

## Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation News

### Partnering to Educate Mississippi Emergency Medical Technicians.

For years, the Trauma Foundation has partnered with the Mississippi Fire Academy to provide law enforcement and first responders with Stop the Bleed Training and tourniquet kits.

MTCSF staff initially provided the training, but academy instructors have trained the most recent courses because of the collaboration between John Gardner, MSTCSF Executive Director, and Rob Fisher, Instructor Chief, EMS at the State Fire Academy.

MTCSF recently provided this group with tourniquet kits after completing their training on Sept. 25, 2023, led by Charles Weathersby, Mississippi State Fire Academy Instructor.



### South Central Regional Medical Center Host Rural Trauma Team Development® Course

Rule 6.3.1. Mississippi Trauma System of Care Rules and Regulations states, "All physicians and mid-level providers (Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner) on the trauma team responsible for directing the initial resuscitation of the trauma patients must be currently certified in The American College of Surgeons Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS). ATLS requirements are waived for Board Certified Emergency Medicine and Board Certified General Surgery Physicians. Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC) may be substituted for ATLS at Level IV Trauma Centers." In addition, Emergency nurses staffing the trauma resuscitation area must be a current provider in TNCC, ATCN, or RTTDC within the last four years.

These rules make RTTDC an excellent option for our Level IV providers who may or may not have taken ATLS or TNCC to develop a team for trauma care. RTTDC is a one-day course, allowing less time away for the trauma center staff. It is more affordable. The training will improve decision-to-transfer times and improve trauma patient outcomes.

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SOUTH CENTRAL  
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Trauma Program Manager Tabitha Hutchinson, Dr. Chad Saul, and CEO Gregg Gibbes hosted an RTTDC course on September 14. The USA Health, University Hospital in Mobile team provided the course to twenty-three attendees.



*Dr. Steven Miller, USA Health, led a scenario discussion group during RTTDC training.*



*Pictured (L-R) USA University Hospital facility- Dr. Nate Polite; Shana McLendon Noland, RN, MSN, ACM Outreach & Injury Prevention Coordinator Trauma/Burn Services; Kayla Hall, MSN, RN, Performance Improvement Coordinator Trauma Services and Dr. Steven Miller.*



*Dr. Miller discusses Pediatric airway management.*

Successful completion of RTTDC provides the student team with the skills to respond effectively and make transfer decisions without delay. Contact the editor if you want to host an RTTDC course at your facility.



*Forrest General Team during a breakout session to discuss scenarios led by Kayla Hall, MSN RN USA Health University Hospital.*

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RURAL TRAUMA TEAM  
DEVELOPMENT COURSE

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### MTCSF to Conduct In-person Regional Meeting

The trauma foundation will facilitate in-person meetings in September, October, and November to encourage networking of the regional trauma team. Our goal is to bring together trauma center and emergency management services staff. The agenda is not finalized at the time of publication, but it is time to mark your calendar and make your plans to attend this much-requested opportunity.

In-Person District Meetings for the Trauma System of Care are as follows:

South District  
September 6 at Forrest General Hospital,  
Hattiesburg, MS.

North District  
October 10 at North Mississippi Medical  
Center, Tupelo, MS.

Central District  
November 6 at the University of Mississippi  
Medical Center, Jackson, MS.

Thank you to our host trauma centers. Each event will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at about 2:30 p.m. to allow for travel time on this single-day event. The MTCSF will provide lunch. These events will not have a virtual option, so attendance is encouraged. Anticipate email and Facebook updates soon.

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### Highlights from Hattiesburg

Forrest General Hospital hosted the **South District Meeting** on September 6, 2023. More than seventy trauma care providers attended the one-day event. MTCSF staff facilitated the event, and lunch was provided as part of the educational grant with MSDH.



*Dr. Duncan Donald provides keynote information during the South District MTCSF Education Day.*

Thank you to the speakers for contributing their time and talent:

- **Duncan Donald MD**, Mississippi Trauma Medical Director
- **Paulita Edwards-Childs, BSW**, Fall Prevention Coordinator MSDH: Injury

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& Violence Prevention Bureau, Office of Preventive Health & Health Equity

- **Dwight R. Owens**, Trauma Survivor Motivational Speaker, Disability Advocate
- **Melanie Nunnally, RN, BSN**, Director, Trauma Services, FGH
- **Dr. Mike Williamson, PT, ATC**, and **Dr. Mike Cole, NRP**, Covington County
- **Teresa Windham MBA\HA BSN EMT CHP**, Nurse Administrator, Clinical Support, MS State Department of Health | Bureau of Acute Care Systems



FGH District Host: Front L-R Janet Basye, Trauma Registrar; Gikita Lee, RN, Trauma Surgery Clinic; Dwight Owens, Motivational Speaker; Duncan Donald, MD, Trauma Medical Director. Back Row L-R Mary Kim Smith, Neurosurgical Trauma Clinic; Tammy Stringer, Medical Assistant, Trauma Surgery Clinic; Heather Fullen, RN, PIPS Coordinator, Trauma Services; Melanie Nunnally, RN, BSN, Director, Trauma Services; Steve Jackson, Administrator, Trauma Services.

## Mixing Fun and Education at the South District Meeting



*AirCare Educator demonstrates pelvic binding during skills exercises. L-R: Will Appleby MHS, MS-CCP, NR-P, FP-C, Layton Spiers ED Director Highland Community Hospital, Lacey Ward, Trauma Coordinator/ ED Manager, Merit River Region, and Denise Felton from Covington County Hospital*



*FGH mascot led attendees in corn hole competition.*

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Above: *Gikita Lee, RN, Trauma Clinic RN, tries Corn Hole with Fatal Vision Alcohol Impairment Simulation Goggles as Dwight Owens looks on. Mr. Owens is a trauma survivor who was hit by a drunk driver.*



Dr. Mike Williamson, PT, ATC, speaks on Sports Injuries with Dr. Mike Cole, NRP (not pictured).

Below: *Blaze the Golden Doodle provides emotional support to attendees. FGH Pet Therapy Dogs provide emotional to patients and staff through this very successful program.*



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### Education Around the State

MTCSF Education Coordinator Matt Edwards has been busy around South Mississippi, providing TNCC 9<sup>th</sup> Edition to trauma centers around the state.



TNCC Provider Highland Community Hospital 8-31-23: L to R- Mathew Bigelow, Shari Bryant, Jordan Peterson, Danica Schmidt, Alex Ramsay, Alicia Jenkins



Merit Health Biloxi 9-19-23: L to R Andrew Johnson, Deseren Dillion, Rebecca Hansen, Jason Freis, Jamie Morrow, Frank Duke



Merit Health Biloxi 9-21-23: L to R Samantha Hager, Andrea Cauley, Jerry Parks, Mary Whitt



Below: Sunnyhill VFD STB- Sunnyhill VFD McComb MS 9-29-23



### Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy

Fifty-four cadets received Stop the Bleed training and tourniquet kits just before their July graduation.

Lacey Ward, RN, the Trauma Program Manager at Merit River Region, joined John Gardner and Matt Edwards from the Mississippi Trauma Care System

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Foundation to provide instruction to this large group.



Instructors Lacy Ward & Matt Edwards with MLEOTA, Pearl, MS Stop the Bleed Class in July.

*Surgeons Course. Special Thanks to Matt Edwards, MSN, RN, the instructor. We enjoyed it, learned a lot, and look forward to many more courses that you feel will be helpful for the safety of our Community and the Department. If ever you need the Centreville Police Department, feel free to call. We're just a phone call away. We all received certificates from the course that will go toward our hours for continuing education and training. Thank you once again. Have a blessed, enjoyable, relaxing weekend."*  
Sincerely,

*Chief Lashanda Grayson and Staff  
Centreville Police Department  
1 Municipal Drive Centreville, MS 39631*

### Field Hospital Recognized by Centreville Administrative Leaders

*To: Kellie Dalton, RN, Field Health System  
Trauma Program Manager, Education  
Coordinator*

*From: Chief Lashanda Grayson, Centreville  
Police Department Staff, Mayor Demetria  
Hudson, John Moore, Centreville Board Of  
Alderman/Alderwoman, City Clerk  
Montgomery.*

*"We would like to express our gratitude for  
your act of kindness for inviting the  
Centreville Police Department to attend the  
Stop the Bleed American College of*



*Above: Field Health STB class - multi-county law  
enforcement agencies 8-16-23*

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### Lazette Everett, Trauma RN, receives recognition from her peers.

Nominated by her peers, Lazette Everett, RN, was recognized at the South District Education Event and awarded a Trauma RN pin by MTCSF Education coordinators. The



recipient demonstrates extraordinary compassion and skill in providing care to the injured patient. Lazette is a Patient Care Coordinator in the Emergency Department at Forrest

General Hospital. "Lazette has many years of experience working in the ED and caring for Trauma patients. Lazette never fails to give 200% to the care of trauma patients and serves as a knowledgeable resource and leader for nurses on her shift," states Melanie Nunnally, RN, BSN, Director, Trauma Services.

In addition to providing exemplary care, she activates the trauma team according to protocol and serves as a resource to team members to evaluate indications for trauma team activation.

Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation developed a pin to honor Trauma Nurses for their dedication and expertise in caring for injured patients. The Mississippi Trauma RN pin is awarded to nurses whom their peers and administration recognize as leaders in

trauma nursing. For nomination forms, scroll down on the home page <https://mstraumafoundation.org/>



L-R Victoria Hickerson, MSN & Matt Edwards, MSN MTCSF Education Coordinators; From Forrest General Hospital: Duncan Donald, MS Trauma Medical Director, Lazette Everette, RN, Patient Care Coordinator, and Melanie Nunnally, RN, BSN, Director

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### *We Welcome Your News?*

You are invited to share recognition, announcements, and new employee and physician introductions to the Mississippi Trauma System in future Newsletters. Send News and Announcements to John Gardner [jgardner@mhanet.org](mailto:jgardner@mhanet.org)

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### Together Time in Tupelo

North Mississippi Medical Center Tupelo hosted the **North District Meeting** on October 10, 2023. More than sixty trauma care providers attended the one-day event. MTCSF staff facilitated the event, and lunch was provided as part of the grant with MSDH.

Thank you to the speakers for contributing their time and talent:

**Charles Pigott, M.D.** Trauma Medical Director North MS Medical Center, Tupelo.

**Jennifer Williams, BScN RN CEN CPEN CFRN CTRN TCRN NRP**, NMMC-Careflight

**Will Appleby, MHS, MS-CCP, NR-P, FP-C**, AirCare Mississippi Center for Emergency Services

**Josh Bankston, MSN, RN, NRP, FNP-BC, ENP**, PHI Air Med

**Timothy Sanders, CCEMT-P**, Baptist Ambulance Shift Leader

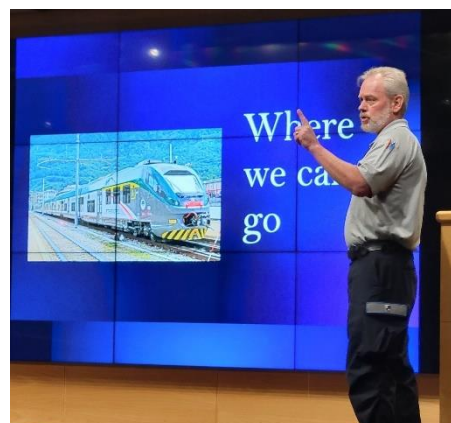
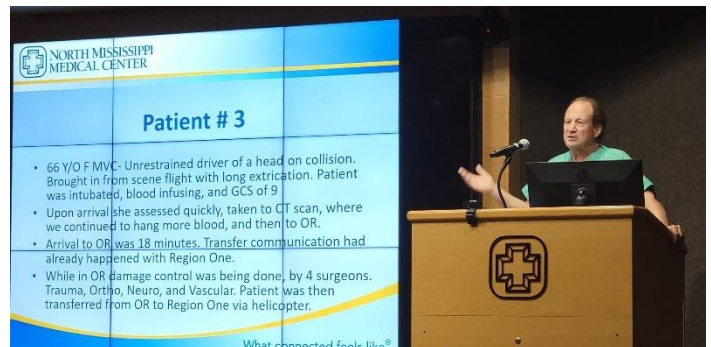
**Paulita Edwards-Childs, BSW**, MSDH: Injury & Violence Prevention Bureau, Office of Preventive Health & Health Equity

**Patrick Graham, A.A.S., NRP**, North MS Medical Center-Tupelo



Above: A large group of trauma nurses, physicians & EMS personnel listening to NMMC TMD Charles Pigott, MD

Below: Dr. Pigott presents case studies, discussing the appropriateness of transfers and outcomes.



Tim Sanders, Baptist Ambulance inspires everyone with the past accomplishments of EMS and a path to advanced training and improved patient care in the future.

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### Circle of Excellence Awards

The 2023 Circle of Excellence Award encompasses recognition that supports a statewide system that provides superior care starting when the injury is detected and continuing through definitive treatment. This award highlights trauma teams that promote excellent patient care through effective communication, true collaboration, decision-making, critical thinking, ability to address challenges related to patient care, and advocacy for the trauma patient. Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation was invited to the leadership meeting on August 9, 2023, at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The MTCSF team had the privilege of announcing the 2023 Circle of Excellence Award recipients, which included UMMC AirCare and the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The 2023 Circle of Excellence award surrounded a mass shooting in Winston County, Mississippi, and recognized many trauma teams that came together to care for the shooting victims. MTCSF was honored to present the nomination for the 2023 Circle of Excellence Award to the University of Mississippi Medical Center and UMMC AirCare. Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for the 2023 MTCSF Symposium awards. MTCSF cannot wait for the 2024 award submissions.

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*Left to right- Victoria Hickerson, Amber Kyle, Stephen Houck, Britt Crewse, John Gardner, Dr. Kim Hoover, and Matt Edwards.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **November 6, 2023**

MTCSF Central District In-person Educational Meeting, UMMC Jackson

#### **November 17, 2023**

MSDH Registry Training Student Union Center UMMC Jackson

#### **December 6, 2023**

MTCSF Virtual Registry Training

#### **March 20, 21, & 22, 2024**

USA Health Alabama Trauma Symposium



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**March -28 & 29, 2023**

Regional One Trauma and Burn  
Symposium

**April 23, 24, & 25, 2024**

MTCSF Symposium

## Circle of Excellence Award

PHI Air Ambulance Services was announced as a winner of MTCSF's Circle of Excellence Award during the MS Trauma System of Care Symposium in May for their support in a Winston County mass casualty event. The



North Educational Meeting provided a District opportunity to present their award. Accepting the trophy for PHI was Josh Bankson, who also gave a lecture on *Hypocalcemia with Massive Transfusion*.



Victoria Hickerson and Matt Edwards, Education Coordinators, present Josh Bankson, PHI Air Ambulance, with the Circle of Excellence Award.

## Spotlight on EMS

### Oxford Emergency Summit

October 11, 2023

**8:00 - 8:30 am:**  
Registration

**8:30 - 8:45 am:**  
Welcome

**8:45 - 9:45 am:**  
STEMI  
Dr. Justin May

**9:45 - 10:00 am:**  
Break

**10:00 - 11:30 am:**  
Initial Burn Care  
Regional One Burn Center

**11:30 - 12:30 pm:**  
Lunch  
Provided by Priority Ambulance

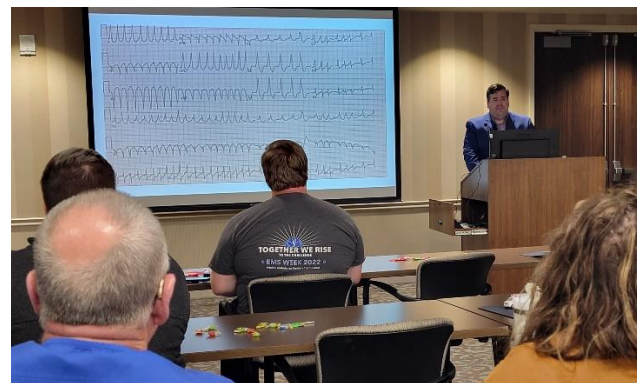
**12:30 - 1:00 pm:**  
Scene Flight Criteria/Landing Zones  
Hospital Wing

**1:00 - 2:00 pm:**  
Initial Trauma Stabilization  
Primary and Secondary Survey  
Dr. Yasmin Ali

**2:00 - 2:30 pm:**  
Emergency Nurses Association

**2:30 - 3:00 pm:**  
Evaluations / Dismiss

 **BAPTIST**



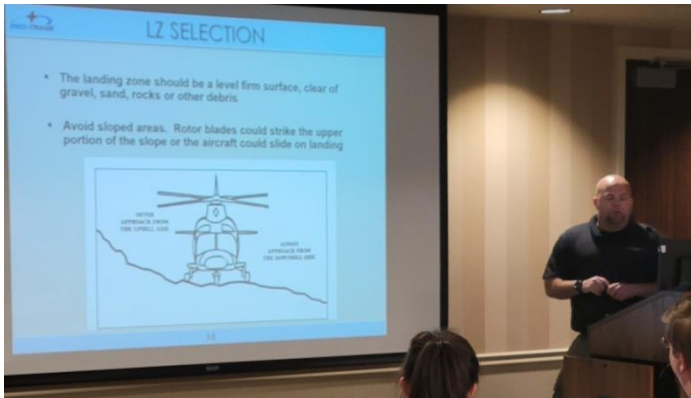
Dr. Justin May, Cardiologist, discusses cardiac rhythm strip at Baptist Oxford Emergency Summit.

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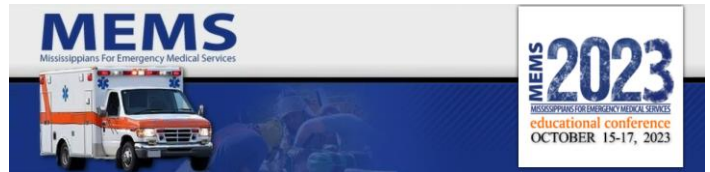
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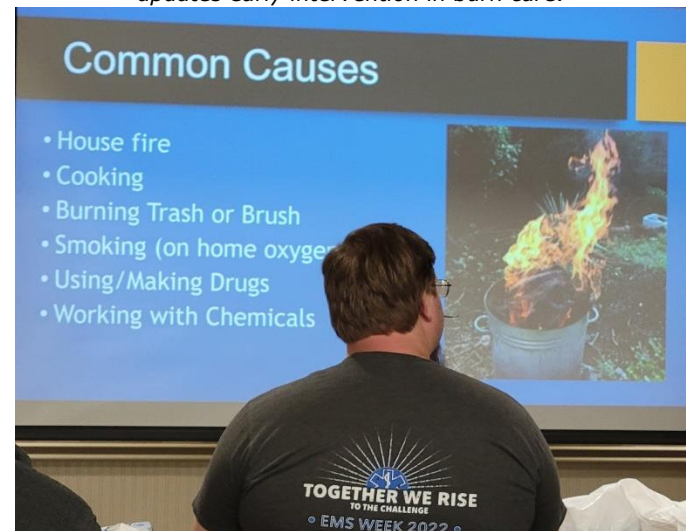
Hospital Wing staff highlights aircraft safety and LZ selection.



Below: Chief Ken Bouvier speaks on 50 years of Tragedies.



Patrick Brockway, RN, Fire Fighters Burn Program Director updates early intervention in burn care.



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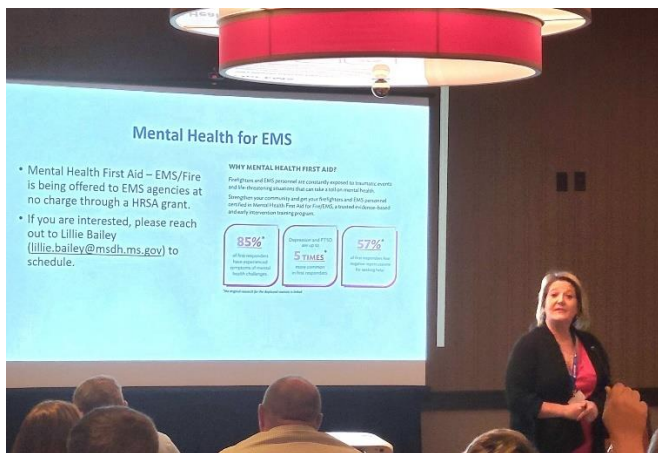


*MEMS Keynote speaker, Scott Bolleter, Dept. Chair Centre for Emergency Health Sciences, Spring Branch, TX*



*Dr. Eric Williams, Ass. Dir. of Emergency Medical Sciences at Jones College*

*Below: Christy Berry, RN, BSN, CEDP, OEPR Director, Mississippi State Department of Health*



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### Director's Direction



Happy Holidays from the MTCSF staff. Victoria, Matt, and I wish you and your families time together, fond memories, and contentment. Because of you, others will celebrate with their families. Happy New Year, and be safe. We appreciate you and trust that we have served you well. 2024 will bring challenges, but MTCSF will be with you. Spring will bring the Mississippi Trauma System of Care Symposium with new first-time educational offerenings.



Grace, Mercy & Peace  
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