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## Maryland EMS Region I Night for Stars Dinner and Stellar Service Awards

The Region I Emergency Services Education Council recently held its 4th Annual Region I Night for Stars Program. The dinner and presentation of the “Stellar Service Awards” was held at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club on October 8, 2016. MIEMSS Region I is comprised of Garrett and Allegany Counties. Representatives from the prehospital and hospital communities from both counties make up the membership of the Region I Emergency Services Education Council.

During the Night for Stars event, local heroes were recognized for their outstanding care to patients in two separate incidents, both cases involving pediatric patients. In the first case, a six-month-old infant suffered seizures, which progressed to respiratory arrest. The second case involved a teen victim of a motorcycle crash in a remote area of Garrett County. Their stories were told from the initial event to discharge and rehabilitation, with each Region I provider involved being recognized for the exemplary care shown to their fellow citizens. The former patients and their families were in attendance to celebrate the evening. Dinner was served and a reception for both survivors and awardees was held following the awards presentation.

### Allegany County Awardees

#### Allegany County Communications

EMD Mark Karalewitz  
EMD Bryan Miller  
EMD David Mills  
EMD Jason Morgan  
EMD Ashley Ringler  
EMD Matt Ross  
EMD Curt Tringler

#### Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Department

EMT Olivia Lindner  
EMT-Driver Kenneth Hout  
Paramedic Katrina Wolf

#### Western Maryland Health System

Emergency Room Physician Robert Flint  
Registered Nurse Elisa “Lisa” Opel

#### Valley Medical Transport

EMT Justin Bean  
Paramedic Scott Williams

#### Maryland State Police

Trooper First Class Shawn Bennett  
Trooper First Class Samuel Sarver  
Senior Trooper Matthew Schoenadel

### Garrett County Awardees

#### Garrett County Department of Public Safety 9-1-1 Communications

EMD Kristal Huber  
EMD Timothy Clark

#### Northern Garrett County Rescue Squad

CRT Justin Orendorf  
EMT Alison Sines  
EMT-Driver Lowell Thomas

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Pictured left to right are MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director and State EMS Medical Director Dr. Richard Alcorta, Registered Nurse Elisa “Lisa” Opel, EMD David Mills, Senior Trooper Matthew Schoenadel, EMT Olivia Lindner, EMT-Driver Kenneth Hout, Paramedic Katrina Wolf, and MIEMSS Region I Administrator Dwayne Kitis. These awardees represent the Allegany County case.

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**Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad**  
CRT John Collins

**Elk District Ambulance Service**  
EMT Arthur Welch  
EMT Walter Ward Jr.

**Kitzmiller Volunteer Fire Department**  
EMT Sharon Paugh  
EMT Missi Nesselrodt  
Firefighter Shawn Nesselrodt  
Firefighter Richard Armstrong Sr.  
Firefighter Jim Armstrong

Firefighter Kent Burrell Sr.  
Firefighter Doug Nesselrodt  
Firefighter Bill Browning  
Firefighter Robert Paugh  
Firefighter Gerald Stewart

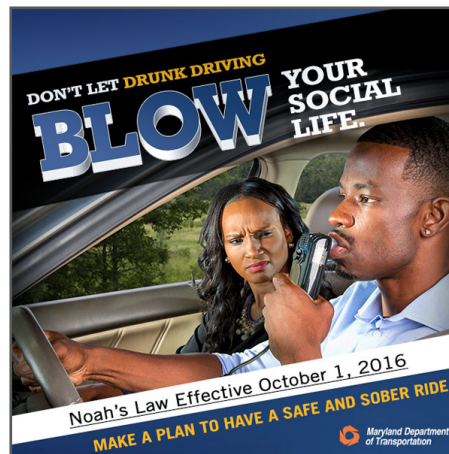
**Garrett Regional Medical Center**  
General Surgeon Charles Walch  
Emergency Department Physician  
Richard Perry  
Registered Nurse Kim Gordon  
Registered Nurse Beth Spencer  
Registered Nurse Rebecca Wilt  
Registered Nurse Cheryl Hinebaugh  
Registered Nurse Ryan Hansen  
Emergency Room Technician Christin  
Feaster  
Respiratory Care Practitioner Barbara  
Sisler



Pictured left to right are (back row) MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director and State EMS Medical Director Dr. Richard Alcorta, EMT Missi Nesselrodt, Firefighter Shawn Nesselrodt, Registered Nurse Beth Spencer, Registered Nurse Rebecca Wilt, patient Luke Mertz, Registered Nurse Cheryl Hinebaugh, EMT Sharon Paugh, EMT Walter Ward Jr., EMT Arthur Welch, and (front row) EMD Timothy Clark, CRT-I Justin Orendorf, CRT-I John "JT" Collins, EMT Alison Sines, EMT-Driver Lowell Thomas, EMD Kristal Huber, and MIEMSS Region I Administrator Dwayne Kitis. These awardees represent the Garrett County case.

## “Noah’s Law” Goes Into Effect

Efforts to curb impaired driving have been strengthened by the Drunk Driving Reduction Act of 2016, which went into effect on October 1. Also known as “Noah’s Law,” the bill was named for Montgomery County Police Officer Noah Leotta who was killed by a drunk driver on December 3, 2015. The law requires mandatory participation, even for first-time offenders, in the Ignition Interlock System Program for individuals convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol, or driving while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs.



## 2017 EMS and Prevention Educational Conferences

**Winterfest EMS Conference 2017**  
January 27–30, 2017  
Tilghman Island, Md.

**Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar**  
March 10, 2017 (Pre-conference)  
March 11, 2017 (Full Conference)  
Rocky Gap Conference Center

**Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar**  
March 25, 2017  
MFRI Headquarters  
College Park, Md.

**EMS Care 2017**  
April 26–30, 2017  
Ocean City, Md.

**Point/Counterpoint 2017**  
May 11–12, 2017  
Baltimore, Md

# MIEMSS Staff Participate in Day to Serve Program

MIEMSS staff members volunteered time with the Maryland Food Bank during the Day to Serve Initiative, which ran from September 10 to October 10, 2016. Staff worked in the Maryland Food Bank kitchen on October 4, 2016 preparing foods for both cooking and distribution. Day to Serve is an annual, month-long community service initiative in which Maryland joins Washington, DC, Virginia, and West Virginia in encouraging individuals to get out and volunteer.

Many agencies throughout state government performed service projects for Day to Serve. This year, the Maryland State Police and the Department of Transportation worked together for "Stuff-A-Truck," the 4th annual statewide Hunger Action Month food drive. Donations of nonperishable items were accepted at State Police barracks and select Department of Transportation offices.



Several members of MIEMSS' staff dedicated time to serve at the Maryland Food Bank on October 4, 2016. Pictured left to right are Jeff Huggins, Brittany Spies, Randy Linthicum, Lisa Chervon, Charles Dorsey, Sherry Alban, Dave Balthis, Ryan MacDonald, Andy Pilarski, Rae Oliveira, and John Donohue.



## Maryland Resuscitation Academy Accepting Applications for November Course

The Maryland Resuscitation Academy (RA) along with MIEMSS is pleased to announce the one-day Maryland RA will be held Thursday, November 3, 2016, at Howard County's Public Safety Training Center in Marriottsville. The intensive one-day academy course is dedicated to improving survival rates of patients suffering prehospital cardiac arrest, and is suitable for EMS supervisors, medical directors, fire/EMS chiefs, EMS personnel of all levels, and hospital staff across Maryland and surrounding regions. Based on the curriculum of the world-renowned Resuscitation Academy in Seattle, Washington, the Maryland RA is co-sponsored by the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services and MIEMSS. Tuition is complimentary, and conference costs are generously covered by RA sponsors.

For more information and to apply, please visit [www.ramaryland.org](http://www.ramaryland.org). The deadline to apply is Monday, October 24, 2016.

## National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The Maryland State Police, in partnership with the US Drug Enforcement Administration, are asking citizens to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs during the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, October 22, 2016, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. State Police barracks throughout Maryland will be participating in the program. Each barrack will have a collection station, giving citizens an opportunity to dispose of all unwanted and unused prescription drugs. The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is an effort to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for medication abuse.

## National Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month

October is Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month, an initiative aimed at raising awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) and informing the public about what it is, how it affects people, and what can be done to help save lives. Time-to-treatment is critical when considering the chance of survival for an SCA victim. Ninety-five percent of those who experience SCA die because they do not receive life-saving defibrillation within four to six minutes.

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# The Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Foundation: A Maryland Story and a Remarkable Journey

*Many thanks to Gary C. Rains, MFRSMF, for contributing this article to Maryland EMS News.*

In 2017, the Maryland Fire Rescue Services Memorial Foundation, Inc., will celebrate 20 years as an incorporated non-profit whose mission and purpose is “to design, construct, and maintain a unique living Memorial, dedicated to the Members of Maryland’s Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Community who have given their lives in the performance of their duties.”

I had the honor and privilege to write a story about the Foundation and its remarkable 20-year journey. The written story has been adapted into a short film, and is now available to view on YouTube at [youtu.be/oX9jRanIzV8](https://youtu.be/oX9jRanIzV8).

I hope everyone throughout Maryland’s fire and EMS community will watch, enjoy, learn from, and share this Maryland story about tradition, loyalty, and compassion; about people from all over Maryland and what they can accomplish together; about bravery and selflessly helping your neighbor; and about honoring the lives that were lost while serving the citizens of Maryland.



## National Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month

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The Public Subcommittee of the MIEMSS Out-of-Hospital Sudden Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee continues work on educating laypersons to recognize sudden cardiac arrest and learn Hands-Only CPR. In recognition of Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month, MIEMSS again launched a Hands-Only CPR advertising campaign. Throughout the remainder of FY 2017, the campaign will feature 30-second radio clips, MTA bus advertisements, and digital advertising.

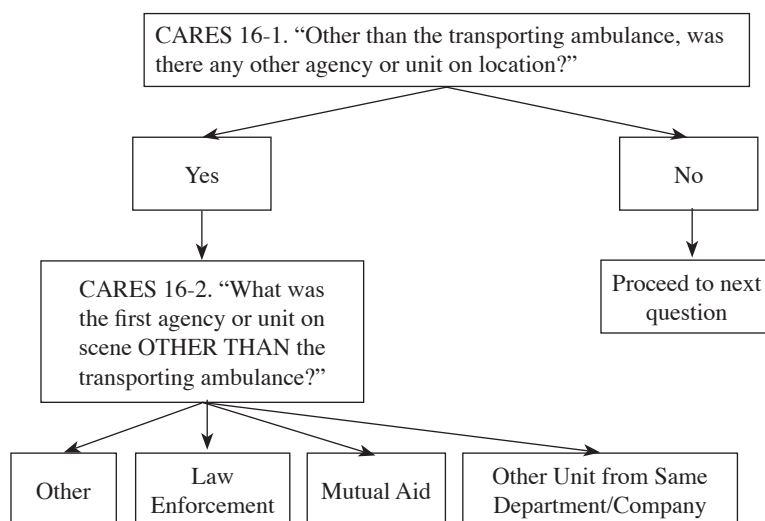


**Number of EMS Operational Programs participating:** 23 of 24 with the implementation of phase 6. There is only one more EMSOP to come on board in the late fall, and then CARES will be statewide!

**Total number of runsheets** exported to CARES from January 1 to August 31, 2016: 1,989

### This Month’s CARES Tip

**For all cardiac arrest calls**, regardless of whether the patient was transported to the hospital or pronounced at the scene, CARES question 16-1 must be answered. If the transporting ambulance (or unit that pronounced the patient) arrived first, and there was another ambulance or law enforcement agency at the scene that came afterwards, the answer to this question should still be “yes.”



If the answer to question 16-1 is “yes,” question 16-2 must be answered regardless of whether the patient was transported to the hospital or died at the scene.

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