

## **STRAC Member Participation Requirements & Dues Structure**

STRAC's membership consists of all aspects of the trauma patient care continuum. However, EMS and hospital members have regulatory requirements to fulfill by maintaining "active participation" on the RAC. All members are encouraged to be active participants, but the STRAC reports the active participation of EMS providers, hospitals and first responder organizations to the Texas Dept. of State Health Services (DSHS) for funding eligibility and other regulatory functions. STRAC's fiscal year is identical to the DSHS fiscal year, which begins September 1 and ends August 31. The first meeting is the annual meeting each October.

### **EMS agency active participation requirements:**

1. Attend at least 50% of general STRAC meetings (3 of 6) annually.
2. Participate, at a minimum in at least 50% of EMS committee meetings annually. (In Addition, Air Medical Providers shall participate in at least 50% of Air Medical Advisory Group Committee)
3. Pay annual dues of \$150 per licensed ambulance\* (Dues may be waived if written request is submitted)  
\*EMS agencies receive a \$50/ambulance dues discount for participation in the data project
4. Must comply with applicable memoranda of understanding or letters of attestation and STRAC Clinical Guidelines, triage criteria and participate in the appropriate data collection processes.

### **Hospital active participation requirements:**

1. Attend at least 50% of general STRAC meetings (3 of 6) annually.
2. Participate at a minimum in at least 50% of appropriate committee(s) annually.
  - a. EMS/Hospital Disaster Group (All Hospitals)
  - b. Regional Trauma System Committee (All designated Trauma Centers)
  - c. Regional Cardiac Systems(All designated PCI centers)
  - d. Regional Stroke Systems(All designated Stroke centers)

### **Hospital active participation requirements (continued):**

3. Pay annual dues of \$15/licensed bed\*.  
\*Hospitals receive a \$3/licensed bed dues discount for participation in the data project
4. Designated Trauma/Stroke/PCI centers must comply with applicable memorandum of understanding, letters of attestation, STRAC Clinical Guidelines, triage criteria and participate in the appropriate data collections process for the service line(s).

### **First Responder & Other Organization active participation requirements:**

1. Attend at least 33% of general STRAC meetings (2 of 6) annually.
2. Pay annual dues of \$50. (Dues may be waived if written request is submitted)
3. Must comply with applicable memoranda of understanding, letters of attestation and STRAC clinical guidelines and triage criteria.

### **Noncompliance of requirements**

Agencies that do not meet STRAC Active Participation requirements will not be listed on the Active Participation report each year to DSHS and are not allowed to vote in STRAC proceedings. Further, members who are not active participants may not be eligible to participate in various regional projects like the STRAC-ID badge system.

**Prior to the beginning of each Fiscal year STRAC Executive Committee will consider Dues increases based upon the most recent 12-month Consumer Price Index to a maximum of 3%. In consideration of any unforeseen circumstances, the STRAC Executive Committee may request a meeting to discuss the potential need for any increase above the annual CPI based increase. All Dues Changes require a full Executive Committee and STRAC member vote.**