



## Texas Emergency Medical Task Force

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# **POSITION DESCRIPTIONS: Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (TX EMTF) Registered Nurse (RN)**

### **Reports to:**

TX EMTF Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) Charge Nurse, TX EMTF Group Supervisor, or TX EMTF Registered Nurse Strike Team Leader (RNSTL).

### **Supervises:**

None.

### **Position Specific Requirements:**

The TX EMTF RN provides for all aspects of patient care in emergency situations as directed, and makes critical decisions based on assessment and experience while activated as part of a MMU, IDRU, or Registered Nurse (RNST) Strike Team of the TX EMTF by the TX Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The TX EMTF RN performs clinical tasks within the standard scope of care and maintains clear and accurate documentation. All team members, including the TX EMTF RN, are responsible for assisting in mobilization and de-mobilization of all its support units. RNs must have the ability to define problems, collect and review data, and draw conclusions. All staff must have the ability to work in a non-traditional medical facility, in potential adverse conditions with no guarantee of regular scheduled breaks or meals. All team members must understand they may be required to rest in coed quarters during TX EMTF MMU deployments. TX EMTF IDRU staff will be required to meet all the above functioning in TX EMTF approved Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the care of a patient with or suspected of having a High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID).

### **Qualifications and Skills:**

- + Be actively employed by an agency with a signed TX EMTF Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the EMTF Agency).
- + ICS 100, 200, 700, 800 or Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) equivalent.
- + Must have a valid Texas nursing license (or compact state license), and must be actively practicing as a registered nurse in a critical care setting and/or specialty unit based on the request for a TX EMTF RNST: e.g., Pediatrics, Labor and Deliver, ICU, Etc.
- + Current BLS, ACLS and PALS/ENPC cards and additional training certifications to match typing and/or requesting facilities specialty.
  - o Any other certifications required by requesting facility to complete the on-boarding process of a RNST activation.
- + An awareness of the hazards associated with various disaster environments.
- + Knowledge of the TX EMTF organizational structure, operating procedures, safety practices, terminology, and communications protocols.
- + Declared fit for duty by sponsoring entity.



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### **Mobile Medical Unit Qualifications**

- + TNCC/ATCN is preferred but not required.
- + Approved by the TX EMTF MMU Group Supervisors for TX EMTF MMU activation.

### **Infectious Disease Response Unit Qualifications**

- + Completion of initial TX EMTF IDRU Training Course for TX EMTF IDRU activation.
- + Proven competency in donning and doffing of TX EMTF approved PPE for TX EMTF IDRU activation.

### **Assigned Duties:**

- + Provide patient care within the TX EMTF structure and performs clinical tasks within the standard scope of care.
- + Provide patient care and performs clinical tasks within the standard scope of care.
- + Maintains accurate patient care records and documentation.
- + Plan for and evaluate information and risk on any emergency and coordinate resources to efficiently provide care for, extract, and transport patient(s) to definitive care in remote, austere settings with limited communication.
- + Identify and Mitigate risk for the health and safety of TX EMTF members and general public.
- + Establish and maintain positive internal and external interpersonal working relationships.
- + Maintain all required incident documentation generated through operation of the incident medical unit.
- + Assist with mobilization and demobilization of any TX EMTF equipment and supplies.
- + Performing additional tasks and duties, as assigned by TX EMTF Supervisor.