

EMS Recognizes Children, Teens for Giving 'Right Care When It Counts'

On May 13, MIEMSS honored 11 children and teens; each had assisted in providing a life-saving service to someone. Their actions had ensured that people had received the "right care when it counts." Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., assisted with the ceremony, joining MIEMSS Executive Director Dr. Robert R. Bass, Cyndy Wright-Johnson who directs the EMS for Children program at MIEMSS, and Dr. Joseph L. Wright, Associate State EMS Director for Pediatrics at MIEMSS. Many EMS dignitaries, providers, family, and friends also attended the ceremony held at the

State House in Annapolis.

The following received special certificates for "giving the right care when it counts."

Bobbi Lapp, 8 years old, from Garrett County, found her mother unresponsive (due to a medical emergency) three times over the past three years. Bobbi recognized the signs of low blood sugar, and each time called for help. She has learned how to prepare the life-saving medication her mother needs and helped the adult neighbors give the medication until EMS arrived.

Josiah Storer, 16 years old, from Washington County, educated his community about injury prevention. He has been a Boy Scout for many years and received training in first aid and injury prevention. For his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, he planned and conducted a community health and safety fair, organizing many of the community agencies across the county.

Miranda Besaw, 9 years old, from Harford County, acted very quickly one day when her mom lac-

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(L-r) Dr. Joseph L. Wright (MIEMSS), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS), Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Bobbi Lapp and her mother Ms. Terri Lapp.



(Back, l-r) Dr. Joseph L. Wright (MIEMSS), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS), Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., (front, l-r) Mrs. J. Robert Storer and her son Josiah.



(L-r) Dr. Joseph L. Wright (MIEMSS), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS), Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Miranda Besaw and her mother Ms. Jessica Besaw.



(Back, l-r) Dr. Joseph L. Wright (MIEMSS), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS), Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Mrs. Mary Martin (mother of Tyler), and Evelyn Graf (Steven and Tyler's "nana"); (front, l-r) Steven Burrall and Tyler Martin.

EMS 'Right Care When It Counts' (continued)



(L-r) Dr. Joseph L. Wright (MIEMSS), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS), Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., with Jesica McLane and Travis Bowes and their families.



(L-r) Dr. Joseph L. Wright (MIEMSS), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS), Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., and Michael Fessler.

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erated her fingers on a mirror. She dialed 9-1-1 and calmly followed the Emergency Medical Dispatcher's directions until EMS arrived.

Steven Burrall and Tyler Martin, cousins ages 7 and 5, from Anne Arundel County, were at the right place to help their grandmother when their grandfather became sick and then unresponsive. While one boy went for a neighbor's help, the second boy called 9-1-1 and helped relay information from his grandmother.

Nathaniel "Chase" Tyler, 6 years old, from Somerset County, made two very quick and important decisions on a snowy January day. When a friend fell through the ice on a pool, he knew to first reach her with a garden hose and then get an adult to help pull his friend from the freezing water and to dial 9-1-1.

Stephen Reisinger, 8 years old, from Queen Anne's County, remained very calm in a very scary situation when he found his grandmother was having heart problems. He dialed 9-1-1 and talked with the Emergency Medical Dispatcher until the EMS providers arrived to provide care for his grandmother.

Jesica McLane and Travis Bowes, from St. Mary's County, both 17 at the time, were first responders at their high school when they found another student having a seizure. While first protecting her from harm, they directed others to get the school nurse and remained until EMS arrived. Both are EMS



(L-r) Dr. Joseph L. Wright (MIEMSS), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS), Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Stephen Reisinger and his mother Mrs. Gary Reisinger.

members of Bay District Volunteer Fire Department in St. Mary's County.

Michael Fessler, 17 years old, from Montgomery County, was on a transatlantic flight when he provided care to a stranger enabling the flight to reach its destination and not make an emergency landing. Prior to this incident, as a high-school student, he became an EMT-B.

Tommy Sheppard, 5 years old, from Prince George's County, was at home with his 2-year-old sister when his mom sustained a severe head injury from a horse and became unresponsive. He called his neighbors, a nurse and an EMT, who quickly came and provided care using the first aid kit that Tommy had gotten ready



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(L-r) Dr. Joseph L. Wright (MIEMSS), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS), Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Nathaniel "Chase" Tyler and his father Curtis Tyler, Jr.