

# 7.c. GETAC Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee

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Priority Not Implemented  
Priority Activities Recorded  
Priorities Completed and being  
Monitored

| Committee Priorities                                                                                               | Current Activities                                                                                                                                                                                        | Status |
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| Evaluate and improve the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force based on real-world responses and data from the field. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review wildfire deployment data</li><li>- Program &amp; workgroup updates</li><li>- 2023 Educational overview</li><li>- Updating training opportunities</li></ul> |        |
| Improve patient tracking utilizing the Texas EMS wristband along with Pulsara.                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Pulsara statewide updates</li><li>- Real world examples reviewed</li><li>- Reviewing Pulsara data &amp; usage</li></ul>                                           |        |
| Support the supply chain/PPE operations & storage for Texas hospitals & EMS agencies in concert with TDEM.         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Workgroup meetings are on-going</li><li>- Working on hospital participation</li></ul>                                                                             |        |