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Med-Evac Helicopter Replacement Begins

On October 20, 2010, the Board of Public Works approved a contract to begin replacing Maryland's aging med-evac helicopter fleet. A contract for \$72.2 million was awarded to Augusta Aerospace Corporation of Philadelphia for six new Augusta Westland 139 (AW139) helicopters.

The new helicopters contain the latest in avionics and equipment, including terrain awareness warning systems, night vision compatibility, cockpit voice and video recorders, radar altimeters, and advanced instrument flight rating capabilities, all recommended by the Federal Aviation Administration. The new helicopters also provide more space in the patient and cargo areas, enabling medics to have better access to patients and to carry rescue equipment on board all the time.

The first two new aircraft are expected to be delivered in about 18 months. All six are expected to be in operation in less than two years. The new aircraft will replace the oldest of the current Maryland State Police helicopters. Eight of the 11 helicopters currently in use are more than 20 years old.

Following the Meeting of the Board of Public Works, Governor O'Malley gathered with members of Maryland's public safety and medical community at Lee Airport to hold a press conference regarding the new helicopters.



Dr. Robert R. Bass (MIEMSS Executive Director), Governor Martin O'Malley, and Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq. (Chairman, Maryland EMS Board) at the press conference regarding the approval of the Maryland Board of Public Works to upgrade the Maryland State Police med-evac helicopters.

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Dr. Robert R. Bass (MIEMSS Executive Director) looks at the AW139 helicopter on display at Lee Airport during the press conference.

Queen Anne's Emergency Center Opens

Dedicated on September 30, 2010, the Queen Anne's Emergency Center, a free-standing, full-service emergency center in Grasonville, treated more than a thousand patients in its first month of operation (October 4–November 4). Prior to the opening of the new center, patients needing emergency treatment would have had to travel Route 50 to Easton or the Bay Bridge to Annapolis for treatment at the closest hospital. Although each of the closest hospitals is 20 miles away, traffic on Route 50 and the Bay Bridge is often gridlocked, especially in the summer.

The Queen Anne's Emergency Center began as a partnership of the Queen Anne County government, the University of Maryland Medical System, and Shore Health System. Each of these entities was represented at the dedication ceremonies, as well as state political leaders and healthcare officials, and residents from the county and the surrounding areas.

The 16,000-square-foot Emergency Center includes 13 rooms, a full-service clinical testing laboratory, four ambulance bays, a state-of-the-art helipad, and diagnostic imaging, including X-ray and CT scans. Patients needing in-hospital care will be transported by ambulance or air to a hospital in another county or in Baltimore City. Transport will also be arranged for those who need specialized diagnostics.

Mary Alice Vanhoy, MSN, RN, CEN, CPEN, NREMT-P, Nurse Manager of the new center and Maryland EMS Board member, commented that her staff has a combined 300 years of nursing experience.



Members of the EMS Board of MIEMSS and of the Maryland EMS community at the dedication of Queen Anne's Emergency Center.



Following the dedication of the Queen Anne's Emergency Center, those attending could tour the facility, including a nursing station shown here.

Mark Your Calendars!

The 2011 Statewide EMS Education Conference

will be held at the BEACH

in

Ocean City!

**Clarion Resort
Fontainebleau Hotel**

**March 31 - April 1, 2011
Preconference & EMT-B Skills**

**April 2-3, 2011
Full Conference**

Details on an exciting program coming soon!

No Need to Complete MCASS Forms

With the implementation of eMEDS, the new electronic patient care record system, Maryland EMS providers no longer need to submit the supplemental form that reports cardiac arrest. This information is being collected through direct entry in eMEDS or record transfer from host systems of EMS Operating Programs (EMSOP) via the pending NEMSIS-MIEMSS XML/XSD.

The supplemental cardiac arrest forms date back to 2001. At that time, many Maryland EMS Operational Programs began helping MIEMSS in identifying the key features of cardiac arrest incidents, as part of the Maryland Cardiac Arrest Surveillance System (MCASS). Since 2001, over 21,000 incidents have been submitted for entry into the database which has assisted the Maryland EMS system in measuring the effectiveness of cardiac patient management; report on the little known aspect of pediatric cardiac arrest; and inform the Maryland State Legislature of the most beneficial placement of public access automated external defibrillators (AEDs).

Vigilant Guard 2010 Exercise

Beginning on November 3, 2010, a multi-day training exercise, “Vigilant Guard,” was hosted by the Maryland National Guard to test the National Guard as the first military responder in support of the Governor and the state emergency management agency. “Vigilant Guard” reinforced that all incidents are local.

The exercise demonstrated the capabilities of the Maryland National Guard Joint Force Headquarters, the Joint Task Force-Maryland, and the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)—the process where Governors reach out to other states for additional assistance. The objective was to improve command and control, communication capability and interoperability, and operational relationships with military and external civilian and military partners against homeland security threats.

Vigilant Guard 2010 was based on a scenario where an explosion collapsed part of a chemical production facility, causing mass casualties and trapping numerous personnel.

National Guard personnel from Maryland and surrounding states participated, in coordination with the City of Baltimore and the Baltimore Urban Area Security Initiative and more than 30 federal, state, and local government agencies. MIEMSS assisted with the triage process, using triage tags and the new electronic patient tracking system.



In the scenario of Vigilant Guard 2010, an explosion collapsed part of a chemical production facility, resulting in mass injuries. During the drill, EMS providers practiced using the Maryland triage tags and the new electronic patient tracking system.

A Teachable Moment

Editor's Note: MIEMSS received the following information from Richard C. Hunt, MD, FACEP (Director, Division of Injury Response, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

Over the past 24 hours we have monitored news reports that federal law enforcement authorities have arrested a Northern Virginia man, in connection with an alleged plot to carry out terrorist bombings at stations in the Washington Metro system.

We believe this is an important “teachable moment.” Our Division of Injury Response has responded to civilian terrorist bombings throughout the world by providing “just in time” information on assessment and treatment of bombing victims.

While “just in time” clinical information may help, being familiar with the clinical and health system issues in advance of an actual civilian terrorist bombing will improve our ability to decrease morbidity and mortality. Additionally, through improved preparedness, we build greater resilience to these threats.

The civilian terrorist bombing preparedness and response materials [which can be found at the website noted below] have been prepared with broad input from clinicians at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), throughout our nation, and with international colleagues who have had real world experience in leading the clinical and system response to terrorist bombings.

Please share this information widely, with clinical, operational, and administrative staff.

For further information civilian terrorist bombing preparedness and response, please visit <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/masscasualties>.

MIEMSS Grant Opportunities

MIEMSS makes available to the EMS Community opportunities for funding equipment, training, and EMS-related programs. These grants are both "pass-through" as well as direct. All grant requests should be made through the MIEMSS Regional Councils.

Current grant opportunities include the following.

MIEMSS / Radio Grant Program (Federal Funds)

MIEMSS will reimburse a county and/or volunteer company in the county, up to a specified amount for the purchase and installation of new narrowband mobile radios that meet the MIEMSS specifications. There is no matching requirement. The Radio Grant Program will continue through FY2011. Jurisdictions should contact their Regional Administrator for more information on how to participate in the Radio Grant Program.

MIEMSS / Matching & Hardship Grants for AEDs, Monitor Defibrillators and Upgrades (Special Funds)

These direct grants are 50% matching funds, or in some cases 100% hardship funds. They are awarded annually, based on the State's fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). Contact your Regional Office for applications.

MIEMSS / Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) Grants (Federal Funds)

These pass-through awards fund selected initiatives for the betterment of EMS within the state. They require a match and are based on the federal fiscal year (October 1 through September 30). The current MHSO Grant is targeting CAD connectivity in support of the State's electronic Maryland EMS Data System (eMEDS) project. Contact your Regional Office for expressions of interest (EOIs).

MIEMSS / Maryland Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program (Federal Funds)

These pass-through awards fund Bioterrorism Preparedness for EMS. Eligibility is based on project compliance with guidance criteria. These grants are for 100% funding and are based on the federal fiscal year (October 1 through September 30). Contact your Regional Office for expressions of interest (EOIs).

MIEMSS EMD and ALS Funding (Special Funds)

These educational grants are for Emergency Medical Dispatch training and Advanced Life Support training. These grants are 100% funded and are based on the State's fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). Please contact the MIEMSS Licensure and Certification Office for applications and additional information.

NREMT for EMT

MIEMSS is preparing to use the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) for testing EMTs in Maryland. This will align Maryland with the National EMS Education Agenda for the Future: A Systems Approach. In addition, the computer adaptive testing process allows for a more precise measurement of an EMT's entry-level abilities in a shorter time than the existing pencil-and-paper method. Currently, MIEMSS uses the NREMT test for CRT99s and Paramedics.

Funding for the testing is being finalized and additional testing locations are being identified to accommodate the volume of EMT students testing annually. Funds to pay for NREMT initial testing and one retest will come from existing funds within MIEMSS' budget and will not be taken from other sources. MIEMSS only proposes using NREMT for initial testing and is not looking to mandate NREMT for recertification. Currently certified Maryland EMTs do not need to take the NREMT exam to keep their Maryland certification current. When NREMT testing is initiated, the existing Maryland EMT course structure and practical examinations will remain as they are.

EMS Calendar

January 6, 2011

Annual EMS Education Conference Quality in the Classroom = Quality in the Streets

Keynote Speaker:

Scott Bourn, PhD, RN, EMT-P
Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute
College Park, MD

Contact: Peter Fiackos at 1-800-762-7157
or pfiackos@miemss.org

January 29-30, 2011

Pre-conferences: January 27-28, 2011

Winterfest 2011

Tilghman Island, MD

Contact: winterfest.ems@hotmail.com

March 1-5, 2011

EMS Today: The JEMS Conference & Exposition

Baltimore Convention Center
Baltimore, MD

www.emstoday.com

March 12, 2011

Pre-conferences: March 11, 2011

Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar 2011

Rocky Gap, MD

Contact Region I Office at 301-895-5934

March 19, 2011

2011 Public Fire & Life Safety

Educator Seminar

Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute
College Park, MD

Contact MFRI at 1-800-ASK-MFRI or
visit www.mfri.org

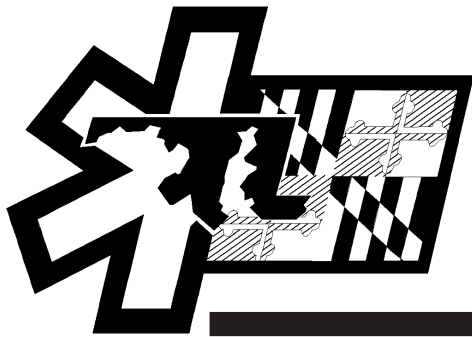
April 2-3, 2011

Pre-conferences: March 31-April 1, 2011

Maryland State EMS Symposium

Clarion Resort, Fontainebleau Hotel
Ocean City, MD

Contact Region IV Office at 410-822-1799



MARYLAND'S STARS OF LIFE AWARDS

Each year the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems celebrates EMS Week by honoring men and women across Maryland who have contributed to the EMS system. We use the term "Stars of Life" because it combines our symbol, the star of life, with our shared vision, "the elimination of preventable death and disability from injury or sudden illness." This year we are again opening the award nomination process to everyone who receives the *Maryland EMS News*. Awardees will be selected by a statewide committee of career, volunteer, and commercial EMS providers. For further information, call 410-706-3994.

The categories of Maryland Star of Life, Maryland EMS Citizen, EMS Provider of the Year, and EMD Provider of the Year relate to specific incidents occurring from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Multiple awards may be presented.

MARYLAND STAR OF LIFE AWARD

This award may be given to an individual, multiple individuals, or teams on the same incident for an outstanding rescue by EMS personnel.

MARYLAND EMS CITIZEN AWARD

This award is intended for citizen rescuers who have demonstrated quick thinking, fast action, and heroism.

EMS PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

For a provider who has made outstanding contributions in the past year to the continuous improvement of emergency medical services in Maryland (for example, in the areas of quality assurance; public or EMS education; prevention; delivery of EMS services; new technology).

EMD PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

This award is given for extraordinary efforts in assisting the public in this vital portion of the Chain of Survival.

OUTSTANDING EMS PROGRAM

For a program that offers an innovative approach to reducing death and disability. The program must be affiliated with an EMS system component, such as a hospital, educational facility, rescue squad, or EMS organization.

LEON W. HAYES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EMS

This award is given to an individual who demonstrates through his/her professional and personal life, dedication to excellence in patient care, compassion and respect for each patient, and commitment to continuous improvement of the Maryland EMS system in education and in prevention.

MARYLAND EMS-CHILDREN (EMS-C) AWARD

This award is given for an adult or program that has demonstrated ongoing dedication and commitment to improving the EMS care for children in Maryland.

MARYLAND EMS-GERIATRIC (EMS-G) AWARD

This award is given for an individual or program that has demonstrated ongoing dedication and commitment to improving the EMS care of the elderly in Maryland.

MARYLAND'S STARS OF LIFE AWARDS — 2011 NOMINATION FORM

Individual(s)/Organization(s) Nominated: _____

If there is more than one nominee, please duplicate this form or use a separate sheet for the other names and addresses and attach it to this form.

***Address:** _____

(P.O. Box or Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

***Telephone Nos.** (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____

Nominee's Level of Certification or Licensure (if applicable)

Professional Affiliation _____ Telephone No. _____

Award Category (Please select only one category on this sheet):

Maryland Star of Life Award

Outstanding EMS Program

Maryland EMS Citizen Award

Leon W. Hayes Award for Excellence in EMS

EMS Provider of the Year

Maryland EMS-C Award

EMD Provider of the Year

Maryland EMS-G Award

This individual/group/program/facility is being nominated for outstanding recognition because:

Please attach additional documentation such as newspaper articles, video footage, and letters of commendation.

Name of person submitting this nomination:

(Print or Type)

(Signature)

(Address)

Email Address _____

*** Telephone Nos.** _____ (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____

FAX Nos. _____ (H) _____ (W) _____

* Must be completed!!

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT MIEMSS BY April 8, 2011.

Mail to: Jim Brown, MIEMSS, 653 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21201-1536

or FAX to: Jim Brown, 410-706-3485.

Please submit questions regarding the nomination process to info@miemss.org



The Right Care When It Counts Maryland EMSC 2011 Program



The Maryland EMS for Children program is **In Search Of** children and youth in Maryland who have demonstrated one of the 10 Steps to Take in an Emergency or one of the 10 Ways to be Better Prepared for an Emergency. Actions taking place January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 are eligible for nomination. We will be recognizing children and youth who acted so that others would receive "The Right Care When It Counts." Each nominee will receive a patch and certificate and be eligible for a state award at a ceremony during EMS Week 2011.

Ten ways to be better prepared if your child has an Emergency:

1. Check if 9-1-1 is the right number to call
2. Keep a well-stocked First Aid Kit on hand
3. Make a list of Emergency Phone Numbers
4. Teach your children whom to call and what to say
5. Make sure your house number is visible from the street
6. Keep a clear and up-to-date record of immunizations
7. Write down medical conditions, medications, and dosages
8. Make a list of allergies and reactions
9. If you have health insurance, check your emergency coverage
10. Take first aid classes

Ten steps to take in an Emergency:

1. Call 9-1-1 immediately
2. Call Poison Control immediately
3. If you think your child has been seriously injured, do not move your child
4. Know how to treat your child in case of a burn
5. Be prepared if your child has a seizure
6. Know what to do if your child is bleeding
7. Know how to help a child with a broken bone
8. Do not administer the Heimlich maneuver or CPR unless you are trained
9. Have your emergency plan on hand
10. Make it easy for emergency personnel to find you

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Winterfest EMS 2011

JANUARY 27 – 30, 2011

Harrison's Chesapeake House
Tilghman Island, Maryland

JOIN US FOR A FUN AND RELAXING WEEKEND OF QUALITY EDUCATION

Preconferences

EMT-B 12-Hour Skills Refresher

Date: January 27 at 5 PM & January 28 at 8 AM

Location: Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Dept. **Fee:** \$45 (Registration is required.)

For EMT-Bs, complete all your recertification needs with us at WINTERFEST EMS 2011. A 12-hour skills class is available as a pre-session, followed by 12 hours of continuing education, which, with careful choosing, can meet the 12-hour requirement.

Space is limited. Register early!

PEARS

Date: January 28 at 8 AM

Location: Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Dept. **Fee:** \$30 (Registration is required.)

The Maryland EMSC program is partnering with the AHA Training Center at Shore Health Systems to offer a PEARS Course.

The PEARS (Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition, and Stabilization) course was designed for healthcare providers who infrequently see critically ill children, and it prepares participants to assess, categorize, decide, and act early to stabilize the child. The main focus of PEARS is prevention, and specifically the assessment, recognition, and stabilization of pediatric victims at risk of severe cardiopulmonary distress. This preconference at Winterfest is targeting BLS providers and instructors, pediatric and family practice office professionals, and school health professionals.

Winterfest EMS 2011

Saturday – January 29, 2011

0730–0800 Registration

0800–0830 Welcome

0830–0945 **Ambulance Safety—When Your Life Is on the Line! 1.5 (T)**

Robert R. Bass, MD, FACEP, Executive Director, MIEMSS

The presentation will address three questions: How big a problem are ambulance crashes? Why are they a problem? What can we do about them?

0945–1015 **BREAK WITH VENDORS**

1015–1130 **Spinal Trauma 1.5 (T)**

*Karen A. McQuillan, RN, MS, CNS-BC, CCRN, CNRN
Clinical Nurse Specialist*

*R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center
University of Maryland Medical Center*

Traumatic injury to the spine can cause devastating neurologic disability and a multitude of life-threatening multi-system complications. This presentation will differentiate the various types of spinal column injuries and explain the pathophysiology of spinal cord injury.

1130–1245 **LUNCH WITH VENDORS – CHESAPEAKE HOUSE**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1300–1430 **A. Looking Inside 1.5 (M)**

*David Timms, NREMT-P, BS, and crew
Talbot County DES*

Learning anatomical structures through hands-on experience with hearts, bones, lungs, airways, and other organs.

B. The Golden Years 1.5 (M)

*Mary Alice Vanhoy, MSN, RN, CEN, CPEN, NREMT-P
Queen Anne's Emergency Center*

Seniors, Geriatric, Elderly, Senior Citizens—No matter what you call them, it's a growing population with special medical needs. Look at these unique needs with a firsthand experience through hands-on aging.

C. Special Deliveries 1.5 (M)

*Webra Price Douglas, RN, PhD
Jennifer Fahey, CNM, MSN, MPH
Maryland Neonatal Transport Program and
Maryland Perinatal Collaborative*

OB and neonatal emergencies are some of the most challenging and anxiety-provoking calls an EMS provider may face. Webra Price Douglas, RN, PhD and Jennifer Fahey, CNM, MSN, MPH, from the Maryland Neonatal Transport Program and Maryland Perinatal Collaborative, will discuss the common and not so common emergencies in this unique population.

D. A Little Wheezer 1.5 (M)

*Ben Lawner, DO, NREMT-P
Richard Lichenstein, MD, FAAP
University of Maryland*

Come learn about the three S's of asthma in this presentation by Ben Lawner, DO, NREMT-P and Richard Lichenstein, MD, FAAP, from the University of Maryland. The session will discuss the symptoms and treatment of mild, moderate, and severe asthma across the age spectrum. The new 2011 Maryland Medical Protocol with oral medications will also be highlighted.

E. It's All About Me 1.5 (M)

*Mike Campbell, NREMT-P, Licensed Acupuncturist
Talbot County DES*

You are the first priority in providing care, but in reality you are the last to be treated. Self-care techniques are simple but can make a big change in your life.

F. Trauma Case Review: Navigating a Patient Through Maritime Trauma 1.5 (T)

*Diana Clapp, BSN, RN, CCRN, CEN, NREMT-P
R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center—TRU*

An exploration of a patient's assessment and care from EMS to Trauma Center discharge following injuries from a recreational boating incident. We will discuss the complications and rehabilitation needs of this patient through recovery.

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Winterfest EMS 2011



Saturday – January 29, 2011

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G. The Director's Cut: This Just In... 1.5 (M)
Tom Chiccone, MD, FACEP
Jurisdictional Medical Director, Talbot County DES
Region IV Medical Director, MIEMSS
 The relentless march of evidence-based data continues to shape prehospital best practices. Topics will include resuscitation and stroke, among others.

DOUBLE BREAKOUTS

1300–1630 **H. Helping the Air Go In and Out** 3 (M)
 An afternoon of airway management skills, including BLS/ALS—adult/pediatric techniques, trachs, BVM/adjuncts, new techniques, airway/helmet challenges. A real hands-on session! Teaching this session will be clinical experts and old friends from across the state—Danielle Dunn, MS, NREMT-P; Jon Longest, MS, NREMT-P; Charlie Brown, NREMT-P; and others.

I. EMD: Making the Headlines—The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly 3 (L)
Bardonna Woods, Director, Emergency Communication Center, Washington County
 This session will present various skills and winning attitudes that can be utilized to keep you and your dispatch agency out of the news for all the wrong reasons, and in the news for the right reasons. Current cases making headlines will be highlighted.

J. Situational Awareness—Simplified 3 (L)
Tom Harmon, Division Chief of Suppression—BWI International Airport
Faculty, Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute
 It may not be today. It may not be tomorrow. It may be ten years from now. You will have that run, that shift, that day that will change your life forever. Your next move could be your last. A look at how to evaluate and monitor your surroundings related to health and safety. Your next step could change your life.

1430–1500 **BREAK WITH VENDORS**

1500–1630 **REPEAT BREAKOUTS A THROUGH G**

1630 **CONFERENCE ENDS FOR THE DAY**



Sunday – January 30, 2011

0845–0900 Opening GYM

0900–1015 **Battlefield 2011: Lessons Learned in Combat Casualty Care** 1.5 (T)
Major Joseph DuBose, MD
USAF Center for Sustainment of Trauma and Readiness Skills
 See firsthand how combat medical care is being performed and how it is helping in Maryland's battle with providing better prehospital and trauma care. Dr. DuBose has served on tours of duty and provided care in Afghanistan and Iraq.

1015–1030 **BREAK**

1030–1145 **Times They Are a Changing: A Look at the New AHA Changes** 1.5 (M)
Patrick Shannahan, MD
Faculty, American Heart Association
 2011 will bring new changes to how we address cardiac care, from chest pain to the ABCs. This session provides a look at what changes to expect over the new year of rollouts.

1145–1245 **LUNCH CHESAPEAKE HOUSE**

1300–1415 **Behind the Scenes—Understanding the Why of Our Protocols** 1.5 (M)
Joseph Wright, MD, MPH, FAAP
Associate State EMS Medical Director for Pediatrics
 Have you ever wondered about the science behind the protocols? Have you heard the buzz words "Evidence Based Guidelines" (or EVBGs)? Joseph Wright, MD MPH, from Children's National Medical Center and MIEMSS, will present both the process of reviewing the sciences and the integration of reviews into health care practice in the field. MIEMSS is piloting a process (called GRADE) to develop and evaluate EMS protocols with a NHTSA Grant—you are part of a national effort to bring science to the stretcher side.

1415–1430 **BREAK**

1430–1545 **Stroke Management in the First Person** 1.5 (M)
Christina Ball, BSN, RN
Stroke Coordinator, Shore Health System
 Time Is Brain. While the 911 response is rapid, that is just the first step in surviving and living with a stroke. Find out what it is like to have a stroke from the people who have experienced them.

1545 **DRIVE CAREFULLY – THANKS FOR COMING – SEE YOU NEXT YEAR**





Winterfest EMS 2011



Location:

Winterfest EMS will be held on Tilghman Island with headquarters at Harrison's Chesapeake House.

Payment and Cancellation Policy:

Preregistration is required. Payment of all fees must be included with preregistration. There is a \$25 fee for bad checks. We will be accepting registration until January 14, 2011 or until the conference is filled—whichever comes first. There will be a late registration fee of \$25 added to all registrations that are received after January 14, including call-ins. Walk-in registrations will not be allowed. All students must be paid in full prior to Winterfest. All credit card transactions and company billings must be approved by the Winterfest staff prior to January 14, 2011. Any student with an outstanding balance from any previous Winterfest will not be allowed to participate until his/her account is paid in full. All requests for cancellations must be made in writing to:

Winterfest EMS
c/o Talbot Co. EMS
29041 Corkran Rd.
Easton, MD 21601

Refunds, excluding a \$10 processing fee, will be mailed for cancellations received before January 15, 2011. Cancellation after January 15, 2011 will result in forfeiture of your entire registration fee. Speakers and topics are subject to change.

Accommodations:

WINTERFEST EMS WILL NOT BE TAKING ANY RESERVATIONS.

All reservations must be made by the student. Please contact any hotel directly to reserve and pay for your room. You must request the **Winterfest** rate as noted below. Suggested local lodging is as follows:

Harrison's Chesapeake House, (410) 886-2121, \$65 per night double occupancy, \$75 per night single occupancy

Tilghman Island Inn, (410) 886-2141, \$125 per night

Lowe's Wharf, (410) 745-6684, \$79 Thursday night, \$99 Friday night, \$99 Saturday night

****Breakfast as Harrison's is included for those who are staying at the above listed hotels****

Breakfast will be served starting at 6:30 Saturday and 7:00 Sunday; gratuity is not included.

Weather Cancellation:

The Conference Planning Committee will make a decision about cancellation of Winterfest EMS due to severe weather by 12 Noon on January 26. Call Talbot County EMS—Winterfest EMS Line at (410) 822-2030 for details. Written requests for refunds will be accepted within 30 days of cancellation.

Information:

For additional information or registration confirmations, call the TCEMS-Winterfest Line at (410) 822- 2030 or email us at winterfest.ems@hotmail.com or contact us through Facebook. The Winterfest EMS Committee is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in the conference. If you require additional assistance, please call the Winterfest EMS Committee.

Directions:

Traveling from the Bay Bridge and points West:

Take Route 50 East to Easton. Turn right onto the Easton Bypass (Route 322). Turn right at the 4th light (St. Michaels Road, Route 33). Follow road for about 23 miles to Tilghman Island. Once you cross the bridge, Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Department will be on the left; Tilghman Island Elementary School will be on the right; Harrison's Chesapeake House will be on the left on Chesapeake House Drive just past the school.

Traveling from Ocean City and points East:

Take Route 50 West to Easton. Turn left onto the Easton Bypass (Route 322). Turn left at the 3rd light (St. Michaels Road, Route 33). Follow road for about 23 miles to Tilghman Island. Once you cross the bridge, Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Department will be on the left; Tilghman Island Elementary School will be on the right; Harrison's Chesapeake House will be on the left on Chesapeake House Drive just past the school.



Winterfest EMS 2011 Registration

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Provider #: _____ Email: _____

Primary Affiliation: _____

Certification/Licensure (Circle): FR EMD EMT-B CRT EMT-P LPN RN NP PA MD

PRECONFERENCES

(Select Only One):

_____ EMT-B Skills Refresher, \$45

_____ PEARS, \$30

CONFERENCE FEES:

_____ 1 Day, \$75

_____ Both Days, \$135

BREAKOUT SESSIONS *(choose first and second **OR** double)*

2 Shorter Breakouts:

First Session – A B C D E F G

Second Session – A B C D E F G

OR

1 Long Breakout:

Double Session – H I J

Dinner at Harrison's Chesapeake House, Tilghman Island, MD

Rates are per person and include tax and tip.

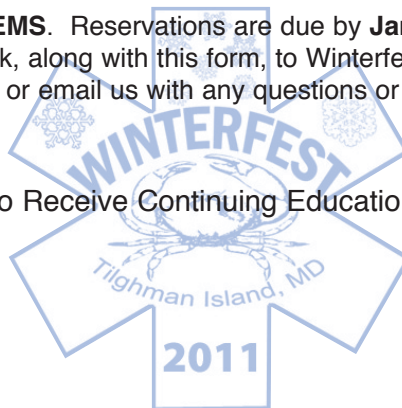
___ Friday and Saturday, \$75 (rate only available for 2-night package)

___ 1 Night Only, \$40 (specify FRI or SAT)

\$_____ Total Amount Due = Preconference Fees + Conference Fees + Meal Cost (as applicable)

Make checks payable to **Winterfest EMS**. Reservations are due by **January 14, 2011**. Meal fees must be included with registration. Send check, along with this form, to Winterfest EMS, c/o Talbot Co. EMS, 29041 Corkran Rd, Easton, MD 21601. Call or email us with any questions or confirmation requests (410) 822-2030 or winterfest.ems@hotmail.com.

****Provider Number is Required to Receive Continuing Education Credits****



Franklin Square Hospital Center Opens New Expanded ED

Franklin Square Hospital Center wrapped up the opening of its new Patient Care Tower with the opening of its newly expanded Emergency Department (ED) on November 20, 2010.

Baltimore County Medic 55's Paramedic Melissa Shrader and EMT John McMahon brought in the first patient by ambulance, a Perry Hall woman experiencing chest pains, at 6:40 AM. The second patient brought in by ambulance, a young girl, went straight to the new Todd Heap Family Pediatric Center. Patients were transported from the former ED, and as soon as the "Emergency" sign in front of the new ED was uncovered, people started coming through the front door. By 7:00 AM, the ambulance bay was filled and the new Emergency Department was fully operational.



EMS providers from Baltimore County and staff from the Franklin Square Hospital stand outside Franklin Square Hospital's newly expanded Emergency Department.

Health Care Heroes Award Nominations

The *Daily Record*, a Baltimore newspaper, is presenting its annual Health Care Heroes. The *Daily Record* established this award program to recognize excellence, innovation, and service in the health care industry. These awards recognize organizations and individuals who embody the spirit of the word "hero." They are currently accepting nominations for next year's award program. Nominations are accepted online at: www.mddailyrecord.com/health-care-heroes/. Please note that the deadline for nominations is January 12, 2011. The categories are

- Advancements in Health Care
- Animal Care Provider
- Community Outreach
- First Responder
- Health Care Professional
- Mid-Level Practitioner
- Nurse
- Physician
- Volunteer

The winners will be honored at a breakfast on March 23, 2011 and profiled in the Health Care Heroes magazine published in the *Daily Record* on March 25, 2011.



(L-r) Kyrle Preis III (Baltimore County EMS Director), Paramedic Melissa Shrader and EMT John McMahon, Christina Hughes, RN, BSN, MS, NREMT-P (Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and EMS Liaison for Franklin Square Hospital Center). Paramedic Shrader and EMT McMahon, both with Baltimore County EMS, brought in the first ambulance patient to the newly expanded Emergency Department at Franklin Square Hospital. In recognition of this, they were presented with bamboo plants, which were also given to the new Patient Care Tower's first patients.

Washington County Hospital Moves, Renamed Meritus Medical Center, Assigned New Health Facility Codes

On December 11, patients were transferred from Washington County Hospital in downtown Hagerstown to the new Meritus Medical Center, located on Medical Campus Road, next to Robinwood Professional Center. (Look for photos and an article on the new Meritus Medical Center in the January 2011 issue of the newsletter.)

The MIEMSS Data Department has approved the following Health Care Facility Codes for Meritus Medical Center to be used for eMAIS/MAIS/eMEDS.

389	Meritus Medical Center (formerly listed as Washington County Health System, MD, #289)
599	Meritus Medical Primary Stroke Center (formerly listed as Washington County Health System Primary Stroke Center, #589)
699	Meritus Medical Adult Trauma Center (formerly listed as Washington County Health System Adult Trauma Center, #689)
798	Meritus Medical Center, Skilled Nursing Facility, MD (formerly listed as Washington County Health System, Skilled Nursing Facility, #764)
799	Meritus Medical Center, Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Services, MD (formerly listed as Washington County Health System, Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Services, #789)
499	Meritus Medical Center, Psychiatric Unit, MD (formerly listed as Washington County Health System, Psychiatric Unit, #456)

Disciplinary Actions

The following final disciplinary actions were taken by the EMS Board on the dates indicated:

B-2009-468 (EMT-B) (Applicant)—(by Disposition Agreement) June 8, 2010. For pleading guilty to tampering with a motor vehicle without owner consent; pleading guilty to theft of property valued less than \$500; and pleading guilty to trespassing on private property and carrying a concealed dangerous weapon and for failing to inform MIEMSS of these guilty pleas on his application, Applicant was placed on probation through initial period of certification.

B-2009-479 (CRT)—(by Disposition Agreement) June 8, 2010. For inappropriate, unsolicited physical contact with a female nurse while on duty and other instances of inappropriate conduct while on duty, in the presence of females. Provider was placed on probation for 1 year during which Provider was required to enroll in and successfully complete sexual harassment sensitivity training.

B-2009-484 (CRT)—(by Disposition Agreement) June 8, 2010. For failing to render appropriate CRT level care, Provider was placed on probation for six months and required to demonstrate Advanced Life Support skills proficiency to an emergency medical services director by July 1, 2010, with quarterly progress reports sent to MIEMSS Compliance Office.

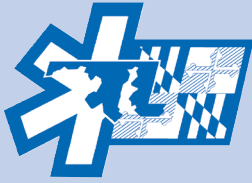
B-2009-485 (EMT-P)—(by Disposition Agreement) June 8, 2010. For failing to render appropriate patient care to a pediatric patient in acute cardiopulmonary arrest the Provider was required to successfully complete PALS, ACLS, and PHTLS, to submit documentation of competence from the Provider's medical director or associate medical director to the MIEMSS Compliance Office, was placed on probation for 2 years, and was required to provide quarterly reports from the Provider's supervisor to the MIEMSS Compliance Office during probation.

B-2009-493 (CRT) (Applicant)—October 25, 2010. For pleading guilty to driving or attempting to drive a vehicle while under the influence, licensing process was allowed to proceed, and, if licensed, the Applicant will be placed on probation for 1 year and subject to random drug testing at Applicant's expense.

B-2009-495 (EMT-B) (Applicant)—October 25, 2010. For pleading guilty to driving or attempting to drive a vehicle while impaired by alcohol and receiving probation before judgment and 18 months of supervised probation, certification process was allowed to proceed, and, if certified, the Applicant will be placed on probation concurrent with court-ordered probation and subject to random alcohol and drug testing at Provider's expense.

B-2010-487 (EMT-B) (Applicant)—July 29, 2010. The Applicant surrendered Applicant's prior EMT-P license and was issued an EMT-B certification which expired December 31, 2009. Applicant functioned as EMT-P from April 30, 2009 through January 14, 2010, notwithstanding the fact that Applicant did not renew Applicant's EMT-P license and EMT-B certification expired on December 31, 2009. Prior to reinstatement as an EMT-B, Applicant was required at own expense to have a fitness for duty evaluation completed by an independent physician and to satisfy all EMT-B reentry requirements. Upon reinstatement, Applicant is placed on probation for 3 years with monthly reports from supervisor for the first year and quarterly reports thereafter submitted to the MIEMSS Compliance Office.

B-2010-489 (EMT-B) (Applicant)—October 25, 2010. For functioning as an EMT-B for two weeks without a Maryland EMT-B certification, the Applicant was reprimanded.



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