	\$12,000.00	Staff Turnover
AVLS Program Management	2021	\$16,230.50	FY 2022 Contract
ArborMetrix	2021	\$749,850	OPB Approved multi-year PO
MARCH PAWS	2021	\$262,500	Pending No-Cost Extension with Updated Deliverables and Timeline
Trauma System Study (Replication of 2013 Study by E. Pracht)	2021	\$30,000	Completed and Pending Review of Study Work Products



## Committee and Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	EMS Committee
Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. FY 2023 Budget	We have approved the overall budget and the GEMSA training proposal for FY 2023.
<b>Status: Ongoing</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
2. Automatic Vehicle Location System	The Committee worked to define a process that will allow Agencies to migrate vendors (to optimized cell coverage) within a specific timeframe aligned with the finance processes (ability to amend purchase orders to balance funds). Agencies have until February 28 of each year to change vendors. Using this process we can ensure the appropriate funds are encumbered to providers; also allows us to forecast subsequent year funding needs.
<b>Status: Ongoing</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
3. EMS Training	The education funding plan was approved July 21 <sup>st</sup> meeting. The Committee has increased the initial education (EMT-R, EMT, and AEMT) course offerings. We are on track to complete 113,000 hours of CEU hours for EMS providers this current fiscal year. The Committee agreed to allow GEMSA to utilize \$39,972.42 of part of the training funds to support the online version of the EMS Educator's conference.
<b>Status: Ongoing</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
4. Development of EMS PSA	We have budgeted 22,000 in the GEMSA proposal to develop Public Service Announcements to help attract people to the EMS profession.
<b>Status: New</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
5. New Committee Members	Jeffery Adams has replaced Chad Black. Jeffery is the Director of Habersham County Fire and Emergency Services. Allen Owens has replaced David Edwards. Allen is the Chief of Tift County Fire and Rescue.
<b>Status: Current</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
6. Fiscal Accountability	We were able to complete our projects during the FY.
<b>Status: Ongoing</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
7. MARCH PAWS	We are now working with Mercer University to develop the MARCH-PAWS training. As part of this effort, we plan to utilize the MOODLE platform for this training. At this point, we are planning to use the Mercer server to host this information.
<b>Status: Ongoing</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>

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<b>Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:</b>	None
<b>Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:</b>	None
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Courtney Terwilliger, Vic Drawdy, Regina Medeiros, Marty Robinson, Jeffrey Adams, Pete Quinones, Sam Polk, Lee Oliver, Blake Thompson, Duane Montgomery, Allen Owens, Huey Atkins
<b>Chair/Commission Liaison:</b>	Courtney Terwilliger
<b>Date of Next Committee Meeting:</b>	October 20, 2022

GEMSA EDUCATION PROPOSAL - APPROVED by EMS Committee 07.21.2022							
Program	Cost Per Course	# of Courses	Course Cost	Admin Fee (%)	Admin Fee	Total Cost	Funding Designated by EMS Committee
Leadership	\$ 148,500	1	\$ 148,500	10%	\$ 14,850	\$ 163,350	\$ 163,350
Trauma Skills Lab	\$ 45,100	10	\$ 451,000	10%	\$ 45,100	\$ 496,100	\$ 496,100
NAEMT	\$ 5,850	25	\$ 146,250	\$585/Course	\$ 14,625	\$ 160,875	\$ 160,875
Farm Medic	\$ 7,040	10	\$ 70,400	10%	\$ 7,040	\$ 77,440	\$ 77,440
Auto Extrication	\$ 20,900	4	\$ 83,600	10%	\$ 8,360	\$ 91,960	\$ 91,960
Axioms of Leadership	\$ 20,955	1	\$ 20,955	10%	\$ 2,096	\$ 23,051	\$ 23,051
TECC	\$ 8,800	8	\$ 70,400	10%	\$ 7,040	\$ 77,440	\$ 77,440
EVOC	\$ 5,747	3	\$ 17,242	10%	\$ 1,724	\$ 18,966	\$ 18,966
EMS Instructor	\$ 14,850	2	\$ 29,700	10%	\$ 2,970	\$ 32,670	\$ 32,670
EMS Profession Public Service Announcements	\$ 22,000	1	\$ 22,000	10%	\$ 2,200	\$ 24,200	\$ 24,200
EMR/EMT	\$ 8,340	51	\$ 425,340	\$834/course	\$ 42,534	\$ 467,874	\$ 467,874
Moulage Course	\$ 8,250	1	\$ 8,250	10%	\$ 825	\$ 9,075	\$ 9,075
Trauma Skills Lab Instructor Training to include Workshop	\$ 21,818	1	\$ 21,818	10%	\$ 2,182	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000
Equipment for TECC, Farm Medic and Cadaver Labs	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 30,000	10%	\$ 3,000	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 1,545,455</b>		<b>\$ 154,545</b>	<b>\$ 1,700,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,700,000</b>



## Committee and Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

Name of Committee or Workgroup:		Level III/IV Rural Trauma Committee
Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments	
1. MARCH PAWS	Grant extension discussions are in process with Emanuel Medical Center, with updated deliverables and project timeline.	
Status: In progress		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):Y
2. ACS Trauma Systems Consultation – Rural Focused Site Visit	The site visit will occur the week of January 9 – 13, 2022 (see attached flier). Committee leadership and GTC met with ACS on June 28 <sup>th</sup> and July 27 <sup>th</sup> to review five main focus areas as well as discussion around site logistics. Two stakeholder meetings are planned in Cartersville, GA, and Cordele GA (State Office of Rural Health). Budgetary responsibilities for the visit are still being discussed and may require additional funding to support the stakeholder site meeting (venue/AV/catering).	
Status:		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):
3. Access to specialty care e.g., re-implantation, ECMO	Updating the current resource document	
Status:		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):
4. Web-based registry & contracted abstraction services & PRQ Report Writer	All Level III & IV centers received funding through the 2022 Amended contract for the web-based registry. ESO (the registry software system) was paid directly for the Report Writer by the Commission. The Committee would like to thank the GTC for approving the additional funding to support the web-based registry and report writer package. This will go a long way in eliminating a number of challenges with maintainly the registry on the hospital server, namely with annual registry updates as well as preparing for site surveys and/or consultative visits.	
Status:		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):
5. PI project specific to LIII/LIV: (1) Hip fx care (2) Geriatric care	TABLED	
Status:		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):

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<b>Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:</b>	Based on timing, may need a request for a motion to approve additional funding in support of the site logistics for the ACS Rural Focused Trauma Systems Consult Visit.
<b>Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:</b>	
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Trauma Program Managers, Medical Director and Administrators of the Georgia Level III and IV Trauma Centers, as well as representatives from the DPH OEMS/T, SORH, GTC
<b>Chair/Commission Liaison:</b>	Greg Patterson MD Chair & Commission Liaison; Alicia Register MD, Vice Chair
<b>Date of Next Committee Meeting:</b>	October 21, 2022 @ 0700





## NOTICE

American College of Surgeons (ACS)  
Rural-Focused Trauma Systems Consultation Site Visits



The ACS Trauma Systems Consultation Program offers a critical analysis of the current system status, including its challenges and opportunities, and provides recommendations for system improvement and enhancement. This rural-focused Trauma Systems Consultation is a first for the ACS and will serve as a pilot for other states to replicate.



Rural Northern, Southwestern, and Southeastern Locations are being considered. More details to come.



January 9<sup>th</sup>-13, 2023

## We need you!

The American College of Surgeons encourages all trauma system stakeholders (Trauma Centers, EMS, State Agencies) to participate and provide feedback of what occurs in your areas. Please see list of stakeholders on attached page.



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### **STAKEHOLDER INVITEES & PARTICIPANT CATEGORIES**

1. State Health Commissioner
2. State Health Department staff and leadership
3. State EMS Medical Director
4. State Trauma Medical Director
5. State EMS Director
6. Trauma Advisory Committee and Subcommittee Members
7. EMS Advisory Committee Members
8. State Trauma Registrar
9. Trauma Program epidemiology and statistics representatives
10. Office of Rural Health
11. Disaster and Emergency Management representatives
12. Governor's Highway Traffic Safety representative
13. State Legislators
14. Emergency Medical Services for Children, State Program Director/Coordinator
15. State Hospital Association
16. American College of Emergency Physicians, State Chapter
17. State Emergency Nurses Association, State Chapter
18. Committee on Trauma, State Chapter
19. Surgeons
20. Nurses
21. Rehabilitation representatives
22. Injury Prevention program leaders and advocates
23. Trauma Center Administrators
24. Trauma Center Directors
25. Trauma Program Managers and Trauma Registrars
26. Hospitals without trauma centers
27. Rural and Critical Access Hospitals
28. EMS Regional Coordinators
29. EMS Agency Managers
30. EMS Medical Directors – Regional, State and Local Chapters
31. Prehospital providers
32. Aeromedical Service representatives
33. EMS Dispatch and PSAP representatives





## Committee and Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence	
Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments	
1. Pediatric Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Met on 7/28/2022 with a focus on pediatric readiness and guidelines to share, all other subcommittee work on hold until after the August GCTE meeting.</li> </ul>	
Status: In progress		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
2. Registry Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time to Definitive Care – report template complete and submitted to centers with feedback to Gina on patterns or themes</li> <li>State DPH Annual Report of 2019 data presented also focusing on trauma transfers.</li> <li>Contract Registry Pilot project presentation – Piedmont Walton presented their experience with a contract registry group</li> <li>First time Case study presentation – Trauma case was presented with questions and continuing education questions/answers during the meeting</li> <li>ESO gave introduction on web-based registry for Level III &amp; IV centers or any I and II that may be interested in transitioning</li> <li>Next meeting – October 27, 2022</li> </ul>	
Status: In progress		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
3. Education Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer to Definitive Care: A literature review has been done and objectives for the education material created. An outline has been shared with the group. Feedback has been solicited from the other GCTE subcommittee chairs before work begins on the Powerpoint.</li> <li>Acute Kidney Injury: Objectives have been created and the literature review complete. Feedback will be solicited from the other GCTE subcommittee chairs, then work will start on the PPT.</li> <li>The Education Subcommittee had approx. \$11,000 to help fund educational offerings around the state. However, we only spent \$9,525. Please see a breakdown of the courses offered and the cost for each. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$4000 ATCN course at Grady on June 11th, 2022. The attendees were selected from hospitals around the state who applied for the offering via a</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p>survey. The state funds provided partial funding for the course. The participants were responsible for \$100 for the course. Sixteen (16) people were approved to attend. However, two withdrew last minute, and three had COVID. Erin Moorcones and Jessica Mantooth are working on getting those who could not attend due to COVID into other ATCN courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$5000 TNCC Provider course at Phoebe Putney on June 30th &amp; July 1st. A representative at Phoebe Putney selected the attendees. Nineteen (19) participants attended the course.</li> <li>○ \$525 2022 STN Trauma E-Library for the state-wide trauma center use. Seven (7) trauma centers have been given access to the STN E-Library for internal education as approved by the Society of Trauma Nurses.</li> <li>○ Additional money approved for spending but not spent yet. \$1,000 was approved for a TNCC Instructor Course. To date, this money has not been spent due to inaction from the selected hospital. The GCTE Education Subcommittee is working to find a backup facility that can host a TNCC instructor course to increase access to trauma education throughout the state.</li> </ul>
<b>Status: In progress</b>	<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
4. Injury Prevention and Outreach Subcommittee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. The Injury Prevention and Outreach Subcommittee and Task Forces have exceeded our goal to increase trauma awareness by having each task force (Special Events, Falls, Traffic Injury, and Intentional Injury) produce at least <u>ONE</u> webinar during the calendar year 2022.</b></li> <li><b>2. The Special Events Task Force is assisting with the Georgia Trauma System STOP THE BLEED® - Back to School Training Blitz. Ten subcommittee members have committed to providing instruction for two or more virtual sessions. <b>Over 2,500 participants in Georgia Trauma System STOP THE BLEED® Webinars to date.</b></b></li> <li><b>3. Prevent Trauma Webinars - The Traffic Injury Prevention Task Force is planning its third Prevent Trauma, The Road Ahead webinar, a peer-led teen driver safety event on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 7:00pm. The panel discussion will feature a Georgia Trauma Survivor, Teens for Baldwin County High School's Teens in the Driver's Seat (TDS) Team, and a representative from Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD.) Also, in recognition of Child Passenger Safety Week, the Task Force will provide a Trauma After Hours Presentation for the Region 5 RTAC. "Kids in Cars - How Anatomy and Child Restraints Impact Injuries" will be presented by Renee McCabe of Augusta University Trauma Services.</b></li> <li><b>4. Additionally, the Violence and Self-Injury Prevention Task Force will coordinate a lunch-and-learn webinar in recognition of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The online panel discussion will highlight resources for the prevention of suicide.</b></li> </ol>



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. The Violence and Self-injury Task Force collaborated with the Georgia Stay SAFE Coalition to release new and updated resources ahead of Georgia Stay SAFE week. A new "Georgia Stay SAFE: Preventing Pediatric Firearm Injuries" toolkit and Activity Book are available at <a href="http://www.georgiastaysafe.org">www.georgiastaysafe.org</a>.</li> <li>6. Bingocize: Wellstar Kennestone just completed their first in-person Bingocize offering. Northside Gwinnett is coordinating a multi-center hybrid Bingocize cohort in collaboration with Grady and the Middle Georgia Regional Commission (MGRC). Several Bingocize offerings are slated to begin in the fall.</li> <li>7. The Georgia Falls Prevention Coalition's Falls Free Friday webinars will return in September. The webinar line-up will be published soon. The Fall Prevention Task Force will partner with the MGRC to provide a Bingocize demo for the final Friday of the series on September 30.</li> <li>8. The Falls Prevention Task Force is also working on updating the Falls Prevention Social Media Guide to be published in September. The guide will include new content specific to pediatric fall prevention.</li> <li>9. Going forward <b>The Injury Prevention and Outreach Subcommittee and Task Force Meetings will be held on the Fourth <u>Tuesday of the Month, beginning at 2pm.</u></b></li> </ol>
Status: In progress	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y

Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	None
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	None
Committee Members:	<p>GCTE Board: GCTE Board: Chair, Jesse Gibson, Vice-Chair, Tracy Johns, Past Chair, Karen Hill and GTC member, Dr. Regina Medeiros</p> <p>GCTE Subcommittee Chairs: Registry, Kelli Vaughn, PI, John Pope, Pediatrics, Kellie Rowker, Education, Jessica Mantooth, Injury Prevention, Kristal Smith</p>
Chair/Commission Liaison:	Jesse Gibson
Date of Next Committee Meeting:	August 25 <sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 12:00



## Committee and Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	Trauma Administrators Committee	
Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments	
1. Develop Charter and Purpose for the group	Clearly define the goals, objectives and expected outcomes as they align to the needs of the GTC with a focus on quality, access and finance	
Status: Done-needs to be place in document		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
2. Workgroup meeting kickoff	Finance, Diversion, Education, need new finance co chair	
Status: In Process		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):Y
3. GCC status for trauma	Will be finalized with diversion work group, will have GCC present at one of their first meetings	
Status: In Process		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):Y

Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	None currently
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	None currently
Committee Members:	Senior Leaders- each trauma center
Chair/Commission Liaison:	Michelle Wallace
Date of Next Committee Meeting:	Co-chairs in person in St. Simons- strategic planning session, October virtual

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## Committee and Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	Trauma System Performance Committee	
Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments	
1. ED LOS for high yield patients	Migration to ImageTrend central site still in progress. Issue discovered with centers sending data which required rework. Testing with pilot centers in progress. No new data for analysis until migration complete.	
Status:		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
2. FY 2022 Data pull	No new data for analysis until new central site migration complete.	
Status:		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
3. Transfers to Definitive Care	Registry subcommittee working to build reports to review transfers in and out. Plan is for centers to build PI process around improving data capture.	
Status:		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y
4. Region 2 armband pilot project	Pilot in Region 2 still in development phase. Start date anticipated for beginning of September.	
Status:		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y

Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:	None
Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:	None
Committee Members:	Marie Probst, Renee Morgan, Tracy Johns, Kelli Vaughn, Courtney Terwilliger, Danlin Luo, David Newton, Gina Solomon
Chair/Commission Liaison:	Dr. James Dunne
Date of Next Committee Meeting:	October 12, 2022

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## Committee and Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

Name of Committee or Workgroup:	Trauma Medical Directors Committee	
Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments	
1. TMD Committee	Re-invigorated the TMD committee which hasn't met in over a year due to COVID. This committee is designed to be a collaboration for the TMDs across Georgia.	
<b>Status:</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):</b>
2. Meeting Cadence	Plan to meet in conjunction with the GQIP meeting to optimize participation with this committee.	
<b>Status:</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):</b>
3. Surge Capacity	Forum for the trauma leaders to handle issues with surge capacity as a group. Created a Whatsapp Group to improve communications between TMDs during times of need. Developing a resource document with updated contact information and resources at each trauma facility.	
<b>Status:</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):</b>
4. Operational Issues	Standing agenda item to discuss local operational issues and use the resources of the collective TMD's expertise.	
<b>Status:</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N):</b>

<b>Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:</b>	Are there any standing agenda items the GTC would like discussed or addressed at the TMD committee meeting?
<b>Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:</b>	None
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Trauma Medical Directors
<b>Chair/Commission Liaison:</b>	Dr. Katherine Kohler
<b>Date of Next Committee Meeting:</b>	11/2022

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## Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission

<b>Name of Partner:</b>	<b>Georgia Trauma Foundation</b>	
<b>Project/Activity<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Comments</b>	
1. Mission Fulfillment	GTF is in the initial phase of a fundraising counsel engagement. This phase is designed to assess the organization's internal operations. Alexander Haas is collecting and reviewing historical documents to determine immediate and actionable steps that will begin to strengthen the Foundation's fundraising infrastructure.	
<b>Status: Ongoing</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
2. Continuing Education Data Base Project	GTF is building an online directory that will be a master list of trauma education providers throughout the state. The data base will be a free, password-protected resource identifying course faculty for state and nationally approved continuing education programs, including ATLS, RTTDC and ENPC. The project is in the research and data compilation phase. It is scheduled to go live at the end of the calendar year.	
<b>Status: Ongoing</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>

<b>Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:</b>	None
<b>Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:</b>	None
<b>Commission Liaison:</b>	John Bleacher
<b>Date of Next Foundation Meeting:</b>	September 7, 2022

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## Committee and Trauma System Partner Report to the Georgia Trauma Network Care Commission

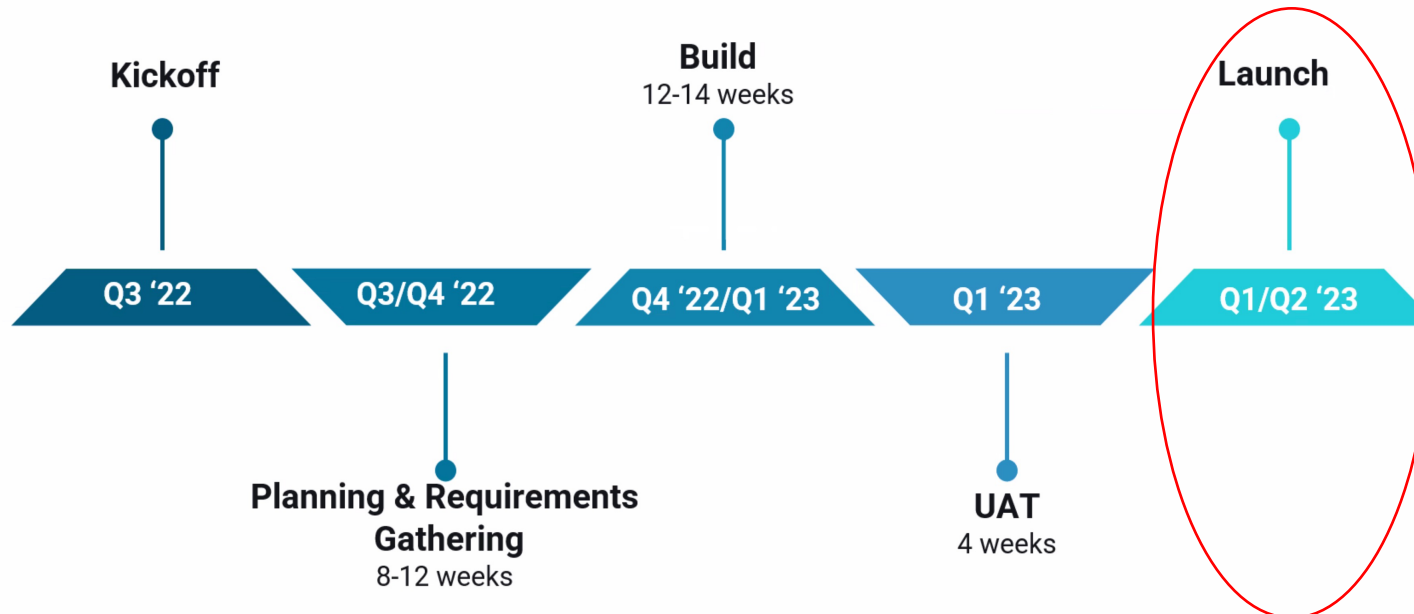
Name of Committee or Workgroup:	GQIP	
Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments	
1. AKI, TBI & Opioid Workgroups 2. VAP Guideline Review	<b>AKI:</b> Plan to proceed with second data pull. <b>TBI:</b> Data analysis completed & will be presented at summer meeting. <b>Opioids:</b> Refining multiple modal guidelines . <b>VAP Guideline Review:</b> Update complete and will relaunch at summer meeting.	
<b>Status: In Progress</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
3. Benchmarking Platform & Data Central Site	Contracts completed and projects launched on July 1. See attached documents for current timelines. Will be engaging stakeholders for input on project build.	
<b>Status: In progress</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
4. Peer Protection & Data Use Policies	Reviewing PSO policy needs. Defining entities that need to be covered.	
<b>Status: In Progress</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>
5. GQIP Trauma Advisory Committee	Committee meeting monthly. Reviewing mission, vision & values for GQIP (required for PSO). Winter meeting planning to start.	
<b>Status: In Progress</b>		<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Y</b>

<b>Questions, Issues, and Recommendations Requiring Commission Discussion:</b>	None
<b>Motions for Consideration at the Commission Meeting:</b>	None
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Dr. R. Todd, Dr. J. Sharma, G. Solomon, Trauma Center Program Staff
<b>Chair/Commission Liaison:</b>	Dr. Todd & G. Solomon
<b>Date of Next Committee Meeting:</b>	November 2022 TBD

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# ArborMetrix Update

## High-Level Timeline



## Immediate Next Steps

- Schedule weekly core project team meetings
- Conduct high-level discovery session
- Confirm what can be leveraged by MTQIP
- Schedule data strategy/dictionary sessions
- Confirm participants for engagement sessions

Launch time may take longer/shorter depending on client requirements and what can be leveraged by MTQIP



# ESO Central Site Update

- 90 days from July 1 Kick Off
- Ready to accept data around 9/28
- Plan to accept CY 2021 data set to use for acclimation and baseline data validity



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*Gen 6 Implementation – Georgia Trauma Commission Project Timeline*

Date	Milestones	Duration	Personnel
7/22 - 7/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize Dataset and Validation criteria to be used</li> <li>Discuss Timeline</li> <li>Discuss Admin/User training</li> </ul>	1 week	ESO and GTC
7/29 - 8/29	Analysis and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ESO to set up Staging and Production Environment</li> <li>Deliverables:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gen6 Portal/Central Site Registry</li> <li>Gen6 Driller</li> <li>Gen6 Report Writer thru Registry Anywhere</li> <li>Relational Populator</li> <li>Submission update for Georgia facilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	4 weeks	ESO
8/29 - 9/29	Gen6 Configuration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilities</li> <li>Users and Accounts (Submission Only)</li> <li>Configure Roles/Permissions</li> </ul>	4week	GTC and ESO
Week of 9/19	GTC Admin Training Review with Admin Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gen6 Web Portal</li> <li>Users/Roles/Permissions</li> <li>Facilities</li> <li>Password Restrictions</li> <li>Welcome Page</li> </ul>	1 day	ESO and GTC
Week of 9/19	GTC Report Writer Training		ESO and GTC
Week of 9/19 or 9/26	Submission Training		ESO and GTC
9/28	<b>Go Live</b>	1 day	ESO and GTC
Week of 10/10	Relational Populator Training (post-live to capture data)	1 day	ESO and GTC
Week of 10/10	Report Writer Training (post-live to capture data)	1 day	ESO and GTC

# GQIP Research Fellow



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Welcome to Dr. Eli Mlaver!



A big thank you &  
best wishes to Dr.  
Jesse Codner!



## Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma Report to Trauma Commission – August 11, 2022

	Trauma Program
<b>Significant Events</b> (Previous or Upcoming):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two new Level IV Trauma Centers: West GA Medical Center in LaGrange and Wellstar Spalding in Griffin. Both facilities are located in Region 4.</li> <li>Northside Gwinnett received their Level II ACS Verification.</li> <li>Doctors Hospital, CHOA-SR, Grady Burn Center and North Fulton had re-verification visits. Final reports are still pending.</li> <li>Hamilton &amp; Crisp have Level III ACS consults, results pending.</li> <li>OEMST Armband pilot project: OEMST has a meeting scheduled with the pilot hospital system to finalize the hospital part of the implementation process. Pilot expected to start September 2022.</li> <li>New Interim Director for OEMST</li> <li>NHTSA EMS System Re-assessment – August 30 – September 1, 2022</li> </ul>
<b>+Successes</b> for the Entity/Program/Region:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two new Level IV facilities now in Region 4.</li> <li>Facilities that are using the web-based GA Patient Registry (State Trauma Registry) direct entry platform have been successful with the required data submission using this no cost data reporting solution.</li> <li>Facilities that will continue to use ESO as their trauma registry data platform and will import the required trauma data to the State Trauma Registry (GA Patient Registry) have been successful so far. Waiting on all facilities that are a part of this phase of the pilot to complete their imports (download).</li> <li>Publication of the 2019 Georgia Trauma Registry Report.</li> </ul>
<b>Challenges</b> for the Entity/Program/Region:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patient turnover times at hospitals for EMS patients at Emergency Rooms, which contribute to the delay of ambulance responses for 911 request and interfacility transfers.</li> </ul>
<b>Name</b> of Person Submitting Report:	David Newton, Michael Johnson, Kelly Joiner, Renee Morgan



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**GEORGIA DESIGNATED TRAUMA & SPECIALTY CARE CENTERS**

<b><u>FACILITY</u></b>	<b><u>CITY</u></b>	<b><u>COUNTY</u></b>	<b><u>NUMBER</u></b>
<b><u>LEVEL I</u></b>			
*Augusta University Medical Center	Augusta	RICHMOND	706-721-3153
*Grady Memorial Hospital	Atlanta	FULTON	404-616-6200
*Atrium Health Navicent	Macon	BIBB	478-633-1584
Memorial Health Univ. Medical Center	Savannah	CHATHAM	912-350-8861
Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center	Atlanta	FULTON	404-265-6577

**(See Specialty Care Centers for Pediatric Center)**

<b><u>LEVEL II</u></b>			
Atrium Health Floyd	Rome	FLOYD	706-509-5000
*Doctors Hospital of Augusta	Augusta	RICHMOND	706-651-3232
*Northside Gwinnett Medical Center	Lawrenceville	GWINNETT	678-312-4321
*Northeast GA Medical Center	Gainesville	HALL	770-219-1200
Piedmont Athens Regional	Athens	CLARKE	706-475-3020
Piedmont Columbus Regional	Columbus	MUSCOGEE	706-571-1901
*Wellstar Kennestone Hospital	Marietta	COBB	770-793-5000
*Wellstar North Fulton Hospital	Roswell	FULTON	770-751-2559

**(See Specialty Care Centers for Pediatric Center)****(\*ACS Verified at level specified)**



<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
<b><u>LEVEL III</u></b>			
Advent Health Redmond	Rome	FLOYD	706-291-0291
Crisp Regional	Cordele	CRISP	229-276-3100
Fairview Park Hospital	Dublin	LAURENS	478-275-2000
Hamilton Medical Center	Dalton	WHITFIELD	706-272-6150
John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital	Thomasville	THOMAS	229-228-2834
*Piedmont Cartersville	Cartersville	BARTOW	770-382-1530
Piedmont Walton	Monroe	WALTON	770-267-1781
Wellstar Cobb Hospital	Austell	COBB	470-732-4000
<b><u>LEVEL IV</u></b>			
Atrium Health Polk	Cedartown	POLK	770-748-2500
Effingham Health System	Springfield	EFFINGHAM	912-754-6451
Emanuel Medical Center	Swainsboro	EMANUEL	478-289-1100
Memorial Health Meadows Hospital	Vidalia	TOOMBS	912-535-5555
Morgan Medical Center	Madison	MORGAN	706-752-2261
Winn Army Community Hospital	Ft. Stewart	LIBERTY	912-435-6721
Wellstar Paulding Hospital	Hiram	PAULDING	470-644-7000
Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital	Griffin	SPALDING	770-228-2721
Wellstar West GA Medical Center	LaGrange	TROUP	706-882-1411

### **Specialty Care Centers**

#### **Pediatric Trauma Centers**

*Children's Healthcare of Atlanta@ Egleston (Level I)	Atlanta	DEKALB	404-785-6405
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta @ Scottish Rite (Level II)	Atlanta	FULTON	404-785-2275
*Children's Hospital of GA @ Augusta University (Level II)	Augusta	RICHMOND	706-721-3153

#### **Designated Burn Centers**

Joseph M. Still Burn Center	Augusta	RICHMOND	706-651-6399
Grady Burn Center	Atlanta	FULTON	404-616-6178

**(See Specialty Care Centers for Pediatric Center)**  
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# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Georgia Trauma Commission STOP THE BLEED Program RTAC Coordinator Proposal August 11, 2022

### Program Overview

In March 2017, the Georgia Trauma Commission began a campaign to provide bleeding control kits in every Georgia public school and bus. In addition to providing training to key school staff.

Over the past five years, the RTAC Coordinators have continuously worked towards completing the STOP THE BLEED initiative, with 98% of public schools and 80% of school buses complete (ATTACHMENT A). While some regions have been able to complete the original initiative, others have confronted barriers that have caused a delay in facilitation:

#### SUCCESSES

List project successes or milestone completion to date.

- School Program 8 out of 10 regions complete
- School Bus Program
- New region 8 coordinator contracted 07/01/2022. Already meeting with region stakeholders to tackle program
- Formal kit request and training form created to track kits and streamline workflow.
- Formalize STOP THE BLEED program proposal for Commission approval

#### BARRIERS

List any current or anticipated project challenges experienced to date.

- Unresponsive schools or school bus system stakeholders
- School training days full with other required programs
- Limited window for schools to allow training days (during breaks)
- No oversight or additional assistance. Previously provided by GTC Deputy Director.
- Large region coverage for 1 coordinator. Region 8 and 9 formally covered by 1 coordinator until recent transition
- Coordinators contracted and most have other full time jobs
- Region 1 coordinator transition, former Region 1 coordinator heavily involved in inventory tracking
- Kit Storage in Forest Park far away for some coordinators
- Unable to distribute kits to private schools

#### MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Describe how you propose to navigate challenges to ensure completion of project.

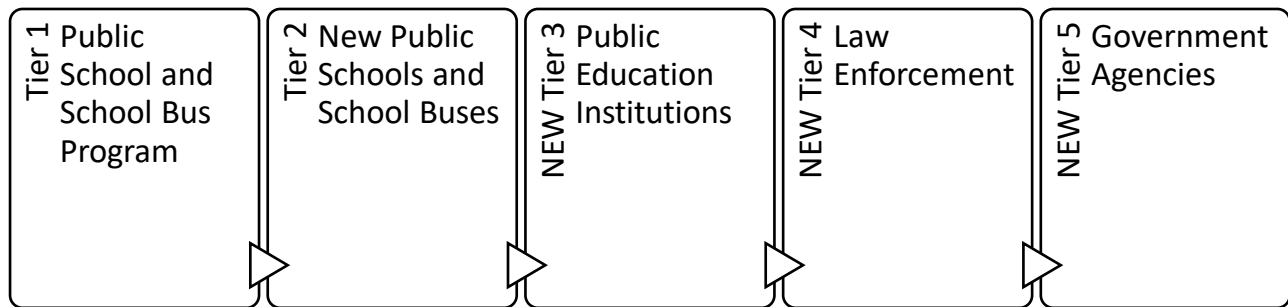
- Create formal opt-out letter for unresponsive schools/school buses. Reach out with letter three times and final attempt will be certified mail letter
- Enlist help of Commission and committee members to assist in advocating in unresponsive counties
- Streamline STOP THE BLEED workflow processes to create transparency and identify barriers quickly and effectively
- Enlist help with inventory management and determine best storage and distribution method for coordinators
- Completed regions to target approved alternative distribution agencies based on region's needs
- Discuss private school and state rules with Attorney General to obtain update on matter.
- Provide application period for kit requests to assist RTAC Coordinators to assess community needs and prioritization.



# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Proposed Kit Priority

We currently have 8000 kits in storage for distribution. We would like to reserve 6000 kits to complete the Public School and School Bus initiative. With the remaining 2000 kits and future purchases, the RTAC Coordinators would like the ability to determine kit distribution based on the specific need of their respective region and kit availability within the following parameters:



Tier	Agency	Description	Kits Distribution
1	Public Schools and School Buses	K-12 School and School Buses identified in 2017.	12/school; 1/bus
2	New Schools and School Buses	New K-12 schools and buses currently in operation outside the original list.	12/school; 1/bus
3	*Public Education Institutions	Pre-Ks, schools, colleges, school board offices, athletic venues, auditoriums, etc.	2 per building, 2 per floor, 1 per hallway, or 1 per AED cabinet (whichever is greater). Max of 12 per building.
4	*Law Enforcement	Law enforcement is typically the first to arrive on the scene. They support our funding with the execution of Super Speeder tickets and can be used as an opportunity for education.	1 kit per vehicle: patrol cars, motor squads, field supervisor's vehicles. 20 kits max per rural, 40 per urban
5	*Government Agencies	(Local, county, state, and federal government facilities): Recreation departments, athletic venues, courthouses, county/city administration buildings, health departments, health district offices, county maintenance departments, water departments, public safety academies, EMA offices, fire departments, police departments, juvenile detention centers, jails, prisons, etc.	2 per building, 2 per floor, 1 per hallway, or 1 per AED cabinet (whichever is greater). Max of 12 per building.

\*New request to include in the program



## GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

### **Proposed Organization/Institution Requirements**

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- Designate a point of contact for the STB program.
- Identify an STB instructor: instructors must be registered on the ACS site – must be verified before kit distribution.
- Schedule a STB course on notification of award and before any distribution of kits.
- Commit to providing STB training annually.
- If a Bleeding Control Kit is utilized, agree to notify the designated RTAC coordinator or project coordinator.
- Agree to provide periodic program feedback.

### **Formal Proposal**

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The RTAC Coordinators would like to bring forth the proposal to add new beneficiaries for STOP THE BLEED kits funded by the Georgia Trauma Commission. The coordinators have identified Public Education Institutions, Law Enforcement, and Government Agencies as institutions needing STOP THE BLEED training and support. Each RTAC coordinator will coordinate bleeding control kit distribution with consideration of current regional resources, presence of risk factors, and population served. For Commission review, each coordinator will provide a comprehensive list of current efforts and the number of kits placed within the community as part of their quarterly reports.

In the future, the coordinators will determine their yearly kit distribution average to advise of a budget requirement for the duration of this program.

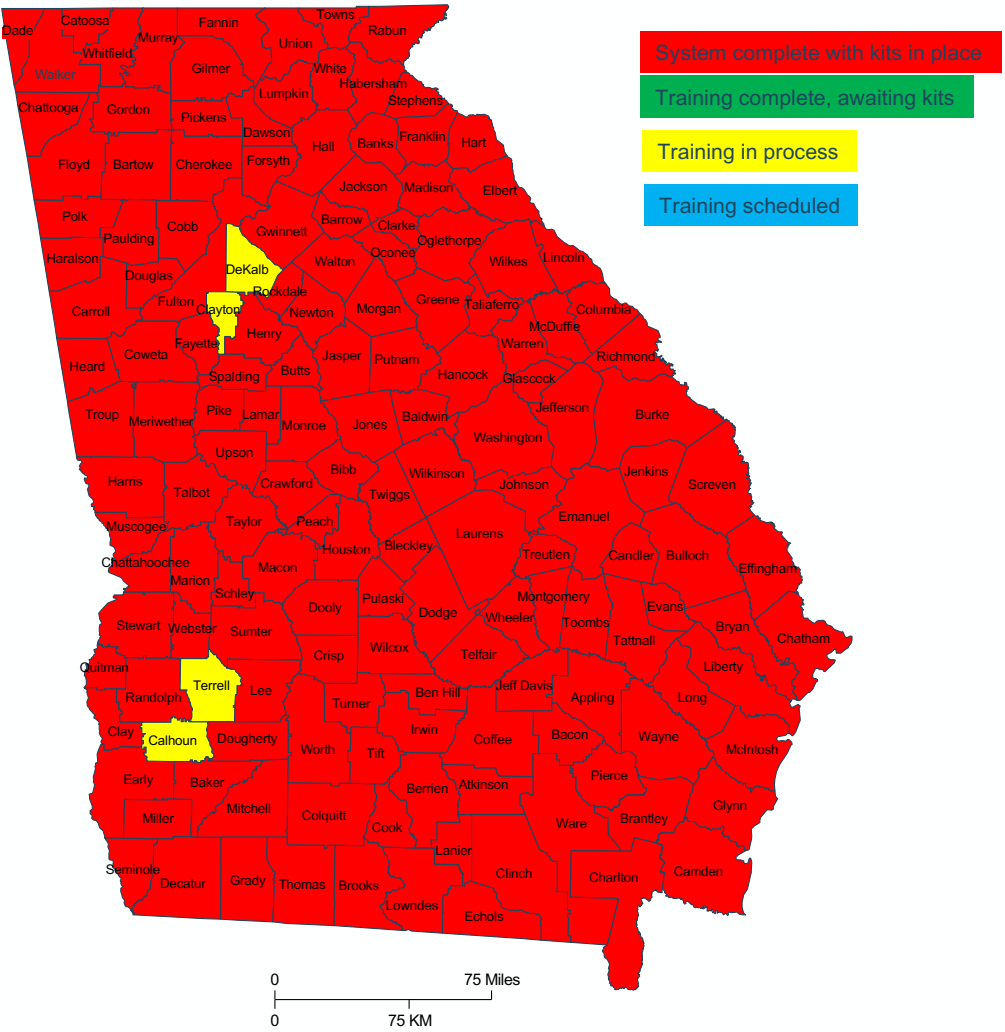
### **RTAC Coordinator Name and Region**

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Benjamin Harbin, Region 1  
Jackie Payne, Region 2  
Mark Peters, Region 3  
Stephanie Jordan, Region 4  
Kristal Smith, Region 5  
Farrah Parker, Region 6  
Brian Dorriety, Region 7  
Anita Matherley, Region 8  
Stephanie Gendron, Region 9  
Crystal Shelnut, Region 10

# STB Schools Project

Completion Rate	97%
Region	Incomplete Counties
3	Dekalb, Clayton
8	Terrell, Calhoun



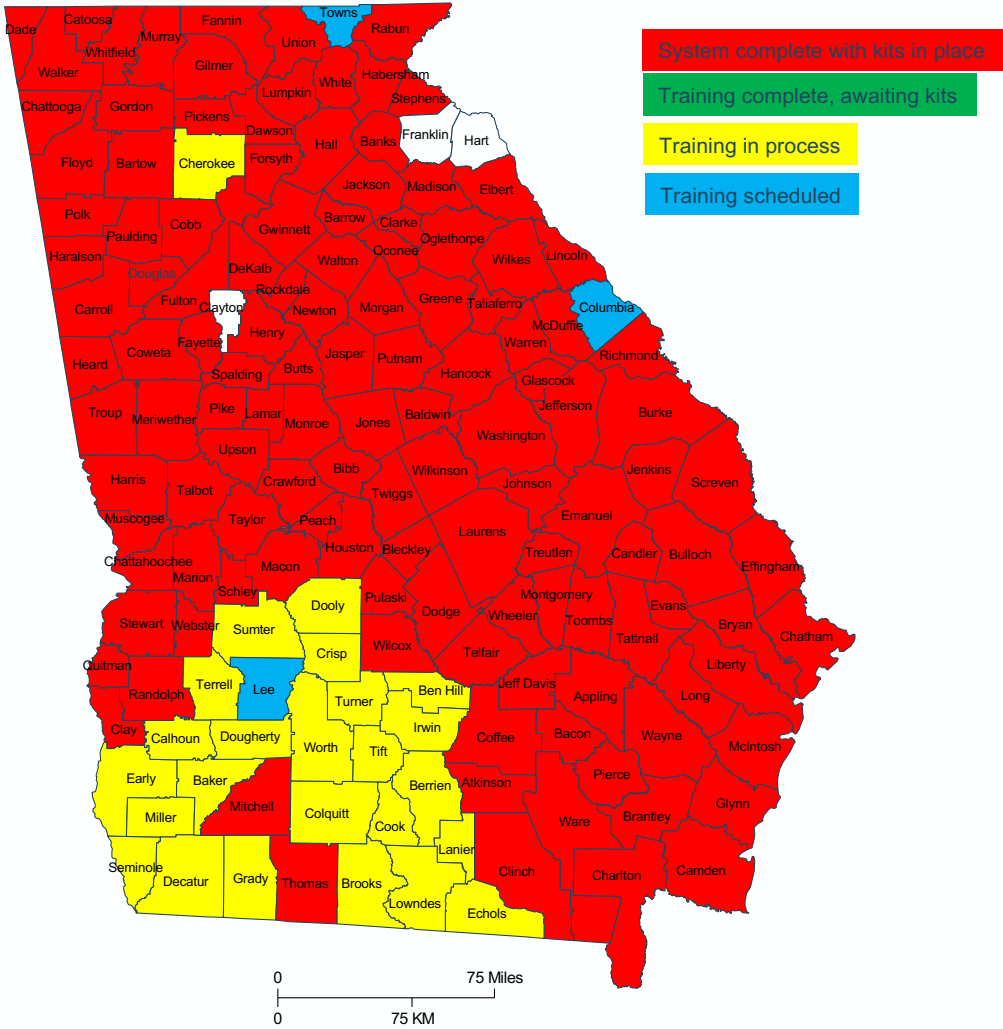
# School RTAC Feedback

Region	RTAC Coordinator	Incomplete Counties	RTAC Quarterly Report Feedback: April 2022
3	Mark Peters	Dekalb and Clayton	Overall 75% complete 582 of the 768. Clayton Public Schools 11 of 63 or 17% are complete, Dekalb 18 of 132 or 14% are complete. No activity since Covid. There are eight state charter schools that have not started training
8	Stephanie Gendron*  Last report before release of region 8 coverage	Terrell and Calhoun	Partnered with GEMA/HS to get the kits to Southwest Georgia, although it is not a one-day process. Having kits in the area will alleviate some of the issues with supplying kits in a timely manner. Barriers: Supplies/teachers



# STB School Bus Project

Completion Rate	80%
Region	Incomplete Counties
1	Cherokee
2	Towns, Franklin, Hart
3	Clayton
6	Columbia
8	Baker, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Calhoun, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Decatur, Dooly, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Grady, Irwin, Lanier, Lee, Lowndes, Miller, Seminole, Sumter, Terrell, Tift, Turner, Worth





# School Bus RTAC Feedback

Region	RTAC Coordinator	Incomplete Counties	RTAC Quarterly Report Feedback: April 2022
1	Scott Lewis, Former Coordinator  Ben Harbin, New Coordinator eff. 07/01/2022	Cherokee	Cherokee is currently 51% complete. There has been limited buy-in from the transportation administration.
2	Jackie Payne	Towns, Franklin, Hart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Towns – STB training scheduled on August 3rd.</li> <li>Hart- Letter sent to superintendent on 2/16 with follow up email on 3/17. No response.</li> <li>Franklin- Letter sent to superintendent on 2/16 with follow up email on 3/17. No response.</li> </ul>
3	Mark Peters	Dekalb, Fulton and Clayton	9 of the 12, 75% of the systems are complete with kits delivered. Atlanta Public Schools and Dekalb County started training their bus drivers but have had no activity since Covid. Clayton County has not started training their bus drivers.
6	Farrah Parker	Columbia	We have communicated the need to complete the training and with the help of staff at Augusta University we have made contact with key staff to complete this training. We made plans to complete this training during their annual training in July but was not successful with scheduling. We are hopefully that this training will be completed after the start of the school year.
8	Stephanie Gendron, Former Coordinator  Anita Matherley, New Coordinator eff. 07/01/2022	Baker, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Calhoun, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Decatur, Dooly, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Grady, Irwin, Lanier, Lee, Lowndes, Miller, Seminole, Sumter, Terrell,, Tift, Turner, and Worth	Barriers: Supplies, Teachers, COVID



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# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	1	RTAC Chair	John Pope	RTAC Coordinator	Ben Harbin
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Date Submitted	07/24/2022
Quarter	4

Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	There were three STB classes taught through out the Region. One Train the Trainer is scheduled for the 1 <sup>st</sup> of August.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? <sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes
2. Education	None by the RTAC
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
3. Performance Improvement Projects	In planning stages with the EMS-C to pilot pediatric injury standards of care.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
4. Injury Prevention Activities	None by the RTAC
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes

RTAC Successes	STB continues to be taught throught the Region and interest still grows.
RTAC Barriers	Completion of the STB buses in Cherokee which is at approximately 51%
Date of last BIS Assessment	3/24/2022
Date of last Trauma Plan	10/1/2014
Date of last region meeting	4/28/2022
Date of next region meeting	7/28/2022

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# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Regional Summary

*Region 1 has been without their RTAC Coordinator and new one has been hired and his contract executed. He started 7/1/2022. He has been working the Regional Director Jordan Pierson and Regional Training Coordinator Scott Lewis to get acclimated to his duties and roles in the Region. The upcoming meeting will be his first meeting as the RTAC Coordinator. Home Depot grant awarded items were delivered to the wrong location and Ben is working to get those back to the storage area at Floyd EMS.*



# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	2	RTAC Chair	Jesse Gibson	RTAC Coordinator	Jackie Payne
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Date Submitted	7/25/22
Quarter	4

Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	<b>School Bus Drivers</b> There are 4 counties that have not completed STB Training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Towns – STB training scheduled on August 3rd.</li><li>Hart- Letter sent to superintendent on 2/16 with follow up email on 3/17. No response.</li><li>Franklin- Letter sent to superintendent on 2/16 with follow up email on 3/17. No response.</li></ul>
<b>Status: On-going</b>	
<b>Support GTC Strategic Priorities?<sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes</b>	
2. Education	<b>Dawson County EMS Trauma Education</b>  Dr. Vassy and Kyle Gibson participated in Dawson County EMS trauma education on 4/20-4/21.  <b>Lumpkin County EMS Mobile Simulation Education</b>  Completed mobile simulation for Lumpkin EMS (Trauma, Neonatal Resuscitation, and Stroke) 5/16-5/18. 40 participants.  <b>RTTDC</b>  RTTDC completed at Habersham Medical Center on June 16. 16 participants (2 doctors, 2 advanced practice providers, 4 pre-hospital, and 8 nurses).  <b>Stephens County EMS Mobile Simulation Education</b>  Scheduled to complete mobile simulation on August 29-30 <sup>th</sup> .  <b>Banks County Mobile Simulation Education</b>  Scheduled to complete mobile simulation education on October 17-18 <sup>th</sup> .

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# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Annual Trauma Symposium

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Northeast Georgia Trauma Symposium will take place on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Lanier Technical College Ramsey Conference Center. The event will be a hybrid event offering attendees the opportunity to attend in-person or virtually. Registration is open.

**Status: On-going**

**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**

### 3. Performance Improvement Projects

#### Pre-hospital Blood Pilot Project:

GEMSMDAC approved the post licensure skill for paramedics to initiative blood products in the field. The next steps involve the state Office of EMS & Trauma developing the licensing process and education.

For region 2, the pilot work will continue at this time. The pilot group is using a new temperature monitoring device that is going well. To this point, 81 field initiations have occurred.

#### Pre-hospital Ultrasound Project

RTAC 2 purchased 13 Butterfly IQ handheld ultrasound devices. The program is being implemented to assist with decision making regarding needle decompression and also to assist with location of insertion, if indicated. 6 agencies have completed the application process. Education will consist of education modules via the LMS and hands on training. 5 (Jackson, Franklin, Dawson, Central and Hall) of the 6 agencies have completed their training.

**Status: On-going**

**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**

### 4. Injury Prevention Activities

#### Bingocize

- Facilitated Bingocize at White County Senior Center on 5/11. 15 participants.

#### Tai Chi

- Completed Tai Chi demo at Lanier Village on 5/13. 15 Participants.

#### Stephens County High School

- STB education was completed for Stephens County High School Allied Health students on 5/12. 137 participants.

#### Stop the Bleed Virtual Blitz

- Taught STB on 5/19.

#### Car Fit

- Participated in Car Fit event at Cresswind Village on 6/13. 15 participants.



# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Virtual Health and Wellness Seminar for Senior Centers

- Presented Health Literacy and Fall Prevention to 6 senior centers 26 participants.

Status: On-going

Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes

RTAC Successes	<b>Pre-hospital Ultrasound Project</b>  5 (Jackson, Franklin, Dawson, Central and Hall) of the 6 agencies have completed their training.
RTAC Barriers	We continue to have challenges with completion of STB training for Hart and Towns. As mentioned above, a formal letter and follow up email have been sent with no response.
Date of last BIS Assessment	Unknown, requires update
Date of last Trauma Plan	Unknown, requires update
Date of last region meeting	RTAC region meetings should occur quarterly at minimum. <b>Deliverable:</b> submit meeting minutes from your most recent RTAC meeting along with quarterly report.
Date of next region meeting	Friday, October 14th, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm Northeast Georgia Medical Center Auxiliary Conference Room. Zoom virtual option



## Regional Summary

Region 2 has completed STB education for all schools and 80 % of school bus drivers. The superintendent of the remaining counties has not been responsive to the formal letter and follow up email that was sent in Feb/March. Region 2 will continue their efforts with the remaining counties. Regional STB continues in the community.

Region 2 has completed several education events this past quarter: Dr. Vassy and Kyle Gibson participated in Dawson County EMS Trauma Education, Mobile Simulation Education for Lumpkin County EMS, and RTTDC at Habersham Medical Center. Future education to include Mobile Simulation Education for Stephens County August 29<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>, Banks County October 17-18<sup>th</sup> and the Northeast Trauma Symposium on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

GEMSMDAC approved the post licensure skill for paramedics to initiative blood products in the field. The next steps involve the state Office of EMS & Trauma developing the licensing process and education. For region 2, the pilot work will continue at this time. The group is currently undergoing a change in temperature monitoring device. To this point, 81 field initiations have occurred.

The Ultrasound Project is being implemented to assist with decision making regarding needle decompression and also to assist with location of insertion, if indicated. 6 agencies have completed the application process. Education will consist of education modules via the LMS and hands on training. 5 (Jackson, Franklin, Dawson, Central and Hall) of the 6 agencies have completed their training

Region 2 completed STB education for Stephens County High School Health Allied Students and partnered with Region 5 for virtual STB education. In addition to STB, other injury prevention activities included Car Fit, Bingocize, Tai Chi and Health and Wellness seminars.



# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	3	RTAC Chair	Elizabeth R. Benjamin	RTAC Coordinator	Mark Peters
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Date Submitted	07/25/2022
Quarter	4

Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
Stop the bleed	Working multiple school systems and government agencies to schedule trainings.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? <sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes
Trauma Plan update	Sub-committee has been created to work on updating the Region 3 Trauma Plan.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
Performance Improvement Projects	Wellstar Kennestone Trauma/EMS PI Meeting – Wednesday April 27 <sup>th</sup> Northside Gwinnett TOPIC meeting – Wednesday June 8 <sup>th</sup>
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
Education	Wellstar AMC- July 19 <sup>th</sup> Donor Management CHOA- Trauma Ground Rounds June 17 <sup>th</sup> Adolescent Violence
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes

RTAC Successes	Very successful region-wide blood drive, collecting 138 units of blood. Participating agencies; Atlanta Fire, Grady Hospital, Grady EMS, Northside Gwinnett, and Wellstar Kennestone. Continue educational presentation during RTAC meeting. Carey Lamphier presented a class on burn injuries during May meeting. Many of the Region 3 trauma centers are offering educational opportunities, i.e. trauma rounds.
RTAC Barriers	Re-opened discussions with DeKalb County Schools and Clayton County Schools to get schools equipped and staff trained in Stop the Bleed.
Date of last BIS Assessment	01/2016
Date of last Trauma Plan	08/2016
Date of last region meeting	May 26, 2022
Date of next region meeting	August 25, 2022

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## Regional Summary

Hope to make progress with DeKalb County Schools and Clayton County Schools to get the remaining schools and busses equipped and staff trained in Stop the Bleed.

DeKalb County: I have spoken to lead school nurse, she will work with the nurses at each school when they report back on August 2.

Clayton County: Clayton County EMA is working on a plan with the school system. Also Clayton County Schools Health and PE Coordinator is also working with school administrators to get training complete.

The Region-wide blood drive took place over a few days at numerous locations and the region exceeded their goal of units collected. The theme of the drive was a friendly competition between in-hospital staff and pre-hospital staff. The in-hospital staff were victorious!

Region 3 RTAC website - Continue to work with Gabby on website that all RTACs can post information.



# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	5	RTAC Chair	Todd Dixon	RTAC Project Coordinator	Kristal Smith
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Date Submitted	07/24/22
Quarter	4

Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	<p><b>4/5/22</b> - Traditional Course/20 Attendees/Warner Robins Fire Department</p> <p><b>4/13/22</b> - Traditional Course/20 Attendees/Warner Robins Fire Department</p> <p><b>4/26/22</b> - Virtual Course/4 Sessions/200 Attendees/ Colleges and Universities</p> <p><b>4/26/22</b> - Virtual Instructor Orientation/2 Sessions/21 Attendees/School Nurses, Medics, Law Enforcement, etc.</p> <p><b>4/28/22</b> – In-Person Skills Only Course/2 Sessions/8 Attendees/ Middle Georgia State University/Faculty, Staff, Students</p> <p><b>4/28/22</b> - In-Person Instructor Orientation /3 Attendees/Middle Georgia State University/Law Enforcement</p> <p><b>5/2/22</b> - TCAA Best Practice Poster Presentation - <i>Back to School: Successfully Embracing the Virtual Classroom to Deliver Statewide Bleeding Control Training to Schools</i></p> <p><b>5/6/22</b> - Virtual Instructor Orientation and Update/2 Sessions/14 Attendees/ Nurses, Medics, Law Enforcement, etc.</p> <p><b>5/10/22</b> - Traditional Course (+LE MAT Content)/14 Attendees/Sandersville Police Department</p> <p><b>5/19/22</b> - Virtual Course/4 Sessions/141 Attendees/General Public</p> <p><b>5/19/22</b> - Virtual Instructor Orientation and Update/7 Attendees/ Nurses, Medics, etc.</p> <p><b>5/19/22</b> - In-Person Skills Only Course/11 Attendees/Atrium Health Navicent/Employees</p> <p><b>5/24/22</b> - In-Person Skills Only Course/20 Attendees/Piedmont Macon North/General Public/also Awareness Program/200 Attendees/General Public</p> <p><b>5/25/22</b> - In-Person Skills Only Course/45 Attendees/Georgia Public Safety Training Center/Employees</p> <p><b>5/26/22</b> - Traditional Course (+LE MAT Content)/9 Attendees/Telfair County SO</p> <p><b>5/31/22</b> - Traditional Course (+LE MAT Content)/9 Attendees/ Telfair County SO</p> <p><b>6/16/22</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Awareness Program/100+ Attendees/Macon Central City Park /Safe Kids Central Georgia Extravaganza/General Public</p> <p><b>6/24-25/22</b> - STOP THE BLEED® Awareness Program/300+ Attendees/Georgia Public Safety Training Center/Georgia Public Safety Educators Association</p> <p><b>6/25/22</b> - Traditional Course (+LE MAT Content)/16 Attendees/Bibb County SO</p>

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Status: Ongoing		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? <sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes
2. Education	<p><b>Prevent Trauma Webinar:</b> <b>4/27/22</b> - Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention Webinar/50 Attendees/Provided in collaboration with the Georgia Committee on Trauma Excellence IP and Outreach Subcommittee</p> <p><b>Celebrating Trauma Awareness Month Webinar Series:</b> Provided in partnership with Atrium Health Navicent and The Q Word Podcast <b>5/16/22</b> - Psychiatric Trauma in the Trauma Bay Webinar/23 Attendees <b>5/17/22</b> - TikTok Challenges Gone Wrong/27 Attendees <b>5/18/22</b> - Dark Humor in Emergency Medicine: Therapeutic Coping Mechanism or Unprofessional Behavior?/22 Attendees <b>5/19/22</b> - Evolution of Trauma Resuscitation Over the Last 158 years/50 Attendees</p> <p><b>The Q Word Podcasts:</b> R5 RTAC continues to partner with The Q Word Podcast to deliver trauma education targeting Emergency Department Nurses and EMS Personnel. 11 Podcasts have been published to date, with nearly 19,000 downloads. The latest episode, TikTok Challenges Gone Wrong, was downloaded more than 400 times within 24 hours of its initial upload. (Initially presented at the Region 5 EMS Pediatric Trauma Symposium.)</p> <p><b>Stop the Bleed Education Summary:</b> 8 Virtual Stop the Bleed Courses/341 Attendees 4 Instructor Orientation Sessions/37 Attendees 6 Traditional Courses/78 Attendees 4 In-Person Skills Only Courses*/84 Attendees 3 Awareness Programs/400+ Event Attendees *R5Trauma Instructors performed ~a dozen 1-on-1 Skills Courses/Check</p>	
Status: Ongoing		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
3. Performance Improvement Projects	<p><b>RTAC PI Subcommittee focus for 2022-23:</b> Management of trauma arrest and time to definitive care.</p> <p><b>RTAC PI Subcommittee Meetings:</b> <b>6/29/22</b> - Reviewed newly published 2022 Edition NASEMSO Model Clinical Guidelines. Strategized methodology for conducting regional gap analysis.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resuscitation in Traumatic Cardiac Arrest - page 141</li><li>• General Trauma Management - page 208</li><li>• Field Triage of Injured Patients - page 407</li></ul><b>6/30/22</b> – Developed a basic framework for an upcoming regional trauma resuscitation summit and subsequent workgroup discussions. The RTAC PI Subcommittee identified two physician champions and key regional stakeholders needed to serve on four work groups.</p>	
Status: Ongoing		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes



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## 4. Injury Prevention Activities

### RTAC IP and Outreach Subcommittee Initiatives for 2022-23:

Fall Prevention, Traffic Injury Prevention, Violence and Self Injury Prevention, TBI Prevention, and Trauma System Awareness.

#### IP and Outreach Activities:

**4/14/2022-6/2/2022** - A Matter of Balance/Falls Prevention/12 Attendees/Macon

**4/27/2022** - Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention Webinar/15 Attendees

**5/2/2022-5/3/2022** - SafeKids Leadership/Presentation/*State of Unintentional Injury in Georgia*

**5/9/22** - Georgia Occupant Protection Task Force Meeting

**5/12/22** - DHS-Division of Aging Services/Bingocize Lunch and Learn/75 Attendees

**5/14/22** - Bicycle Rodeo/Houston/50 helmets distributed

**5/24/22** - Region 5 EMS for Children Cookout/Educational Opportunities and Materials Provided (Bike Safety, Gun Safety, Stop the Bleed, etc.)/200 Attendees

**6/16/22** - Published Georgia Stay SAFE, Pediatric Firearm Prevention Toolkit and Activity Book in collaboration with the Georgia Stay SAFE Coalition, the Georgia Committee on Trauma Excellence, and other Coalition Partners.

**6/18/22** - Safe Kids Central Georgia Safety Extravaganza/Educational Opportunities and Materials Provided (Bike Safety, Gun Safety, Stop the Bleed, etc.)/~150 Attendees

**6/19-25/22** - Georgia Stay SAFE Week (Ongoing distribution of materials.)

**6/23-25/22** - 50th Annual Georgia Fire Safety Symposium/Georgia Public Safety Educators Association/Georgia Stay SAFE and Stop the Bleed Material Distribution

**Status: Ongoing**

**Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes**

RTAC Successes	We were fortunate to be able to leverage our virtual "classrooms" and training equipment caches to support prevention, outreach, and educational offerings for several of our trauma system stakeholders.
RTAC Barriers	Time constraints and staffing demands continue to be significant barriers in regard to RTAC project execution at the EMS agency and hospital level.
Date of last BIS Assessment	Adopted Jan 2012; a new BIS assessment is in progress
Date of last Trauma Plan	Adopted October 2016; a Trauma Plan update is in progress
Date of last region meeting	4/27/22
Date of next region meeting	TBD

## Regional Summary

The Region 5 RTAC has had an extremely busy quarter. The strength of our regional and state partnerships continues to enable the regional trauma system to increase the availability of trauma education and injury prevention programming. Additionally, our Immediate Response Trailers were requested and deployed in preparation for a number of festivals and large gatherings.

One hundred percent of the region's public school systems will have completed their Stop the Bleed training for schools and school buses prior to the start of the 2022-23 school year.



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	Region 5 RTAC - FY 2023 Goals
RTAC Executive Committee	Complete the update of the Region 5 Trauma Plan and Regional BIS Assessment. Target Date: by September 30, 2022. (End of FY 23, Q1)
RTAC Performance Improvement Subcommittee	The RTAC PI Subcommittee will work with the Region 5 Education Committee and R5 Trauma Instructional team to develop the FY 2023 Regional Trauma Education Calendar. Target Date: by September 30, 2022. (End of FY 23, Q1)
RTAC Performance Improvement Subcommittee	The RTAC PI Subcommittee will work with the Region 5 Education Committee and R5 Trauma Instructional team to develop new or updated trauma education modules specific to Traumatic Cardiac Arrest, General Trauma Management, and Field Triage of Injured Patients. Target Date: by June 30, 2022. (End of FY 23, Q4)
RTAC Injury Prevention and Outreach Subcommittee	The RTAC IP Subcommittee will work with our school nursing partners to conduct a survey of public school systems within the region to determine the number of new schools and new school buses needing Bleeding Control Kits. Target Date: by September 30, 2022. (End of FY 23, Q1)
RTAC Injury Prevention and Outreach Subcommittee	The RTAC IP Subcommittee will work with the Region 5 EMS for Children Committee, the Department of Public Health, and Safe Kids Central Georgia to support one regional Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) course by June 30, 2022. (End of FY 23, Q4)



# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	6	RTAC Chair	Nicky Drake	RTAC Coordinator	Farrah Parker
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Date Submitted	04/24/2022
Quarter	4

Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	Stop the Bleed training and Instructor Course. Doctors Hospital – EMS Week 5/17/2022, 5/19/2022
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? <sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes
2. Education	TECC class in Columbia County. ** Class was cancelled due to not enough participants
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
3. Performance Improvement Projects	List of PI projects and results to date
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
4. Injury Prevention Activities	List dates, locations, target audience, and number of attendees
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes

RTAC Successes	Confirmation from Marshall Ramone Lampkin, that the RTAC can coordinate with quarterly gun safety training and conduct Stop the Bleed training during this class. The class size is 12 people and held Saturday mornings. With the delivery of the Home Depot items ordered for the region, Columbia County Fire volunteered to have the items delivered there and store
RTAC Barriers	List any current or anticipated project challenges experienced within quarter
Date of last BIS Assessment	2011
Date of last Trauma Plan	2011
Date of last region meeting	The last RTAC meeting was held on 05/05/2022
Date of next region meeting	Next RTAC meeting 08/04/2022, 11/03/2022, 02/02/2023, 05/04/2023

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## Regional Summary

*Region 6 has successfully completed school Stop the Bleed training for all 13 counties. We continue to support schools that may need or request additional training for the addition of new staff members. We also have completed Stop the Bleed training for the school buses with the exception of Columbia County. We have communicated the need to complete the training and with the help of staff at Augusta University we have made contact with key staff to complete this training. We made plans to complete this training during their annual training in July but was not successful with scheduling. We are hopefully that this training will be completed after the start of the school year. We plan to complete the training using a virtual component and work to schedule check offs. We will make a collaborative effort to complete this and extend this to multiple days if this best suites the county. During this training we will distribute the kits as well.*

*Region 6 has continued to make efforts to invigorate membership and participation. With this effort we sent out letters to participants that would represent our 3 trauma centers, law enforcement and multiple EMS and Fire agencies. We also welcomed any other members of our first responder community that would help support our mission and goals of the RTAC. We also made plans to extend the time of our quarterly RTAC meeting. This will allow us to discuss and make action plans on what should be completed during the quarter.*

*With this change we hope to make movement and progress on increasing our educational opportunities, injury prevention and performance improvement initiatives with implementation of work groups. This will allow a synchronus approach to completing multiple objectives throughout the year.*

### **Please include the following in your summary:**

- School Project percent completed and barriers to completion.
- School Bus Project percent completed and barriers to completion.



# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	7	RTAC Chair	Duane Montgomery	RTAC Coordinator	Brian Dorriety
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Date Submitted	07/20/22
Quarter	4th

Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	Taught STB at Piedmont Columbus Regional Hospital,(new nurses), STB Training was conducted in Quitman County, Webster County, Stewart County and at Ft. Benning Hospital. Picked up 5 STB Trainer Kits for Region 7 and 1 for Piedmont Midtown Truama Center
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? <sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes
2. Education	We are had our 3 <sup>rd</sup> annual Tactical Emergency Casualty Course May 6-7 at Columbus Fire and EMS with 25 students in attendance. We have nurses wanting TNCC Courses We will be working towards trying to make that happen. We are also having request for ITLS courses.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
3. Performance Improvement Projects	Kelly Grasser is working on Trauma Transport Data Collection to track Region 7 scene to trauma center times
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
4. Injury Prevention Activities	We had car seats classes online May 19 through Safe Kids of Columbus. We had our 2 <sup>nd</sup> annual life jacket giveaway May 14, 2022, with over 400 life vest given away. We also added 2 new life vest loaner stations in Region 7. We had our 1 <sup>st</sup> annual boating safety course May 26, 2022 We will begin Motor Vehicle seat belt and distracted driver survey in the fall.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes

RTAC Successes	Falls are down in region 7 since distributing our Fall Prevention Pamphlets through-out the region. STB Training continuing through out the region. We had 100 % participation with the Reginal Trauma Equipment Grant Funds
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RTAC Barriers	Region 7's Law Enforcement Officers are wanting the training as soon as possible. Awaiting for GTC approval for use of kits that are sitting in warehouse.
Date of last BIS Assessment	March 2020
Date of last Trauma Plan	May 14, 2022
Date of last region meeting	4-19-22
Date of next region meeting	7-26-22

## Regional Summary

*Region 7 has made progress with Stop the Bleed in the hospitals, using our new STB trainer kits. The plan to continue training throughout the region. To include government buildings, civic centers, and schools as they schedule training sessions.*

*The region is working on rolling out Stop the Bleed training to law enforcement and fire department's due to the increased stress on EMS. Our LEO have been requesting the training and would love to receive a kit per patrol car.*

*Region 7 is 100% complete with STB in the Schools and Buses. We will continue to add additional training sessions for new hires and new schools as they request. We have approximately 16 private schools in Region 7 that are interested in the STB training. Awaiting for approval from the GTC to conduct this training and provide them with the STB Kits.*

*Region 7 continues to schedule different types of training throughout the region for EMS agencies and hospitals. We continue offering courses for our region as agencies request. This is an opportunity where a regional training grant may be utilized in the future.*



# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	9	RTAC Chair	Dr. Alexis Gage	RTAC Coordinator	Stephanie Gendron
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Date Submitted	07/25/22
Quarter	4

Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	Completed refresher training for Atkinson County Schools, Tattnall County Schools, Chatham Schools. Savannah Hilton Head International Airport trained with kits placed throughout the terminal
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? <sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes
2. Education	Decon- June 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> - Pooler, GA Critical Incident Stress Management Group- July 25-26 Garden City, GA
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
3. Performance Improvement Projects	Attrition PI- On hold until new coordinator steps onboard
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
4. Injury Prevention Activities	CPST Classes throughout region in May, June Received Hyundai Grant for Bryan County CPS activities ATV Education through Memorial- Ongoing
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes

RTAC Successes	Many school systems reached out for refresher classes as the schools started back to school training for staff. Chatham County made a quick refresher STB video for all staff and plans to expand the program for every staff member.
RTAC Barriers	Turnover in participating facilities; RTAC coordinator to depart on 7/31/2
Date of last BIS Assessment	January 2019
Date of last Trauma Plan	January 2019
Date of last region meeting	RTAC coordinator was out for last RTAC Meeting.
Date of next region meeting	7/28/22

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## Regional Summary

- Region 9 has seen a large amount of turnover since COVID-19 with participating facilities. The board needs to be refreshed and as stated in the bylaws- new chairpeople for Education and Non-traditional EMS will need to be elected. Stop the Bleed is still going well in the Region with many school systems becoming independent on their training through use of online training or by utilizing their school nurse workforce. The schools are 100% complete and the school buses are 100% complete. Chatham County has one newly constructed school that will need kits once their school year starts in 2022.
- This quarter will be the last for the RTAC Coordinator Stephanie Gendron, her last day will be July 31, 2022. The position will be vacant as of August 1, 2022.



# GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

## Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

EMS Region	10	RTAC Chair	Dr. Kurt Horst	RTAC Coordinator	Crystal Shelnutt
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Date Submitted	7/24/2022
Quarter	4

Current Quarter Project/Activity <sup>1</sup>	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	<p>The Region 10 STB program has received significant excitement and engagement with many regional partners this quarter. On April 22, 250 STB kits were retrieved from storage in Atlanta for distribution in Region 10. Four main projects are ongoing in Athens Clarke County, Madison County, Oglethorpe County, and Oconee County. In each county, a STB coordinator was identified with appropriate credentials and agreed to conduct training, maintain rosters, and report the program's progress.</p> <p>Madison County: 50 kits were delivered on May 17. EMS Supervisor Jennifer Carter is managing the STB training for county employees. Training has been completed for the recreation department, county maintenance, and the sheriff's office. The virtual STB course was provided to all county employees, with scheduled training remaining for the courthouse staff and volunteer fire departments. Director Bobby Smith is distributing kits following the completion of training and based on internal needs &amp; risk assessments.</p> <p>Oglethorpe County: 50 kits were delivered on June 16 to EMS Director Jason Lewis, the point of contact for this STB program. Training is ongoing with county employees. Many of the county's volunteer fire departments have completed training and received kits for the fire apparatus.</p> <p>Athens Clarke County- 100 STB kits were delivered to the Athens Clarke County Fire Headquarters on April 27. Assistant Chief Mark Melvin is working with Emily Thompson, the community outreach coordinator, to train all county employees in STB! Many courses have been completed with kits deployed to parks and county buildings. Courses will be ongoing over the next few months.</p> <p>Oconee County: 50 kits were delivered on June 1 to EMA Director CJ Warden. Oconee plans to place a STB kit with every AED located in the county and train county employees yearly. Two courses have been completed so far for the Volunteer Fire Department and first responders.</p>

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Status: Ongoing		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? <sup>1</sup> (Y/N): Yes
2. Education	<p>Georgia Trauma Skills Procedure Lab- This course was held on June 3 at Piedmont Athens Regional in the Medical Services building. By all accounts, this course was a tremendous success. GEMSA reported this course had the best attendance rate of any previous offerings. One hundred twenty students completed the training, including students enrolled in local medical training, EMTs, AEMTs, Paramedics, Registered Nurses, Physician's Assistants, and Physicians. Student feedback via Survey Monkey indicated overwhelmingly positive educational experiences were had by all attendees. The local Paramedic program from Athens Technical College was in attendance and able to perform required CoAEMSP skills prior to their program completion.</p> <p>Region 10- Tactical Emergency Casualty Care- This two-day course was hosted by Oglethorpe County EMS, with training completed at the local middle school on June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Nineteen students attended the class, including AEMTs and Paramedics who work for various EMS agencies in Region 10. Students reported it was a beneficial course with skills and tactics typically unfamiliar to EMS providers. All students left with a desire for more training related to active threat situations and ways to improve response in their community. Following completion of the training, all students were informed of the process of becoming a STB instructor and what resources were available for them to train the public.</p>	
Status: Ongoing		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
3. Performance Improvement Projects	<p>Prehospital Blood Products Pilot Project- This ongoing project has all the necessary equipment, and the EMS providers have received the required training. The remaining component is the technology interface between the blood bank and the temperature monitoring hardware. We are actively working to resolve the issues and begin the program. Additionally, we have started conversations with Saint Mary's Hospital to potentially provide blood products to Greene County EMS when the pilot is up and running and ready for expansion.</p>	
Status: Ongoing		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
4. Injury Prevention Activities	No activities this quarter.	
Status: Ongoing		Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes

RTAC Successes	<p>The most significant success is the tremendous progress with the STB program. With 250 kits provided to the region, we have made access to life-saving interventions more accessible and increased engagement with RTAC. As the regional STB program continues to grow, I hope our RTAC committee attendance and reach will also.</p>
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RTAC Barriers	<p>We continue to have no communication with the City of Jefferson School Bus garage. We have reached out to other community partners to attempt to complete this final piece of the Region 10 School programs.</p> <p>We have experienced another setback with the prehospital blood project pilot as PAR's internet security will not allow access to the ThermoScientific web application required for temperature monitoring. A help ticket has been submitted with Piedmont Atlanta with no resolution currently.</p>
Date of last BIS Assessment	October 31, 2016
Date of last Trauma Plan	December 18, 2018
Date of last region meeting	June 21, 2022
Date of next region meeting	September 20, 2022

### Regional Summary

*Region 10 has completed the Stop the Bleed program for 100% of the schools in the region. The school bus project is 95% completed, with only the City of Jefferson school busses remaining. Multiple members of the RTAC committee and PAR Trauma Team have reached out with no success. We have engaged the local EMS Training Director in an attempt to give us a contact in the school district or bus garage.*

*RTAC has seen significant improvement in the engagement of counties now instituting community and county employee Stop The Bleed Training. Four counties have received allotments of STB kits and are actively training in their community. We are working with the region's other six counties to develop STB programs and assist with instructor resources and kits. We want to partner with local law enforcement and fire & rescue organizations for STB training and better understand what resources they need to serve trauma patients in the community.*