



USAMRDC Good News Story



U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command

USAMRDC's "Stop the Bleed" Campaign Spurs New Law in Texas, Beyond

- A new law passed by the Texas state legislature requires the installation of bleeding control stations on every school campus across the state.
- The so-called "Stop the Bleed" law (House Bill 496) was passed in late August 2019, and requires all state school districts to comply by January 1, 2020.
- The "Stop the Bleed" campaign was originally launched by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command's (USAMRDC) Combat Casualty Care Research Program (CCCRP) at the direct request of the National Security Council in 2015 as a means to arm everyday U.S. citizens with the knowledge required to save lives during a traumatic bleeding incident.
- The state of Indiana recently passed a similar "Stop the Bleed" law, and more than a dozen other U.S. state governments operate similar taxpayer-funded bleeding control awareness programs.
- To date, the "Stop the Bleed" campaign has more than 325 licensed partners across 40 states (including hospitals, major universities, and professional sports teams) and in nearly one dozen countries.



Clockwise from top left: Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed H.B. 496 in August 2019 (courtesy gov.texas.gov); Boy Scouts learn to use tourniquets at the National Scout Jamboree in 2017 in Mount Hope, WV (courtesy Paul Brooks, DHS); Staff at Fort Detrick during the 2019 "National Stop the Bleed Day" in May 2019 (courtesy USAMRDC Public Affairs)

OUTCOME: By supporting initiatives to increase traumatic bleeding control awareness across the U.S. (proper use of tourniquets), the USAMRDC translates lessons learned from the battlefield to the American public at-large, insuring the increased health, readiness, and resiliency of the nation.