

Role of the Healthcare Coalition

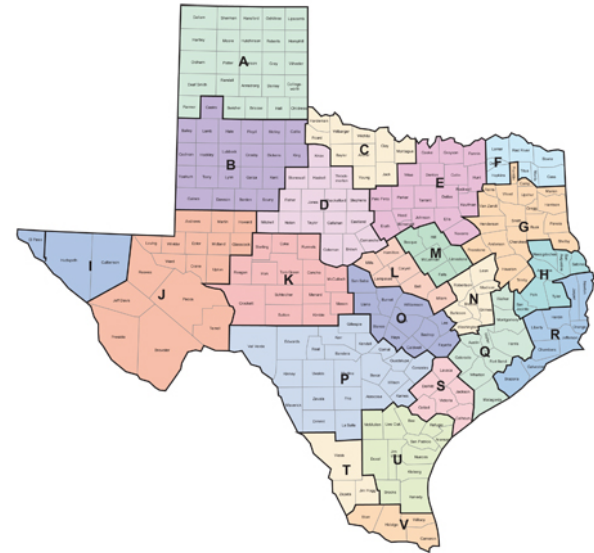
Ready or Not Congressional Briefing

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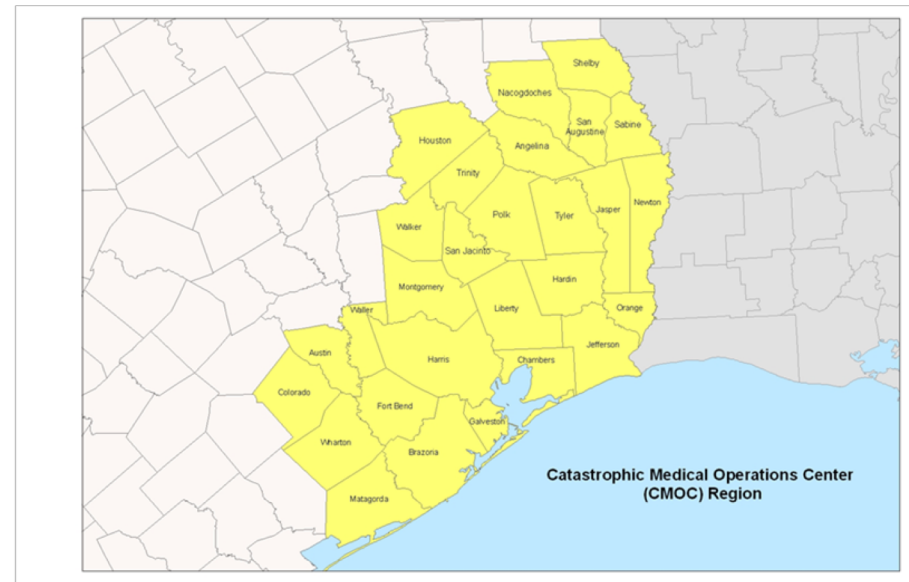
SETRAC: Who We Are

- 501(C3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization
- Organized under 1989 Omnibus Rural Health Care Rescue Act.
- SETRAC is one of 22 Trauma Regional Advisory Councils (RAC) currently functioning within the State of Texas.



Our Coalition Region

- 25 Counties
- 277 cities
- 9.3 Million* (36%)
- 877,000/disabilities* (24%)
- 187 hospitals
- 900+ nursing homes
- TSA Q, R, H



PHEP Public Health

- Health surveillance
- Food safety and defense
- Agriculture safety/security
- Vector control
- Guidance on potable water/wastewater and solid waste disposal

HPP Medical

- Medical surge
- Patient movement
- Patient care
- Safety/security of drugs, biologics, medical devices
- Blood and tissues
- Behavioral healthcare

Assessment of public health/medical needs; Health/medical/veterinary equipment and supplies; Consultation, technical assistance, and support; Information sharing; Mass fatality management

Tropical Storm Allison - June 2001

30-40" rainfall over 5 days

All freeways underwater

Extensive flooding and subsequent evacuation

TMC "off-line" with ripple effect throughout community

Hospitals responding individually within systems

Loss of 3000 acute care beds and 500 ICU beds overnight



Catastrophic Medical Operation Center



Hurricanes Katrina and Rita - August 2005

- Katrina
 - Transportation and transfer of 1100 patients into healthcare facilities during Hurricane Katrina
- Rita
 - 29 healthcare facilities evacuated during Hurricane Rita
 - 121 Nursing Home evacuations during Hurricane Rita
 - Coordination of 34 Counties and 2 States
 - Transportation and transfer of an additional 2400+ patients into healthcare settings
 - Hospital diversion rate = 0%
 - Post event QA – 0.08% error rate



Hurricane Ike - 2008

- Evacuation and repatriation of 56 hospitals
- Evacuation and repatriation of 220 nursing homes
- Transportation and transfer of 15,000+ individuals
- Oxygen Strike Teams
- Ambulance Staging
- Dialysis and Medical Special Needs Transport circuit
- 4 Forward Coordinating Units



Funding Challenges - 2013

2013
The last year we
provided
“Hospital
Allocations”
directly to the
facilities.

40% cut to Texas for HPP funding

Investment in people, processes, programs

Current funding level at < \$3000/facility or 0.31/pop.

- **Training:**
- 600 classes
- 9100 attendees
- **Exercise:**
- 7 Exercises
- 866 Agencies
- 20,000 participants

Hurricane Harvey August 2017

Total Patient Movement: 1544

Medical Missions: 773

Hospitals Evacuated: 24

Nursing Homes/ALC Evacuated: 20

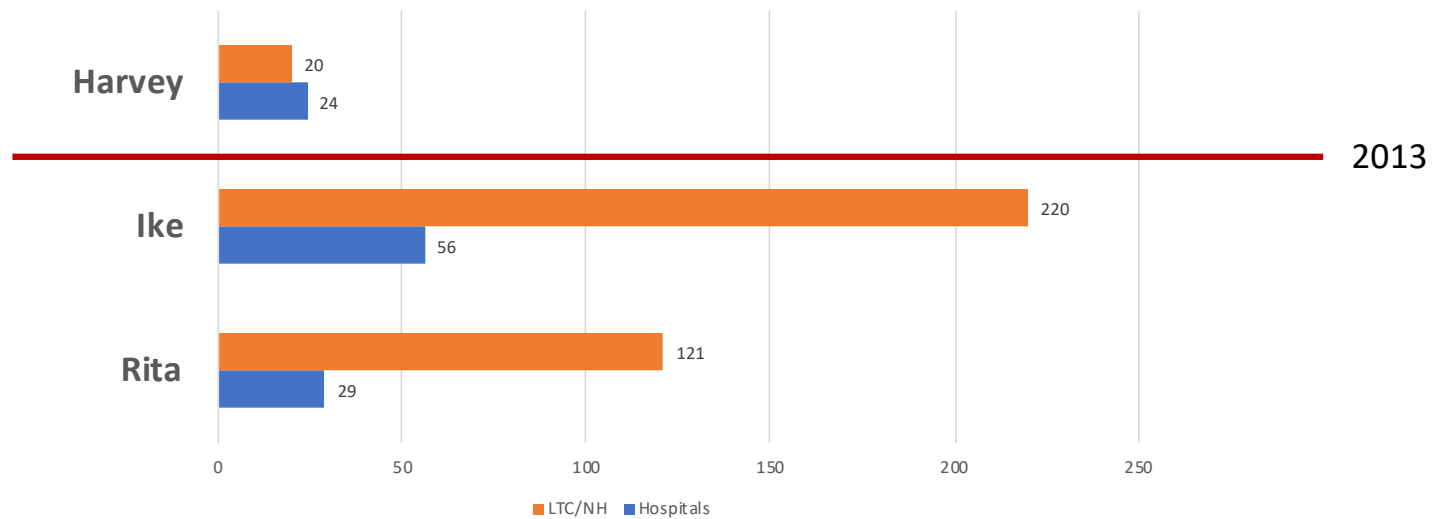


“The active coordination of health care response efforts demonstrated by the SETRAC coalition after Hurricane Harvey demonstrates a clear model for other communities to emulate.”

- Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness Journal, December 2017

Return on Investments

Healthcare Evacuations



"Some hospitals evacuated, but Houston's medical world mostly withstands Harvey". - Washington Post, September 12, 2017

Operational Challenges

THA surveyed its members located in the impacted area and the initial response from 92 hospitals showed the estimated disaster-related costs for reporting hospitals totaled \$460 million.

- \$380 million for capital, operating, emergency work and other costs;
- \$40 million for increased uncompensated care costs;
- \$40 million in other increased costs.





Fund Healthcare Preparedness

- Return HPP funding to pre-2013 levels for sustainability over the next 3 years
 - Provide additional funding to Healthcare Coalitions serving areas of dense population, increased risk, and national significance
 - Capitalize and directly fund high functioning Healthcare Coalitions to replicate best practices elsewhere in the Nation
 - Invest in healthcare preparedness now to ensure a well trained work force is available to serve their communities when needed
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