

Austin-Travis County EMS



Special Event Briefing
City of Austin Public Safety Commission
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SPECIAL EVENTS MISSION ACTIVITIES

MISSION

Eliminate or reduce the impact that Special Events held in the City of Austin have on the 911 system as it relates to Emergency Medical Services.

ACTIVITIES

- Transport of patients to definitive medical care
- Evaluation and care of non-emergent patients to allow patient to remain at event and reduce impact of event on the overall healthcare system
- Provide command & control of resources needed from 911 system



EVENT TYPES REQUIRING A-TCEMS

Large gatherings

- Generally >5,000 @ any one time

Elevated risk of illness/injury requiring transport

- Sports
- Large-volume alcohol sales
- Weather

Known or suspected significant impact to 911 system

- Keep ambulances in neighborhoods

Promoter/Code require A-TCEMS presence

- TDLR license for boxing
- COTA Racing events



NON-SWORN ASSISTANCE

- Frequently do so – encourage WIN/WIN/WIN
 - Provides expertise such as physician-led medical tents to reduce impact on 911 system
 - Helps A-TCEMS manage resources during busy event seasons
 - Reduces overall costs to promoters while maintaining appropriate emergency medical care for attendees
- Large events with collaborative approaches
 - ACL Music Festival
 - Formula 1/MotoGP/NASCAR
 - GIA Amphitheater
 - UT Football
 - Austin FC soccer matches/Q2 Stadium events
 - Austin Marathon



A-TCEMS STAFFING FREQUENCY

OVERTIME COST

FY 2022: 7.5% of all overtime in Department

EVENTS STAFFED

FY 2022: 251 unique, 443 event days

↓ in FY2023 due to more private venue staffing (e.g. - Moody Amphitheater & Convention Center)



SPECIAL EVENTS BUDGETARY IMPACT



Budget

- 4 FTE's in base budget for Command & Logistical support
- Personnel costs for events reimbursed by promoter

Fee Schedule

- Last reviewed for FY'23 budget

Staffing method

- Mostly voluntary OT – 98% filled voluntarily last time assessed
- Ideal state vs real state

