

# Chandler Regional Medical Center Level I Trauma Center

## Trauma Designation in Arizona

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) – Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems has four trauma designation levels (I, II, III and IV – with I being the highest) that vary based on the proven and consistent care provided by a hospital.



## Chandler Regional Medical Center Level I Trauma Designation

- As a Level I trauma center, Chandler Regional will have medical and surgical specialists on-hand around the clock to provide the full range of care for every aspect of injury from prevention through rehabilitation. The Chandler Regional trauma surgeons are in house 24/7 with immediate availability from specialists in orthopedics, neurosurgery, cardiac surgery, thoracic surgery, hand surgery, vascular surgery, plastic surgery, obstetric and gynecologic surgery, ophthalmology, and urology.
- With this designation, Chandler Regional is ready to treat life-threatening injuries.
- Chandler Regional is the most southeastern trauma facility of its type in the state, outside of the Tucson area.

## Who is a Trauma Patient?

Trauma patients include those injured as a result of an accident, such as a motor vehicle collision, motorcycle collision, ground level fall, falling off of playground equipment, hiking, biking and ATV accidents.

Severe traumatic injuries require trauma team activation and include patients who present with symptoms indicating hypotension, decreased/lower Glasgow Coma Scale and respiratory failure.

Members of the trauma team are assigned very specific roles and responsibilities and are specially trained to care for the trauma patient, yielding better outcomes.

## Timeline

**November 2012:** Chandler Regional submitted its letter of intention to pursue trauma designation with the ADHS.



## August 2013:

Chandler Regional appointed Forrest “Dell” Moore as trauma medical director. The position is required for the State Level I trauma and

American College of Surgeons Level I designations.

**Spring 2014:** Chandler Regional submitted attestation to the ADHS.

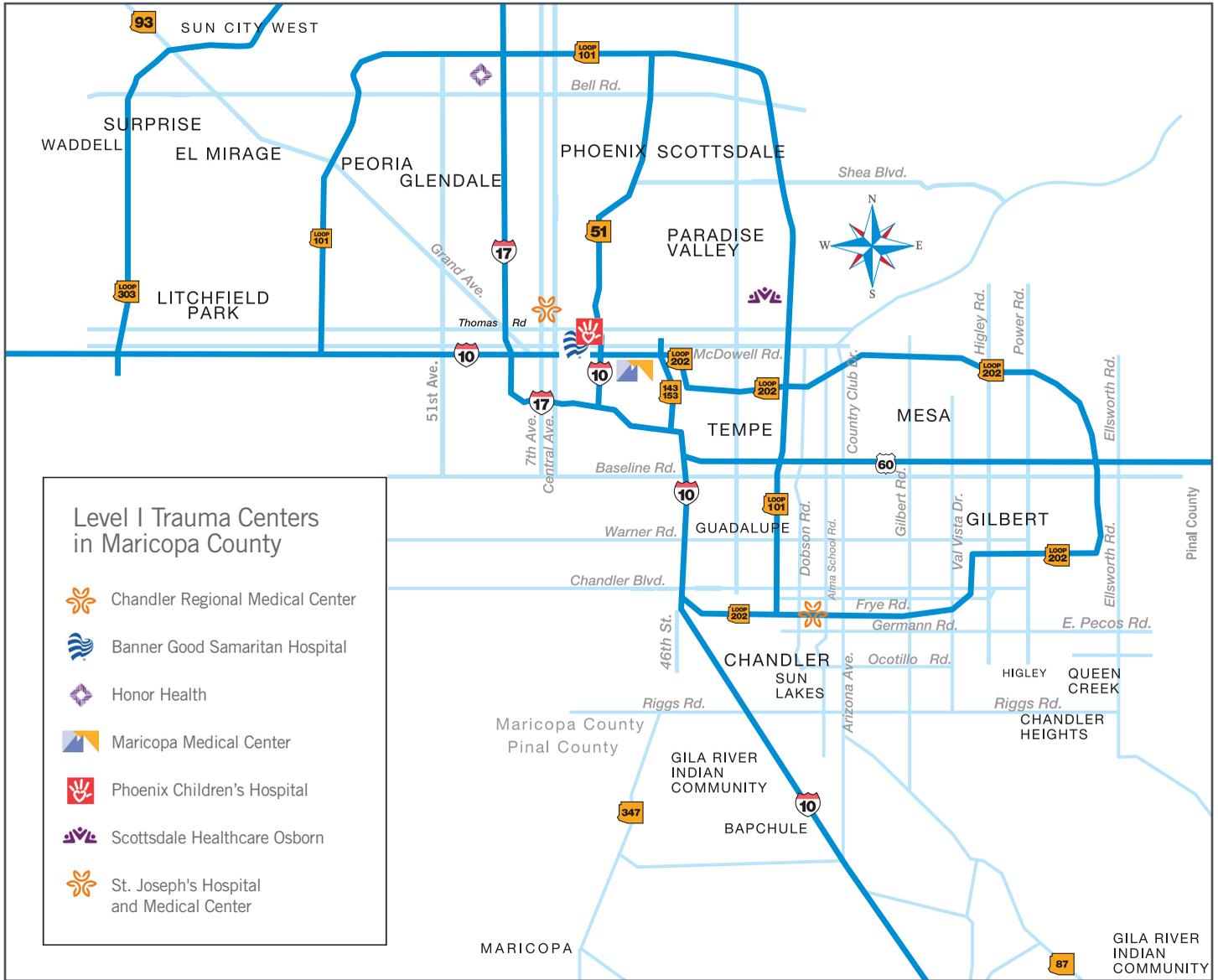
**March 24, 2014:** ADHS gave us State Level I designation.

**Fall 2014:** Chandler Regional’s new tower completed. It has added a 180,000 square-foot, five-story tower, including a basement; 96 inpatient care beds, bringing Chandler Regional’s total bed count to 338; newly-relocated and expanded emergency department; six additional operating suites, bringing total ORs to 16; expansion of ancillary and clinical support infrastructure, including a new and larger chapel, dining area and central plant as well as a second helipad and 275 additional parking spaces.

**Summer 2015:** Chandler Regional had a verification site visit by the American College of Surgeons for Level I Trauma Center verification.

### Level I Trauma Services Are Necessary in the East Valley

- Injuries are the leading cause of death for people ages one-44 in Arizona.
- Chandler Regional Level I Trauma Center provides the resources and has the capabilities necessary to treat life-threatening injuries at a time when every second counts.
- More than 24,000 people are severely injured in Arizona annually and more than 1,400 severe injuries occur in rural and frontier regions, necessitating long distance transport of trauma patients.
- Chandler Regional is well-positioned geographically to serve the communities of Ahwatukee, Apache Junction, Casa Grande, Chandler, Florence, Gila River, Gilbert, Globe, Maricopa, Mesa, Miami, Queen Creek, Sun Lakes, and Tempe.



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