

ADDENDUM to the MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
between
STATE COORDINATING OFFICE LEAD REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
and
SPONSORING ENTITY
for
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL TASK FORCE and TEXAS MASS FATALITY
OPERATIONS RESPONSE TEAM**

The following addendum provides information to facilitate inclusion of additional local and regional resources pertaining to the Texas Mass Fatality Operations Response Team (TMORT).

1. PARTIES

Entities eligible to participate in the Texas Mass Fatality Operations Response Team component of the Emergency Medical Task Force Program include:

- a. Local and Regional Governmental Entities**
 - i) Must be a political subdivision of the State of Texas.
 - ii) Must be currently licensed, certified or recognized by the Texas Department of State Health Services to perform the activities required by the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force.
 - iii) Must be currently providing services commensurate with functions and services required to perform the activities required by the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force Program within the boundaries of the political subdivision.
 - iv) Must maintain a business office within the boundaries of the State of Texas.
 - v) Must adhere and abide by all applicable federal, state and local laws and rules, regulation and statute pertaining to the duties performed during the time of its deployment to provide mutual aid in a pending or actual disaster.

- b. Public or Private Academic Institutions**
 - i) Must be a public university or college recognized by the Texas Legislature and engaged in professional or educational pursuits that coincide with the activities of the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force.
 - ii) Must provide proof of accreditation for professional or educational programs that provide personnel to the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force,
 - iii) Must be currently providing services commensurate with functions and services required to perform the activities required by the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force Program within the academic institution.
 - iv) Must provide qualified, credentialed, licensed and/or certified faculty or staff that meet the minimum criteria set by the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force for each position for which personnel are provided.
 - v) Must provide students that are in good academic and financial standing with the college/university, recommended by faculty/staff, and meet the minimum criteria set by the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force for each position for which personnel are provided.

- vi) Must adhere and abide by all applicable federal, state and local laws and rules, regulation and statute pertaining to the duties performed during the time of its deployment to provide mutual aid in a pending or actual disaster.
- c. Private Clinical Practice Physician or Group**
- i) Must be an entity doing business in the State of Texas , providing board certified providers in an applicable field engaged in mass fatality operations, to include but not limited to forensic identification, pathology or social services.
 - ii) Must maintain a business office in the State of Texas
 - iii) Must maintain records of training, licensure and/or certification of all employees participating in the program, to include credentialing, which meets the minimum position requirements established by the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force.
 - iv) Must be willing to provide salary and employment benefits to team members during deployment, and able to pursue and process reimbursement from the requesting agency.
 - v) Must adhere and abide by all applicable federal, state and local laws and rules, regulation and statute pertaining to the duties performed during the time of its deployment to provide mutual aid in a pending or actual disaster.
- d. Non-Governmental Organizations**
- i) Must be an entity doing business in the State of Texas, providing services in an applicable field able to support Texas Emergency Medical Task Force functions and activities, to include but not limited to forensic identification, pathology, operational support, logistics or social services.
 - ii) Must maintain a business office in the State of Texas
 - iii) Must maintain records of training, licensure and/or certification of all employees participating in the program, to include credentialing, which meets the minimum position requirements established by the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force.
 - iv) Must be willing to provide salary and employment benefits to team members during deployment, and able to pursue and process reimbursement from the requesting agency.
 - v) Must adhere and abide by all applicable federal, state and local laws and rules, regulation and statute pertaining to the duties performed during the time of its deployment to provide mutual aid in a pending or actual disaster.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Texas Department of State Health Services and the Texas Disaster Medical System have approved the inclusion of the Texas Mass Fatality Operations Response Team (TMORT) within the Emergency Medical Task Force system in order to facilitate activation and coordination of these ESF-8 response resources under the Texas EMTF MOA.

The planning and pre-deployment coordination of the Texas Mass Fatality Operations Response Team will be consolidated through the Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council to reduce redundant planning and logistics efforts with this specialized response capability.

Activation and Deployment of these resources will follow existing policies and procedures for all other EMTF components, utilizing State Mission Assignments from the State Medical Operations Center to the EMTF State Coordinating Office.

3. PREEMPTION

Not applicable since no provisions in Section 3 (Preemption) require additional detail.

4. LIABILITY

Not applicable since no provisions in Section 4 (Liability) require additional detail.

5. RESOURCE CREDENTIALING

Not applicable since no provisions in Section 5 (Resource Credentialing) require additional detail.

6. REIMBURSEMENT

Not applicable since no provisions in Section 6 (Reimbursement) require additional detail.

7. TERM

Not applicable since no provisions in Section 7 (Term) require additional detail.

8. MODIFICATION

Not applicable since no provisions in Section 8 (Modification) require additional detail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF and acknowledging acceptance of the foregoing, the Parties affix their signatures hereto

**Southwest Texas Regional Advisory
Council (STRAC)**

Sponsoring Entity

Signature

Signature

Printed Name: Eric Epley

Printed Name:

Title: Executive Director

Title:

Date

Date