

# Maryland EMS News

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## MIEMSS Presents Annual EMS Awards

The annual Stars of Life and Right Care When It Counts ceremony was held in Annapolis during EMS Week (May 21–27) on May 24, 2017, a day also recognized statewide and nationally as EMS for Children Day. This year, 47 well-deserving individuals, organizations, and teams who have made extraordinary contributions to emergency medical services in Maryland received awards.

Walter F. “Pete” Landon, Director of Maryland Governor Larry Hogan’s Office of Homeland Security, joined the celebration and presented two proclamations on behalf of the Governor: one recognizing EMS Week and a second naming May 24 as EMS for Children Day.

The Stars of Life and Right Care When It Counts award winners are selected by a statewide committee of career, volunteer,

and commercial EMS providers who were nominated by peers or a member of the public. There are eight standard categories for which Stars of Life awards can be given for actions or incidents that occurred in 2016; in addition, two special awards, MIEMSS’ Executive Director’s and State EMS Medical Director’s awards for Excellence in EMS, were presented to deserving nominees this year. Right Care When It Counts awards seek to honor children and youth in Maryland who have demonstrated the *Steps to Take in an Emergency* or *Ways To Be Better Prepared for an Emergency* ([www.miemss.org/home/emsc/right-care](http://www.miemss.org/home/emsc/right-care)).

The Stars of Life awards were presented by MIEMSS’ Acting Co-Executive Directors Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, and Richard L. Alcorta, MD, as well as Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., and Walter F. “Pete” Landon. They were joined by Maryland EMS for Children Program Director Cynthia Wright-Johnson.

This year’s EMS Week theme was EMS Strong: Always in Service, a fitting description for Maryland’s EMS providers who are always ready, willing, and capable of providing high-quality, compassionate emergency care. MIEMSS heartily congratulates this year’s award winners and salutes all of Maryland’s outstanding EMS providers. To access and download the press release regarding this event, please visit [www.miemss.org](http://www.miemss.org) and click on the Public tab.

### Stars of Life Awards

#### Maryland Star of Life

The Maryland Star of Life award, given for an outstanding rescue, was presented to **EMT Matthew McKeel**, who performed a truly extraordinary rescue, single-handedly, and at tremendous risk to his own life. On the early morning hours of August 29, EMT McKeel was driving down Rt. 15 near Thurmont, Maryland, when he came upon a single-vehicle crash resulting in a vehicle fire. EMT McKeel immediately pulled his car over, jumped over a road barrier, and—without hesitation—ran toward the blazing car to help. He used a flashlight to search the car,

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From left, Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald DeVries, Jr., Esq., MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, Maryland Star of Life award recipient EMT Matthew McKeel, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Richard Alcorta, MD, and Governor’s Office of Homeland Security Director Walter (Pete) Landon.



MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald DeVries, Jr., Esq., Governor’s Office of Homeland Security Director Walter (Pete) Landon, and MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Richard Alcorta, MD, with recipients of the MIEMSS Director’s Award for Excellence in EMS from Queen Anne’s County Career and Volunteer Fire and EMS System, Church Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department, and Maryland State Police Aviation Command Trooper 6.

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circling and yelling to see if anyone was in it. Seeing the driver was still in the car, he used a window punch tool to shatter the vehicle's sunroof. He reached in through the sunroof, with the fire rapidly spreading, and pulled out the driver. Pulling the driver away from the vehicle to safety, EMT McKeel then returned to the car to search for more victims. Seeing there were no other passengers, he returned to render emergency care to the driver. As emergency crews arrived, McKeel continued to care for the driver, despite himself having been cut by the broken glass and bleeding.

## MIEMSS Executive Director's Award for Excellence in EMS

A phenomenal team of providers who, with great skill, incredible coordination, and exemplary care, saved the life of a

Sheriff's Deputy who was critically wounded in the line of duty, were selected as this year's recipients of the MIEMSS Executive Director's Award for Excellence in EMS. Each member of this team contributed to a coordinated "systems approach" to ensuring Deputy Hogan received the right treatment and transport to the right hospital, within the right amount of time to sustain his life. They each received an award for their role in this incident. Representing Queen Anne's County Career and Volunteer Fire and EMS System, awardees were **Lt. Brian Willey, Sgt. Greg Harrison, Sgt. Kevin Carson, Firefighter/Paramedic (FF/PM) Michael Miller, FF/PM Travis Thomas, FF/PM Nicole Menchey, FF/PM Alexander McLennan, Public Safety Dispatcher Debra Shelton, and PSD William McKercher**. Representing Maryland State Police Aviation Command Trooper 6, awardees were **Trooper First Class Brian**

**Duell, TFC Timothy Graham, Aaron Clarke (Pilot), and Jim Perez (Pilot)**. Representing Church Hill Volunteer Fire Department, awardees were **Asst. Chief Stephen T. Hurlock, Captain Brett VanZant, FF/EMT Dale E. Whitby, Jr., FF Donald Hodges, and FF Shawn R. Rideout**. Representing Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department, awardees were **Asst. Chief Eric Meredith, Captain James R. Hurlock, Captain Kathie King, Lt. Jayson Nagel, Lt. Tricia Hunter, FF Billy Elborn, FF Jayden Wilson, and EMT Caitlyn Leager**. On December 29, Deputy First Class Scott Hogan was responding to a domestic violence call when he was struck by a bullet, just below the vest on the right side of his stomach. He was severely wounded, bleeding profusely, but able to return fire and radio for assistance. Queen Anne's County dispatchers immediately launched multiple resources, including additional law enforcement and Maryland State Police Aviation Command's Trooper 6. While attempting to remain calm and control his bleeding, Deputy Hogan updated incoming units of the incident and relayed crucial information that prepared EMS to assist with the needs of the scene. Firefighters and EMS providers arrived, triaged, and quickly began life-saving interventions. Leading the medical group was Sgt. Greg Harrison, who recognized the serious and potentially fatal gunshot wound Deputy Hogan had received. The EMS crews applied advanced life support medical protocols and tactical combat casualty care methods to control Deputy Hogan's profuse bleeding and pain. Trooper 6 transported Deputy Hogan to R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, where he received multiple surgeries. Although he was unable to attend the awards ceremony, Deputy Hogan survived his injury.



From left, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald DeVries, Jr., Esq., Leon W. Hayes Award for Excellence in EMS award recipient Paramedic Herbert J. Reynolds, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Richard Alcorta, MD, and Governor's Office of Homeland Security Director Walter (Pete) Landon.



From left, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald DeVries, Jr., Esq., Maryland EMS Citizen award recipients Lt. Timothy Beers and Officer Daniel Gahan, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Richard Alcorta, MD, and Governor's Office of Homeland Security Director Walter (Pete) Landon.

## Leon W. Hayes Award for Excellence in EMS

The Leon W. Hayes award is presented annually to an individual who has devoted a lifetime of professional and personal dedication to excellence in emergency medical services. **Paramedic (PM) Herbert J. Reynolds** received this award for his 30-year commitment to EMS service in Maryland and his dedication to teaching many generations of providers. After relocating from New York in 1986, PM Reynolds was hired by the Baltimore County Fire Department. Early on, he achieved the level of Maryland EMT-A, then cardiac rescue technician, paramedic, and EMT instructor. Since then, PM Reynolds has taught EMS students at Baltimore City

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Community College, Essex Community College, the Baltimore County Fire-Rescue Academy, and he still teaches at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute. In addition to working as a paramedic with the Baltimore County Fire Department, he served as acting lieutenant and was a member of its Hazardous Materials Response Team. PM Reynolds also volunteered at Jacksonville Volunteer Fire Company and Pikesville Volunteer Fire Company. For the Baltimore County Fire-Rescue Academy, PM Reynolds managed the American Heart Association BLS program and was instrumental in the development and implementation of the academy's automatic external defibrillator program. In collaboration with Richard K. Brooks, III, currently the

Director of Emergency Services for Cecil County, PM Reynolds developed a first responder course for Baltimore City Police Department, adapting teaching materials to the specific needs of law enforcement. PM Reynolds has been instrumental in expanding EMS training to law enforcement throughout Maryland and beyond. Upon his retirement from the Baltimore County Fire Department, he joined the US Secret Service, where he applied the tools and techniques developed through his experience in Baltimore to train Secret Service agents and officers. He assisted Dr. Nelson Tang of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in the development of an EMT course for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms as well as a course for Maryland State Police Tactical Medical Operators. PM

Reynolds still works with the Johns Hopkins Department of Special Operations and the George Washington University to coordinate and manage responder and EMT training courses focused specifically on the needs of law enforcement.

## Maryland EMS Citizen Award

The Maryland EMS Citizen Award was presented to Security Service officers **Lt. Timothy Beers** and **Officer Daniel Gahan** for quickly and decisively administering aid to an individual in need. On July 15, a 39-year-old electrician was electrocuted on the roof of Arundel Mills Mall in Hanover, Maryland. Lt. Beers and Officer Gahan responded to the scene, and seeing that the worker was in cardiac arrest, started CPR and delivered two AED shocks. Anne Arundel County and BWI Fire Department units responded shortly thereafter and revived the patient, who was then removed by litter and transported to Bayview Burn Center. The actions of Lt. Beers and Officer Gahan underscore the importance of bystander CPR and AED training and use.

## EMS Provider of the Year

### Firefighter/Paramedic Elizabeth

**R. Larimore** was selected for her tireless service to the members of Odenton Volunteer Fire Company (OVFC) and to the citizens of Maryland. FF/PM Larimore serves in a number of roles for OVFC. As EMS coordinator for all 87 EMTs at OVFC, she ensures they maintain required training and addresses any non-compliance, and trains and mentors current members taking the

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From left, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald DeVries, Jr., Esq., EMS Provider of the Year award recipient Firefighter/Paramedic Elizabeth Larimore, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Richard Alcorta, MD, and Governor's Office of Homeland Security Director Walter (Pete) Landon.



From left, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald DeVries, Jr., Esq., EMD Provider of the Year award recipient ECS William Andrews, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Richard Alcorta, MD, and Governor's Office of Homeland Security Director Walter (Pete) Landon.



From left, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald DeVries, Jr., Esq., EMD Provider of the Year award recipient DFC Ashley Williams, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Richard Alcorta, MD, and Governor's Office of Homeland Security Director Walter (Pete) Landon.

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EMT course as well as newly-certified EMTs to ensure that they are properly performing their skills and following protocols. As the quality control officer, she reviews patient care reports annually, paying strict attention to detail and demanding the highest standards. FF/PM Larimore manages OVFC's medical inventory tracking system, enforcing accountability and security, and works to ensure all of the company's apparatus are 100% stocked and that EMS supplies are readily available, tracked according to expiration dates, and ordered in a timely manner. In 2016, FF/PM Larimore coordinated, managed, and/or taught 32 sessions of the American Heart Association's CPR recertification course and taught CPR to 28 new members. As a direct result of her ambulance training and testing standards as a senior driving instructor, OVFC did not have a single reportable ambulance crash or incident in the more than 1,200 calls made in 2016. In addition to her operational roles, FF/PM Larimore served on the company's Vision 2031 Strategic Planning Committee, Bull Roast Committee, Carnival Committee, Public Fire and Life Safety Committee, Operational Statistics Committee, and Social Committee.

## EMD Provider of the Year

This year, two emergency medical dispatchers each received the EMD Provider of Year award. **Emergency Communications Specialist (ECS) William Andrews** was selected as an EMD Provider of the Year for his expert handling of a unique 9-1-1 call from a woman reporting she was being actively attacked by a bear in her front yard, and **Dispatcher First Class (DFC) Ashley Williams** also received an EMD Provider of the Year award for her handling of two challenging cardiac arrest calls in 2016.

ECS William Andrews remained calm and quickly processed the unusual call from a Frederick County woman being attacked by a bear, and notified all the necessary and appropriate agencies, including the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, EMS/Fire, and Animal Control. ECS Andrews remained on the line with the caller for over 15 minutes, as the bear could be heard growling in the background, continually assuring her that help was on the way and that he was going to remain on the line with her until it arrived. Speaking from the hospital during her recovery, the caller credited ECS Andrews with saving her life with his calm demeanor and outstanding safety instructions that kept the bear from attacking her again.

DFC Ashley Williams was instrumental



From left, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald DeVries, Jr., Esq., Outstanding EMS Program award recipients from the Anne Arundel County Fire Department Training Division, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Richard Alcorta, MD, and Governor's Office of Homeland Security Director Walter (Pete) Landon.



From left, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald DeVries, Jr., Esq., EMS for Children award recipient Trooper First Class Allison Oyler (center), who was joined by the parents of one of her patients, Jonathan and Ruth Scully, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Richard Alcorta, MD, Governor's Office of Homeland Security Director Walter (Pete) Landon, and Maryland EMS for Children Director Cynthia Wright-Johnson.

in urging callers to implement CPR for two patients suffering cardiac arrest. Both patients survived due in no small part to DFC Williams' instructions. On February 16, DFC Williams received a 9-1-1 call from a frantic woman who witnessed her husband suddenly become unresponsive. The caller could not confirm if the patient was breathing, so DFC Williams immediately started providing CPR instructions. It took exactly 60 seconds from the time DFC Williams answered the phone to the first chest compression. DFC Williams continued to provide CPR instructions and reassurance to the caller until emergency crews arrived on the scene. Then on April 26, DFC Williams received a desperate call from a man who stated his wife was not

breathing. In just 28 seconds, DFC Williams confirmed the address and phone number and sent an advanced life support unit to the scene. Within 60 seconds of receiving the call, DFC Williams provided instruction on how to administer CPR and encouragement until emergency crews arrived.

## Outstanding EMS Program

Each year an Outstanding EMS Program is selected for its innovative approach to reducing death and disability. Receiving the award this year were members of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department Training Division: **Lt. Kathleen Grote, Lt. Cory Polidore, FF/PM Donald Clime,**

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**FF/PM James Clopein, FF/PM Autumn Snyder, and FF/PM Liese Williams.** This team developed and implemented a first-rate training program that provides initial EMT, EMT recertification, CPR, and ALS continuing education classes continually throughout the year. In 2016 the program provided instruction for over 1,200 students. Their ALS continuing education program focuses on small group instruction that encourages active student interaction and incorporates the use of high-fidelity, computerized patient simulators to provide realistic training scenarios. The program has become so highly regarded, that other fire departments send their ALS providers to the Anne Arundel County Fire Department for their recertification process. The program also provides training for a rapid sequence intubation, tactical EMS training for ALS and BLS personnel, and community CPR. They have also partnered with the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center to deliver an advanced airway course to EMS providers throughout the state.

## Maryland EMS for Children

**Trooper First Class Allison Oyler,** a lead Flight Paramedic for the Maryland State Police (MSP) Aviation Command, was selected to receive the EMS for Children award this year. She received the award for exceptional dedication to caring for her pediatric patients and her outreach efforts to this special patient population. TFC Oyler went above and beyond to provide a level of care and compassion to several pediatric patients and their families in 2016. In April, she was a member of the flight crew treating and transporting a 3-year-old patient with a foot amputation. TFC Oyler made the extra effort to calm and reassure the patient and his parents during transport. In August, she performed an intubation on a high-priority 6-year-old patient with a head injury. TFC Oyler helped to coordinate the EMS ground crew and continued providing care throughout the difficult call. She also followed up at the hospital to ensure the patient's parents were contacted and informed about the patient's status. In October, TFC Oyler generously helped make an 8-year-old visitor feel like part of the crew during a "Pilot for a Day" demonstration, presenting the youngster with a patch and challenge coin. In December, she coordinated with the MSP Aviation Command staff to make a 4-year-old patient who was undergoing treatment for a rare form of cancer an honorary trooper/flight paramedic. TFC

Oyler presented the patient with a certificate, hat, and flight wings, connecting him with his passion for police and EMS. When, sadly, the patient passed away in February 2017, TFC Oyler attended his funeral as a representative of the MSP. The patient's parents attended the Star of Life Awards.

## Maryland EMS for Geriatrics

**Charlestown Security and Emergency Services** received this year's EMS for Geriatrics award for its excellent delivery of care to the residents, visitors, staff, and contractors at a continuing care retirement community in Catonsville, Maryland. For all its hard work and dedication to their

community, the program was rated at over 91% satisfaction by Charlestown residents last year. The program at Charlestown maintained a staff of 37 officers, an internal 9-1-1/dispatch center, a security office, and a BLS medic unit. All officers, with the exception of gatehouse personnel, were first aid, CPR, and AED certified, and 20 of those personnel were Maryland-certified EMTs. In 2016, they ran more than 26,642 calls for security and emergency services. The program also engaged and educated residents in injury prevention, especially the dangers of falls, through safety videos, flyers, meetings, and

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From left, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald DeVries, Jr., Esq., Representatives for the Maryland EMS for Geriatrics award recipient Charlestown Security and Emergency Services, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Richard Alcorta, MD, and Governor's Office of Homeland Security Director Walter (Pete) Landon.



From left, Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald DeVries, Jr., Esq., MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department Assistant Fire Chief Brian Frankel, who accepted the award on behalf of Terry Jodrie, MD, this year's recipient of the MIEMSS State EMS Medical Director's award, Acting Co-Executive Director Richard Alcorta, MD, and Governor's Office of Homeland Security Director Walter (Pete) Landon.

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## State EMS Medical Director's Award for Excellence in EMS

MIEMSS' State EMS Medical Director's Award for Excellence in EMS was awarded to **Terry Jodrie, MD, FACEP, NRP**, for his 23-year service to the citizens and providers of Maryland as Associate Medical Director and Medical Director for Prince George's County. In his service to Prince George's County, Dr. Jodrie pioneered the establishment of one of the most comprehensive ALS provider credentialing programs in Maryland, enabling new providers to develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities to provide high-level, quality care. Dr. Jodrie also held various roles throughout the state, including positions on statewide committees to enhance EMS and presenting at EMS conferences throughout the years. His desire to improve EMS service in disadvantaged regions led him to developing countries throughout the world, where he passed on his expertise in high-quality EMS systems of care. Dr. Jodrie has provided an extraordinary level of compassion, professionalism, and leadership to all providers in Maryland and around the world.

## Right Care When It Counts Awards

This year, four young Marylanders and one parent each received a Right Care When It Counts award.

**Bianca Addvinola**, 15 years old, **Faith Pillow**, 15 years old, and her mother **Carolyn Pillow** from Anne Arundel County each received a "Right Care" award for an incredible act of heroism. On February 10, Bianca was riding her bus to school when the driver seemingly had a medical emergency and drove off the road. Bianca dashed up to the front of the bus, discovered the driver was unconscious, and then called 9-1-1 for help. Carolyn Pillow and her daughter Faith were at home when they noticed a bus had traveled off the road in front of their house. They went out to investigate, and were told by Bianca that the bus driver was unconscious. Unable to open the bus door, which was pinned against a fence post, Faith climbed into the bus through a window and unlocked the emergency exit. Carolyn then climbed on to the bus, realized the driver was in cardiac arrest, and moved her to the floor to begin CPR. The two girls assisted and encouraged Carolyn until emergency crews arrived and took over CPR.

**Anasia Clayton**, 8 years old, from Charles County called 9-1-1 after recognizing that her 36-year-old mother was having a

stroke on August 16. She specifically told the dispatcher, "My mother is having a stroke," providing critical information during the call that helped EMS be prepared to treat her. Emergency crews soon arrived and transported her mother to Charles Regional Medical Center for treatment. Anasia's mother was eventually transported to Georgetown Hospital in Washington, DC, and upon her release, did not suffer any long-term damage from the stroke.

On February 28, **Jenna-Charlize A. Vilorio**, 7 years old, from Montgomery County was working on a school project at home. She went into another room to get supplies, and found her father lying unconscious on the floor. Her mother was at work, and recognizing that her father needed

immediate medical assistance, she put into practice the training her mom had taught her since she was three years old. She called 9-1-1, and the dispatcher helped Jenna use a breathing diagnostic to monitor her dad while help was on the way. Jenna also made sure the door was unlocked, so that the EMS crew could help her dad as soon as they arrived.

MIEMSS deeply appreciates the heroism, commitment, and service of each of these awardees. These citizens, providers, programs, and facilities epitomize those values that make EMS systems in Maryland among the best in the world. Congratulations to all award winners, and a sincere thank you to all EMS providers for their service to the citizens of Maryland.



From left, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald DeVries, Jr., Esq., Maryland EMS for Children Director Cynthia Wright-Johnson, Right Care When It Counts award recipients Bianca Addvinola, Carolyn Pillow, and Faith Pillow, Acting Co-Executive Director Richard Alcorta, MD, and Governor's Office of Homeland Security Director Walter (Pete) Landon.



From left, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald DeVries, Jr., Esq., Maryland EMS for Children Director Cynthia Wright-Johnson, Right Care When It Counts award recipient Jenna-Charlize A. Vilorio, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services Division Chief William A. Hinde, Acting Co-Executive Director Richard Alcorta, MD, and Governor's Office of Homeland Security Director Walter (Pete) Landon.



## Upcoming Pediatric Education Opportunities

June 29–30, 2017

*CPEN Review Course (meets national ENA review course criteria)*

*RN Continuing Education approved by ENA*

*EMS Continuing Education approved by MIEMSS*

Location: Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Salisbury, Maryland

REGISTRATION:

<https://eecreg3.wufoo.com/forms/cpen-review-course-june-29-30-2017/>

Contact [pepp@miemss.org](mailto:pepp@miemss.org) for more information

### MSFA 125th Convention in Ocean City June 17-21, 2017

For the eleventh year, the Maryland Risk Watch Team and Safe Kids Maryland coalition members provided fire and injury prevention education through interactive skills stations for children and families at the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) Convention in June 2017. The MIEMSS Family Advisory Network of EMS for Children has been the lead for volunteers for the past five years. This year the Emergency Ready Families project was presented at both a workshop and in the Risk Watch Room.

#### The Maryland RISK WATCH team had four objectives at the convention:

1. To provide young and school-aged children hands-on education experiences to be safer in their homes and communities through psychomotor skills and new knowledge about high-risk injuries
2. To provide young life safety advocates (teens, teens, and young adults) with a mentored experience and specific lesson plans to work with younger children and their families
3. To empower parents and care providers with knowledge on the risks and the prevention strategies to keep everyone safer in their homes and communities
4. To demonstrate interactive safety displays based on evidence-based and best practices for life safety advocates across Maryland's EMS, fire, and rescue services

Steps to Safety		SAFE KIDS MARYLAND
	Buckle Up: Everyone Every Ride	
	Dial 9-1-1: Make the Right Call	
	Emergency Ready Families	
	Get Out and Stay Out: Fire Safety	
	Railroad Safety Facts & Tips	
	Safe Kids At Home & Near Water	
	Stop the Bleed: Save a Life	

2017 MSFA Convention - Room 213

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## Licensure and Certification TIDBIT

**Q.** I am trying to log onto [www.MIEMSSLicense.com](http://www.MIEMSSLicense.com), but am getting an error message that my account is locked due to too many password attempts. What should I do?

**A.** After four or more attempts to log onto the MIEMSS Licensure System using a password not on file for your account, the system will lock the account and inform you that access has been suspended. Please note that this messages refers only to your account and not to your provider certification/ license. In order to unlock the account, you must either email [licensure-support@miemss.org](mailto:licensure-support@miemss.org) or call 410-706-7381 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. An Office of Licensure and Certification representative will then be able to unlock your account. If you have not been locked out of your account, but have forgotten your password for the Licensure System, click on the "Forgot Username or Forgot Password?" link under the Username and Password fields for assistance.

## EMS and Prevention Educational Conferences and Events

September 22, 2017

*28th Annual Peninsula Regional Medical Center Topics in Trauma*

Location: Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, Ocean City, Maryland

REGISTRATION: Coming soon!

September 26, 2017

*Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference*

Location: The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, Laurel, Maryland

REGISTRATION: [www.fabscom.org](http://www.fabscom.org)

January 26–28, 2018

*Winterfest EMS 2018 Conference*

Location: Easton, Maryland

REGISTRATION: Coming soon!

April 25-28, 2018

*Maryland EMS Care 2018*

Location: Ocean City, Maryland

REGISTRATION: Coming soon!



## CARES Corner

### This Month's CARES Tip:

End of Event is a crucial data element for the CARES registry. Information documented in this data element in eMEDS® for cardiac arrest patients is exported to CARES, and will determine:

1. Whether or not the hospital has access to the patient's CARES record in order to enter outcome data.
2. How the record will be managed for CARES reports. If there is a patient for whom a valid MOLST/EMS-DNR form is produced, and the provider discontinues CPR as a result, "Effort Ceased Due to DNR" should be selected for End of Event. Consequently, the information from that record will not unfavorably affect CARES survival statistics and summary reports.

### End of Event (CARES-33):

- Pronounced in the Field – The patient was pronounced deceased in the field by TOR Protocol. A valid MOLST/EMS-DNR form was NOT produced while EMS was caring for the patient.
- Pronounced in the ED – The patient was transported to the hospital, and was then pronounced deceased by hospital staff while EMS was still PRESENT at the patient's side. **However, if EMS only heard that the patient was pronounced by hospital and was not present, Ongoing Care in ED should be selected for End of Event.**
- Effort Ceased Due to DNR – EMS arrived and began CPR. During this time, a valid MOLST/EMS-DNR form was presented, and resuscitation was therefore discontinued.
- Ongoing Care in ED – The patient was transported to the hospital and care was transferred to hospital staff. Hospital staff continued care for the patient.

# BLS Providers: How to Use Maryland Requirements to Meet NREMT Certification

Maryland BLS providers are not required to maintain NREMT certification in order to function as an EMT or EMR in Maryland (only Maryland certification is required). However, if you would like to maintain your NREMT certification, you can apply your Maryland-required courses to fulfill a portion of your NREMT requirements. You would need to take the additional hours in required courses to fulfill your NREMT (see table below). For detailed information about this process, please visit MIEMSS' website ([www.miemss.org](http://www.miemss.org)) and click on the EMS Providers tab. Under the heading NREMT Renewal Process, click on the link for either "Maryland EMTs Renewing Their NREMT" or "Maryland EMRs Renewing Their NREMT." If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Licensure and Certification at 410-706-3666 or 800-762-7157.

	EMT Renewal Cycle	EMR Renewal Cycle
<b>Maryland Requirements</b>	24 hours in 3 years	12 hours in 3 years
<b>NREMT Requirements</b>	40 hours in 2 years	16 hours in 2 years
<b>NREMT Hours Met Using a Maryland Refresher</b>	NCCP National: 20 hours NCCP Local: 4 hour	NCCP National: 8 hours NCCP Local: 4 hours
<b>Hours Required Above Maryland Requirements to Maintain NREMT Certification</b>	16 hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCCP Local: 6 hours</li> <li>• NCCP Individual: 10 hours</li> </ul>	4 hours (all NCCP Individual)

## Providers Must Complete 2017 Maryland EMS Update Before July 1

The 2017 Maryland EMS Update, including the Maryland Medical Protocols update, is available on MIEMSS' Online Training Center ([www.emsonlinetraining.org](http://www.emsonlinetraining.org)). All Maryland providers must complete this training prior to July 1, 2017, with a grade of 70% or greater to receive credit.

Please note that users of the Online Training Center may occasionally have difficulty viewing embedded video segments when using some versions of Google Chrome. MIEMSS recommends the use of either Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox web browser to complete this training. More information on internet browsers can be found at <http://bit.ly/2rKOVZ7>.

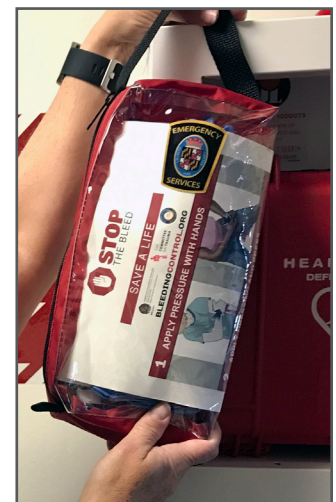
The 2017 EMS Update is also available as a company-level drill. If your organization offers a company-level drill, it will forward a record of your successful completion of the 2017 EMS Update directly to MIEMSS.

## Important Renewal Reminder for BLS Providers

BLS providers (EMT and EMR) whose certification is due to lapse on June 30 must complete a renewal application, or request an extension, **no later than June 30** through MIEMSS' online Licensure System ([www.miemsslicense.com](http://www.miemsslicense.com)). Failing to complete a renewal application or extension request will cause your certification to lapse, and you will not be able to function as a BLS provider in Maryland.

## Charles County to Install Bleeding Control Kits

To better serve the citizens and visitors of Charles County, the Charles County Department of Emergency Services will be placing Bleeding Control Kits in county-owned locations alongside public access AEDs. This aligns Charles County with other agencies across the country that are participating in the federal Stop the Bleed campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to prepare and empower the public to save lives by stopping life-threatening bleeding following emergencies and disasters. Advances made by military medicine and research in hemorrhage control have informed the work of this initiative, to the benefit of the public. For more information about the campaign, visit [www.bleedingcontrol.org](http://www.bleedingcontrol.org). The Stop the Bleed slogan and logo are owned by the US Department of the Defense; any use of these marketing materials must be approved by that agency.



*Bleeding Control Kits, like the one pictured, are being placed adjacent to public access AEDs in Charles County, Maryland. Photo courtesy of Dave Stamey.*



# American Trauma Society – Maryland Division Awards Stop the Bleed Program Grant Funds

The National American Trauma Society (ATS) has joined the White House and other trauma and emergency care partners in the Stop the Bleed campaign. This important initiative provides bystanders at emergency situations with the tools and knowledge to stop life-threatening bleeding. Stop the Bleed is a nationwide campaign to empower individuals to act quickly and save lives. The ATS, Maryland Division, has recently implemented a grant process, available to all Maryland jurisdictional programs, individual companies, and departments, to build awareness of the campaign and the important role bystanders play in saving lives. Grant proposals are judged on their merit by members of the ATS, Maryland Division, Board, with a focus on number of bleeding

control kits purchased, number of community members trained, or number of public employees trained.

Following the most recent grant submission process, the ATS, Maryland Division, awarded three grants in the amount of \$5,000 each, for a total of \$15,000. These funds will be used to promote training Marylanders in the Stop the Bleed program. By providing these funds to Maryland's emergency services responders, the ATS is working to increase training opportunities across the state. Funds may be spent on items such as training materials, promotional materials, and bleeding control kits. The grants were awarded to Western Maryland Health System/Allegany County Department of Emergency Services/Garrett County

Department of Public Safety; Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services; and to the Community Volunteer Fire Company in Millington of Kent County. Award winners were notified in May during National Trauma Awareness Month; this year's spotlight was on the Stop the Bleed campaign.

The American Trauma Society is a voluntary, non-profit organization dedicated to preventing traumatic injuries and reducing their consequences. The main missions of the ATS are to provide injury prevention information through public education and to serve as leaders in the development, advocacy, and maintenance of trauma systems.

## Multi-Agency Drill Held in MIEMSS Region V

MIEMSS, Joint Base Andrews, and Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department conducted a mass casualty training event at Joint Base Andrews on June 7, 2017, as part of ongoing training to promote interagency cooperation between federal, state, and local departments when responding to a mass casualty incident. The June drill was held in preparation for the 2017 Joint Base Andrews Air Show, which will be held in September.



Participants in the June drill at Joint Base Andrews view one of Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department's mass-casualty units. Photo courtesy of Dave Stamey.

# Summer Driving Safety Tips

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*This information is adapted from an advisory pamphlet by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. To view or download the full 4-page pamphlet, visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/summer-driving-tips-2017>.*

Summer is nearly here, and MIEMSS encourages motorists to travel safely by following these important safety, service, and maintenance tips. Being prepared for traveling Maryland's roadways is key to preventing headache-inducing car problems, and most importantly, injury or tragedy on the road and around vehicles.



## Keeping Your Loved Ones Safe

- All occupants of your vehicle need to *Buckle-Up—Every Trip, Every Time*. Children under 13 years should ride in the back seat, and younger children must be seated and secured appropriately in car seats or boosters.
- NEVER leave children or pets unattended in or around vehicles, and always lock your vehicle when unattended to prevent children from getting trapped inside. A hot car can kill an entrapped child or pet in minutes.
- Avoid distracted, impaired, and drowsy driving. Stay focused on the road at all times. Don't drink alcohol and drive—remember, buzzed driving IS drunk driving. Designate a sober driver if you know you will be drinking, or call a taxi for a ride home. Illicit and even prescription drugs can cause impairment, so know how prescription medications will affect your ability to drive safely.
- Obey posted speed limits and be cautious about hazardous weather and traffic conditions.
- Watch for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists, who are all more vulnerable to injury in a crash than those inside a vehicle.

## Keeping Your Vehicle Road-Ready

- Keep an emergency roadside kit in your vehicle (there are many resources online to help you prepare a kit).
- Check that your tires are properly inflated and for tread wear (for more information, visit [www.safercar.gov/tires](http://www.safercar.gov/tires)).
- Make sure there are no current safety recalls for your vehicle at [www.nhtsa.gov/recalls](http://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls).
- Get a check-up! Even if your vehicle is not scheduled for regular service, if you are taking a long road trip, it is best to have it checked by a professional mechanic. They can ensure everything is in working order and perform any preventative maintenance necessary.

*Enjoy your summer on the road responsibly and safely,  
so that everyone gets home.*

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## Tips for Preventing Child Heatstroke in Cars

- Never leave your child alone in the car.
- Create reminders and habits so you know exactly where your child is or should be.
- Look before you lock.
- Always keep unattended car doors and windows closed and locked.
- Take action if you see a child left alone in a car; call 9-1-1 and follow their directions.

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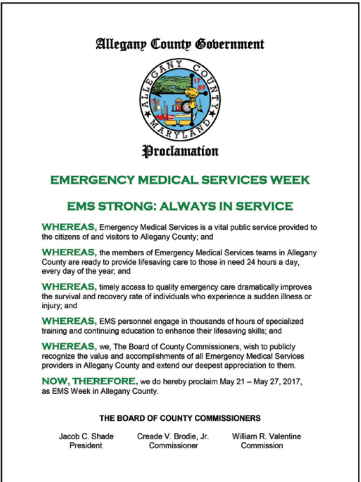
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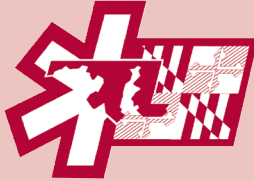
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Allegheny County Commissioners declared May 21–27 as EMS Week to publicly recognize and honor EMS providers working in that county. Attending the proclamation ceremony were, from left, Emergency Services Director Richard L. DeVore; Allegheny County Commissioner William R. Valentine; Allegheny County Commissioner Creade V. Brodie, Jr.; EMS providers Daniel Siemer, Megan Cobb, Derick Fischer, Ryan Foster, Lucas Merkel, Justin Bean, James Koon, Jonathan Dayton, Donna Struntz, and Carey Williams; and Allegheny County Commissioner Jacob C. Shade. Photo courtesy of Susan Lee.

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