EMS Professionals Play a Critical Role in Every Texas Community

Build Career Pathways and Ensure Strong 9-1-1 EMS Services in Texas

Texas' Commitment to EMS Education

1,837
Paramedics

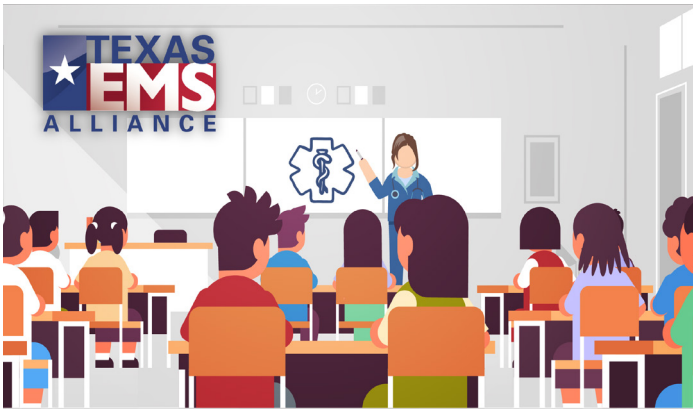
347
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians

1,068
Emergency Medical Technicians

The number of scholarships that have been processed since October 2022 as a result of SB 8 (87-3).

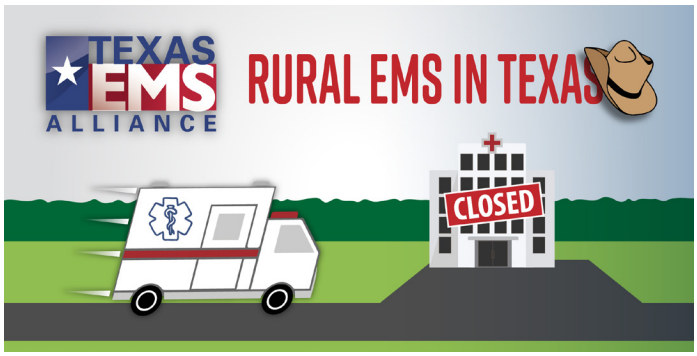
The 87th Legislature Started the Work to Enhance the EMS Workforce

The 87th Legislature's third special session recognized that the EMS staffing crisis was threatening the state's fragile EMS infrastructure. In response, the Legislature created funding for a workforce development program for EMS education and recruitment in SB 8 (87-3).



As a result of SB 8, 3,252 EMS scholarships have been processed since October 2022. In return, the EMS professionals were required to:

- Pass the national registry exam and complete the state certification process.
- Graduates must begin working on an ambulance.
- EMTs must serve one year and AEMT/EMTPs must serve two years on an ambulance.



The Texas Legislature's EMS Workforce Development Grant: An Important First Step

Texas EMS agencies have witnessed an increase of 10,915 EMS professionals since October 2022.

The 89th Texas Legislature now has the opportunity to continue the EMS workforce momentum. For many rural Texas communities, the EMS agency is the community's only health care provider due to physician clinic and hospital closures. As a result, it is critical to ensure that our state has an adequate EMS workforce.

89th Texas Legislature: Fund Additional EMS Scholarships

To ensure that Texas has an adequate EMS workforce, TEMSA is supporting a budget rider that would allocate $6 million per year to fund EMS scholarships through the Texas Workforce Commission for the next biennium.