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## 52nd Annual Vital Statistics Conference

On December 3-5, 2006, vital statistics partners from around the state gathered at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin for the 52nd Annual Vital Statistics Conference. Participants could choose from more than 40 sessions with topics ranging from electronic death registration to fraud detection and prevention. Over 550 county and district clerks, city secretaries, midwives, local health department employees, justices of the peace, and staff and administrators from hospitals, birthing centers, and funeral homes attended the three-day conference.



Dr. Joycelyn Elders (right) pictured with Geraldine Harris (left)

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The conference featured an Opening Address by Senator Kirk Watson, who spoke about leadership, including the qualities of an effective leader. Former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders delivered the Keynote Address and spoke about the importance of vital statistics and the key roles of statewide partners.

An awards luncheon was held to recognize vital statistics partners that achieved excellence in vital registration. Forty-six local registration offices, 51 hospitals/birthing centers/midwives, and 15 funeral homes/mortuary services met five criteria to achieve the Five-Star award. (See page 2 for a complete list of the 2006 Five-Star Award recipients.)

Seventeen individuals were recognized for meeting the requirements to be certified as 2006 Master Registrars. These individuals completed a week-long class and presented a seminar at a vital statistics conference or developed a vital statistics project. (See page 4 for a complete list of the 2006 Master Registrars.)

In addition, two special awards for "Outstanding Partnership" were presented to Broussard's Mortuary in Southeast Texas - Golden Triangle and Porter Loring Mortuary in San Antonio for their efforts in the implementation of the TER-Death Registration System.

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# 2006 Texas Vital Statistics Five-Star Award Winners

## Local Registrar Vital Registration Award Recipients

### Exemplary

City of Austin  
City of Texas City  
Comal County Clerk

DeWitt County Clerk  
Kerr County Clerk  
Montgomery County Clerk

Rusk County Clerk

### Recognized

Abilene-Taylor County Public Health Dept  
Bosque County Clerk  
Brazoria County Clerk  
City of Atlanta  
City of Bedford  
City of Bryan  
City of Harlingen  
City of Laredo  
City of Lewisville  
City of McAllen  
City of Mission  
City of North Richland Hills  
City of Orange  
City of San Marcos

City of Victoria  
City of Weslaco  
Cooke County Clerk  
Denton County Clerk  
Ector County Clerk  
Frio County Clerk  
Gregg County Clerk  
Guadalupe County Clerk  
Hunt County Clerk  
Llano County Clerk  
Madison County Clerk  
Maverick County Clerk  
Midland County Clerk  
Northeast Texas Public Health Dept (Tyler, Smith Co)

Parker County Clerk  
Rockwall County Clerk  
Scurry County Clerk  
Shelby County Clerk  
Taylor County Clerk  
Waco/McLennan Co Public Health Dept  
Ward County Clerk  
Washington County Clerk  
Webb County Clerk  
Wichita Falls Public Health Dept  
Williamson County Clerk

## Hospital/Birthing Center/Midwife Registration Award Recipients

Baylor Medical Center at Garland  
Baylor Medical Center at Grapevine  
Baylor Medical Center at Waxahachie  
Bayshore Medical Center  
Campbell Health System  
Christus Santa Rosa Hospital  
Cleveland Regional Medical Center  
Conroe Regional Medical Center  
Daughters of Charity Healthcare Services of Austin - Seton Southwest  
Del Sol Medical Center  
Guadalupe Regional Medical Center  
Harlingen Medical Center  
Harris Methodist Erath County

Harris Methodist HEB  
Harris Methodist Southwest  
Hendrick Medical Center  
King's Daughters Hospital  
Las Colinas Medical Center  
Las Palmas Medical Center  
McKenna Memorial Hospital  
Medical Center of Arlington  
Medical Center of Lewisville  
Medical Center of Plano  
Medical City Dallas Hospital  
Medina Community Hospital  
Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital  
Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital  
Methodist Willowbrook Hospital  
Moore County Hospital District  
Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital  
Nix Health Care System  
North Texas Medical Center  
Ochiltree General Hospital

Palestine Regional Medical Center  
Presbyterian Hospital of Denton  
Presbyterian Hospital of Greenville  
Presbyterian Hospital of Plano  
Richardson Regional Medical Center  
San Jacinto Methodist Hospital  
Sierra Medical Center  
Southwest General Hospital  
St. David's Georgetown Hospital  
St. Luke's Baptist Hospital  
Tomball Regional Hospital  
Trinity Community Medical Center  
United Regional Health Care System - Eighth Street  
University Medical Center  
Uvalde Memorial Hospital  
Valley Baptist Medical Center - Brownsville  
Woodland Heights Medical Center  
Yoakum County Hospital

## Funeral Home/Mortuary Service Registration Award Recipients

All Texas Mortuary Service, LL.C  
Brookehill Funeral Home  
Ellis Funeral Home - Midland  
Forest Lawn Funeral Home - Dallas

Garza Memorial Funeral Home  
Guajardo Funeral Home  
Harrel Funeral Home, LTD.  
Kerrville Funeral Home, Inc.  
Niето-Dickey Funeral Home  
Porter Loring Mortuary - San Antonio

Resthaven Funeral Home - Lubbock  
Sanders Funeral Home  
Schmidt Funeral Home - Katy  
Victoria Mortuary Services  
Winscott Road Funeral Home



# 2007 Texas Vital Statistics Regional Conferences

The Texas Vital Statistics/Department of State Health Services and the Texas Public Health Association will be co-sponsoring the 2007 Regional Vital Statistics Conferences this Summer. The day-long conferences will begin at 8:30 am and end at 5:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Locations and dates are as follows:

**August 6 - Wichita Falls**  
(Monday)

Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel (940) 766-6000  
401 Broad Street, Wichita Falls, TX 76301  
\$60 single/double room; cut-off for group rate is 7/22/2007

**August 8 - College Station**  
(Wednesday)

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites (979) 485-8300  
2500 Earl Rudder Freeway, College Station, TX 77840  
\$85 single/double room; cut-off for group rate is 7/18/2007;  
Group ID: SVS (Summer Vital Statistics)

**August 10 - Corpus Christi**  
(Friday)

Holiday Inn Emerald Beach (361) 883-5731  
1102 S. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, TX 78401  
\$85 single/double room; cut-off date for group rate is 7/26/2007; Group ID: TPH

**August 13 - Kerrville**  
(Monday)

YO Ranch Resort Hotel & Conference Center (830) 257-4440  
2033 Sidney Baker, Kerrville, TX 78028  
\$81.75 single/double room; \$149 family suite; \$175 one bedroom rate;  
cut-off date for group is 7/11/2007; Group ID: TXPHA Vital Stats Summer Workshop

**Who should attend?** All persons involved in the completion and registration of births, deaths, and acknowledgments of paternity in Texas.

**Registration:** Registration by mail encouraged. Space is limited - no refunds. Registration Fee: \$65.00  
Registration by Mail Deadline: Post-marked by July 30, 2007. Late/on-site Registration Fee: \$75.00  
To expedite on-site registration, this form may be faxed to 512-336-0533 until August 1, 2007.

**Continuing Education Units:** Continuing education accreditation is being submitted to the Texas Department of State Health Services Midwifery Program, American Health Information Management Association, Texas Funeral Service Commission, Texas Justice Court Training Center, and the County & District Clerk's Association of Texas.

**Registration Questions:** Texas Public Health Association, 512-336-2520

**Program Questions:** 1-888-963-7111, extensions 2530 or 2949

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## 2007 Regional Conference Registration Form

Please type or print.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Company/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Conference in:

Wichita Falls - August 6th       College Station - August 8th  
 Corpus Christi - August 10th       Kerrville - August 13th

Enclose Check or Money Order for \$65 payable to: Texas Public Health Association.

\*\* Purchase orders will also be accepted. Please submit proper documentation with registration form if using a purchase order. \*\*

Please mail check and registration form to:      TPHA/Vital Statistics Conference  
P.O. Box 201540  
Austin, TX 78720-1540





2006 Master Registrar Class  
 Photo courtesy of External Communications, Department of State Health Services

## 2006 Certified Master Registrars

- Corina Davila, City of Bryan
- Lillie Denman, Montgomery County
- Wendi DuVall, City of Victoria
- Misty Fulfer, Wichita Falls-Wichita County Public Health Department
- Alma Cazares Garcia, Galveston County Public Health Department
- Marcia Gauthier, Beaumont Public Health Department
- Cathy Horvath, Guadalupe County
- Patricia Hosey, Texas Vital Statistics
- Orphetta Lett, Texas Vital Statistics
- Shirley Merckord, Williamson County
- Debbie Owens, City of Tomball
- Steve Preece, Texas Vital Statistics
- Ya-El Ramirez, City of Laredo Health Department
- Linda Rodriguez, Texas Vital Statistics
- Margaret Salinas, City of San Marcos
- Sam Torres, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
- Bernetta Young, City of Dallas

### TER-Death - By the Numbers

TER-Death registration continues to expand across Texas:  
 506 funeral homes  
 331 medical certifiers  
 189 local registration offices

## Sign Up for TER-Death!

Have you been thinking about signing up for TER-Death, but haven't done so yet? It's quick and easy! And it's FREE!

To sign up, go to [requestTER.texasvsu.org](http://requestTER.texasvsu.org)

For TER-Death training opportunities, go to [TERdeath.texasvsu.org](http://TERdeath.texasvsu.org) or

Contact Texas Vital Statistics via email at [help-TER@texasvsu.org](mailto:help-TER@texasvsu.org)

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