



GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION

Regional Advisory Trauma Committee Quarterly Report

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Current Quarter Project/Activity ¹	Comments
1. Stop the Bleed	Application Period: Region has 8 applications to a total of 300 kits List of upcoming STB offerings and trainings- Multiple STB Trainings through individual departments with continued ongoing support with teaching and supplies. Working through scheduling applicants that need training.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? ¹ (Y/N): Yes
2. Education	Region 1 has partnered with Grady's Burn Center to host 4 hrs blocks of BurnTraining for the entire Region to include Hospital staff, EMS, Fire. The first class has taken place in Cartersville with the City of Cartersville Fire Hosting a AM/PM session in May. 3 More additional Trainings are scheduled following the same format at the following locations to cover the whole Region. 1) Rome Fire 2) Pickens Co Fire & Emergency Services 3) Calhoun Fire Region 1 is hosting our 8 hrs hands on PEDS Trauma Training in Calhoun. On Sept 10th We had a attendance of 75 EMS,Nurses and Physicains that attended the first training.This type of training need was identified in our Regional Education survey that was completed earlier this year.We have had many requests to do this training again. We have requested funds through the Trauma Commission EMS Subcommittee to support this effort as well. PHTLS EPC AMLS Geriatric all are contunied education classes that are being hosted in multiple places through the Region. Multiple STB classes to civic organizations, County Goverments, and Schools.

¹ 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. O.C.G.A and Strategic Plan can be found <https://trauma.georgia.gov/about-us>



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	Participating in Planning and ongoing for multiple Active Shooter Drills in counties to include High ,Middle, Elem and Colleges. Next Drill will be located in Bartow Co. The Partnership with the Lutzie 43 Foundation has been a great success ,as Fannin HS was the latest to welcome the RTAC & Program to the High School. Calhoun, and Dade Co are in the Planning stages.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
3. Performance Improvement Projects	Region 1 has PI project that began as just PEDS , New Posters have been distributed and we now are accepting anonymous submissions through a scanned QR code from the PEDS & Adult populations with noted positive feedback. This was a decision made and voted by the RTAC.The PI project has received 300+ submissions. Most agencies and Hospitals have been willing participants. We have gone above and beyond to enlicit the good calls as this will hopefully be used at years end for regional awards ,along with the learn from calls. The leadership has decided to put these efforts on hold while forming a Regional System wide QA/PI committee to include the effortsput forth to the Regional Councils from the State Office of EMS.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
4. Injury Prevention Activities	While there have been no Region wide IPA during this Quarter , Region 1 agencies continue to hold these activities agency specific throughout the Region on a frequent basis. Region 1 has been identified as the number one Region for Falls in elderly ,we have identified certain counties to test IPA in. We have begun receiving some great ideas and support through a intern with the Trauma Commission. We are working on a partnership with Always Caring Home care and the Northwest Georgia Area on Aging to reduce these numbers through out the Region.
Status: On-going	Support GTC Strategic Priorities? (Y/N): Yes
5. Pre-hospital Education Needs Assessment	The State wide educational assessment and our Regional assessment was presented to the RTAC, Council and the Trauma Commission Subcommittee in March. The Region leadership has met multiple times with a plan put in place to include a funding ask from the subcommittee to support the educational needs assessment plan. This plan was approved in their previous meeting. It is to be noted If the Regional RTACs are going to support continued efforts for meaningful education it will need a permanet funding source. GEMSA does a great job in delivery of specific courses but as the ENA showed there needs to be more specific training regionally specific.



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Status: On-going

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

RTAC Successes	<i>We have a very engaged RTAC group that consists of all facets of the Region that all work together for the best of the Patient. To include Law Enforcement, Schools, Designated Centers, EMS agencies, DPH, and multiple non designated centers.</i> <i>PI Project for Adults & PEDS</i> <i>Final has been completed for the updated Trauma Plan and the Plan was approved by the RTAC and the Regional Council 4/25</i> <i>Erlanger Has been a valued supporter of Region1 RTAC since day one, the main hospital is in another state but the participation has been top notch for our region. They have been and continue to be a valued partner. Just last month we were able to gain them access to hospital hub to view PCR's for Patients Transported to their Trauma Center. We are working on included their data for our region to be incorporated into Arbor Metrics. Erlanger has also came onboard for the continued success with Wellstar Kennestone to deliver the Lutzie Foundation safe driving summit to our Region's High Schools.</i>
RTAC Barriers	<i>It was determined during the educational assessment with each Region being different we all have a wide range of educational needs and no funding to to support those efforts.</i>
Date of last BIS Assessment	3/22
Date of last Trauma Plan	4/2025
Date of last region meeting	April/2025
Date of next region meeting	7/24/2025 in Calhoun

Regional Summary

The Region as a whole is engaged and excited. We have now included all ages in the PI committee submissions with over 300 calls submitted. It has proven to be a huge project with volunteers. The Trauma Plan Final received its adoption at the April 2025 Council Meeting. Committees have been working and met aside from RTAC Meetings, these committees have worked on their respective sections of the Regional Trauma Plan. The new MCI Committee was formed in April under the RTAC .



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The RTAC leadership has discussed plans moving forward with evaluation of ongoing training. Funding of these training efforts is proving to be a challenge. PEDS Hands on Trauma skills over the region was the number one request from the education assessment. The Hands on Class was well attended and received. The training received great reviews from attendees. We were able to involve many instructors from agencies, hospitals and flights services from multiple states. Regional Training assessment has been reviewed with the regional leadership and the Training plan has been put in motion with the partnership of Grady and our Regional First Responder Agencies hosting these training classes.

The overall Stop the Bleed project for Schools and Buses are complete in Region1. STB Training is ongoing with most agencies and hospitals assisting in their respective areas.

Due to recent events we are continuing to field many calls, questions, and concerns from our education and L.E. partners on training, STB kits and evaluation of standard practices in these type of Mass Shooting events. Most of the submissions for this STB Grant cycle have come from our LE partners.