**e-Trauma Update**

**February 2018**

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**Trauma Program 101: Basic Training** Set for April 3 in Mankato

Trauma program medical directors, managers, coordinators and administrators, this is the class you’ve been waiting for! In this seminar tailored for Minnesota’s Level 3 and 4 trauma hospitals, we will discuss the trauma system participation criteria and best practices, and troubleshoot your problems. Learn about the duties and responsibilities of the trauma program leaders and the processes and techniques used to accomplish trauma performance improvement. When undertaken, these processes and techniques lead directly to improvement in the care provided at the bedside.

Trauma Program 101 has traditionally been very popular with both new and seasoned trauma program leaders. Participants find the class to be very useful in furthering their understanding of program requirements and trauma performance improvement.

Registration is free and lunch will be provided. A block of hotel rooms is on hold until March 2nd. Your regional trauma advisory committee (RTAC) may even offer travel reimbursement. Register by March 23rd!

**Trauma System Hiring Support Specialist**

The trauma system is seeking a motivated, self-directed team member to provide day-to-day support to the program. Responsibilities include tracking and coordinating the activities around designation applications and site visits; supporting the State Trauma Advisory Council; preparing contracts, certificates and letters; and providing overall support to the trauma program staff. Applications accepted through February 14. Read all about it.

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Two New Training Sessions for Online Designation Application Scheduled

Level 3 and 4 trauma program managers who would like to attend training on the new electronic designation application can [register now](#) for one of two upcoming webinar training sessions:

- February 27 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- March 1 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Trauma Registry Corner: Data dictionary

The [2018 MN Trauma Data Dictionary](#) is now published. With it come a few changes to the way trauma registry data is reported:

- Several EMS agency names have been updated.
- Other EMS agencies that operate as subdivisions of a larger service have been consolidated under their parent services. For instance, *Gold Cross Ambulance – Duluth* and *Gold Cross Ambulance – Mankato* are now both reported as “Gold Cross Ambulance.” This may require registrars to update their list of “Favorite Services.”
- The Protective Devices section has been reworked. All protective devices are now collected with one data element rather than with individual data elements.

These and other changes are listed in the data dictionary under, “What’s New for 2018?”

Mark Your Calendars

- February 15: SMRTAC General Meeting
- March 13: Trauma Program Manager Networking Meeting
- March 13: RTAC Leadership Forum
- March 13: EMSRB – STAC Joint Policy Committee
- March 13: State Trauma Advisory Council
March 15: NERTAC General Meeting
March 19: SWRTAC General Meeting
March 22: WESTAC General Meeting
April 5: East Central MN TZD Workshop
April 12: West Central MN TZD Workshop
April 18: Metro MN TZD Workshop
April 19: SMRTAC General Meeting
May 2: Southeast MN TZD Workshop
May 18: MMRTAC General Meeting
May 23: Northwest MN TZD Workshop
May 30: Northeast MN TZD Workshop

For more information, visit the trauma system [calendar of events](#).