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## **Regional Trauma Advisory Council meeting set**

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Interested persons are invited to attend the first of five Regional Trauma Advisory Council meetings at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens Auditorium. The meeting is for Region 3 which includes Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, St. Clair, Shelby, Walker and Winston counties.

“We want the public’s input in making decisions about the operation of the trauma system,” said Dr. John Campbell, medical director of the Office of EMS and Trauma of the Alabama Department of Public Health. “Physicians and hospitals are also stakeholders in this important discussion.”

Trauma is the leading cause of death for Americans under the age of 45, and almost 80 percent of Alabama’s trauma cases are caused by motor vehicle crashes. A trauma system is a coordinated system of care that includes emergency medical technicians, a trauma communications system, hospital emergency department staff, trauma surgeons and other physicians who provide needed surgical and other care. These providers work together to determine the best possible course of action for the injured reported through the 911 system.

Alabama established a statewide trauma system with the enactment of Act Number 07-299 in March 2007. This act requires the establishment of Regional Trauma Advisory Councils to work with and advise the State Trauma Advisory Council.

Birmingham residents have enjoyed a voluntary trauma system which has operated since 1997. The meeting will be held in the first floor auditorium of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens at 2612 Lane Park Road.

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