Maryland Sends CISM Team to US Virgin Islands

The Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and MIEMSS sent a team to the United States Virgin Islands (USVI) to provide stress management resources and support for first responders, emergency personnel, and other government workers who have been working long hours in the months since the hurricanes of September 2017.

The request to MEMA from the USVI Department of Health Director was made through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). MEMA leads Maryland’s coordination of resource support through the EMAC, which allows for states and territories to share resources during and after incidents. MIEMSS coordinated the 17-person team consisting of personnel from MIEMSS, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, and private-sector mental health providers.

The USVI team consisted of one mental health leader, two administrative/logistics personnel, seven mental health providers, and seven fire/EMS peers trained in critical incident stress management (CISM). CISM provides services to emergency services responders when they need support in dealing with stressful situations. Mental health providers and emergency services peers were paired together and traveled throughout the islands of St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas providing educational sessions for stress management and other aid to those who have been coping with demanding situations. All Maryland personnel have now returned to the state; a second, smaller deployment is planned to provide additional training for stress management personnel in the USVI.

Maryland EMS Providers Present Studies at NAEMSP Conference

MIEMSS Region V Medical Director and EMS Medical Director of Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service Roger Stone, MD, MS, served as collaborator, advisor, and coauthor for two recent studies conducted by prehospital personnel. The results of those studies were presented as posters at this year’s annual conference of the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP), held in San Diego in January. Captain Jamie Baltrotsky, BS, NRP, presented “Preliminary Impacts of Adding Follow-up Home Visits on Call Volumes Generated by EMS ‘Super-Users’ Enrolled in a New Mobile Integrated Health Protocol,” and Lieutenant Timothy Burns, MS, NRP, presented “The AFIRE Trial: Analysis of Medication storage Temperatures (AFIRE) in a Modern EMS Fleet.” Captain Baltrotsky and Lieutenant Burns are both EMS providers with the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service.
MSP Aviation Selects Personnel of the Year

Four individuals employed by the Maryland State Police Aviation Command (MSPAC) have been selected for personnel of the year awards for 2017. These well-deserving recipients are:

Trooper of the Year: Trooper John “Jack” Wildman
Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year: Corporal Stephen Reuter
Pilot of the Year: Jude Gallagher
Mechanic of the Year: Kyle Watkins

Trooper of the Year John “Jack” Wildman, an MSP trooper since 2015, received the honor due to his outstanding performance, leadership, and a personal desire to help others in the community. In 2017 Trooper Wildman participated in several notable aerial rescues, utilizing all three of MSPAC’s aerial rescue devices at various times throughout the year: the patient extrication platform (PEP) bag, rescue basket, and stokes litter.

Notably, in August 2017, Trooper Wildman was deployed from the aircraft via hoist at the Prettyboy Dam in Baltimore County, where a drowning victim was being resuscitated by the Baltimore County Fire Department but all efforts to extricate the patient had failed. Trooper Wildman completed a stokes litter extraction of the victim in cardiac arrest with a mechanical CPR device attached. The patient regained pulses after being hoisted to the aircraft. This was the first and only known hoist in Maryland history utilizing a device suppling continuous mechanical compressions to the patient during the hoisting operation. As a result of Trooper Wildman’s aerial rescue experience, he was able to make some critical post-mission evaluations to improve the system and service provided in this area.

Trooper Wildman was active in a variety of community service programs during 2017, including the Badges and Bookbags community outreach program, Carroll County Police Explorer Academy, where he volunteered to teach basic first aid/CPR to students interested in police-related careers, and Shop with a Cop in Cecil County.

Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year Corporal Stephen Reuter, a flight paramedic and assistant section supervisor for Trooper 6 (Easton Section), was selected for his outstanding performance in both roles. As a state police flight paramedic, Reuter provides exceptional prehospital care to critically injured and ill patients across the Eastern Shore and throughout Maryland. He has made concerted efforts to educate and motivate fellow flight paramedics before, during, and after medevacs, and works with newer crew members to ensure they are prepared to tackle medevacs, airborne law enforcement, and search and rescue missions.

Pilot of the Year Jude Gallagher, an MSP employee for more than five years, has held the positions of line pilot with the Salisbury Section, command flight operations instructor pilot, and maintenance pilot, where he earned a reputation for dependability, selflessness, and continuously going above and beyond the call of duty. Throughout the year, Gallagher volunteered to fill numerous section crew duties throughout the state and often shifted his time off to get the job accomplished while significantly enhancing the operational capability and readiness of the MSPAC.

Mechanic of the Year Kyle Watkins, an aviation mechanic for Trooper 6 (Easton Section) for 3.5 years, was selected for his commitment to ensuring the Easton Section’s assigned aircraft remains in top condition at all times, and for working well with other regional maintenance technicians to ensure overlapping coverage on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. His dedication to ensuring aircraft availability prevents interruptions in mission readiness and training. Watkins is a US Navy veteran, and currently holds an Airframe and Powerplant certificate through the Federal Aviation Administration.

Team MIEMSS Gets Cold at 2018 MSP Polar Bear Plunge

Team MIEMSS once again this year braved the frigid waters of the Chesapeake Bay to take a dip in January, helping raise funds for Special Olympics Maryland through the Maryland State Police (MSP) Polar Bear Plunge. This year, the Plunge raised nearly $2.5 million for this worthy cause.

The MSP Plunge is the largest “Plunge” in the world with over 10,000 brave participants jumping into the Chesapeake Bay in the middle of the winter to raise money for Special Olympics Maryland. The Police, Fire, and EMS Polar Bear Plunge took place on January 26, 2018, and the public Plunge was held on January 27.

“Team MIEMSS,” Jim Brown, Jeannie Abramson, and Pete Fiackos, celebrate their chilly dip in the Chesapeake for charity at the MSP Polar Bear Plunge on January 26, 2018.

Laurel Regional Hospital, located at 7300 Van Dusen Road, Laurel, Maryland, 20707, is now approved as a MIEMSS-designated Base Station and can provide base station medical consultation. The eMEDS® health care facility code for Laurel Regional Hospital is 352.

The University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton (UMSMCE), located at 219 South Washington Street, Easton, Maryland, is now designated by MIEMSS as a Cardiac Interventional Center. EMS providers may transport STEMI patients who meet the criteria for transport to a Cardiac Interventional Center as directed by The Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers. The eMEDS® health care facility code for UMSMCE is 297.
April 25-29, 2018
Maryland EMS Care 2018
Location: Ocean City, Maryland
Full conference brochure and registration:
http://bit.ly/2018MarylandEMSCare

This Month's CARES Tip

It is important that the CARES capture every cardiac arrest and that the EMS Operational Program get credit for that cardiac arrest management. If a patient goes into cardiac arrest before the care is turned over to the hospital, the provider must record that the patient was in cardiac arrest and fill out the CARES tab. Within the CARES tab, it is essential that “yes” be entered for the data element “Was resuscitation attempted by 9-1-1 provider or AED shock given prior to arrival of EMS?” This data element must equal “yes” in order for the record to be exported to CARES.

For more information, email pepp@miemss.org

The following is a list of Upcoming Pediatric Education Opportunities:

- March 10, 2018
  Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar
  Pediatric sessions include: Growing Up During the Opioid Crisis: How Narcotics Affect Children; Fever, Fussy, Fluids – Pediatric Sepsis Made Easier; Pediatric High-Performance CPR: It’s My Life, It’s Now or Never
  Location: Rocky Gap Resort, Cumberland, Maryland
  REGISTRATION: www.miemss.org

- March 16, 2018
  Children’s National Medical Center Trauma Update
  Location: Children’s National Medical Center, Washington, DC
  REGISTRATION: https://traumaburneducation.ticketleap.com/

- April 26, 2018
  Thursday Preconference at EMS Care 2018: PEARs Course (AHA)
  Location: Ocean City, Maryland
  REGISTRATION: http://bit.ly/2018MarylandEMSCare

- April 26–27, 2018
  2nd Annual Child Abuse Symposium
  Location: Children’s National Medical Center, Washington, DC
  REGISTRATION: https://traumaburneducation.ticketleap.com/

Q: How can I view my itemized continuing education records? All I see are the number of training hours.

A: Follow these steps to view, save, or print a PDF copy of your continuing education record:

  ✓ Go to www.miemsslicense.com (or just click the Provider Login button on the MIEMSS homepage) and log in to your provider account.
  ✓ Select Training, and then select Report.
  ✓ Verify and/or correct the desired Date Range and the Training Level (using the drop-down menu), if necessary.
  ✓ Select Go, and a report displaying only training hours will appear.
  ✓ THEN, select the button found next to the Training Level drop-down menu.
  ✓ A PDF document will then open that shows your itemized continuing education records, which you can print or save for your records.

To see an infographic of the training record page, go to http://www.miemss.org/home/EMS-Providers/licensure-info and click “How can I print my current ConEd from the new licensure system?” under Frequently Asked Questions.
Salisbury Regional Airport 2018 Disaster Drill

MIEMSS Region IV administrators participated in a scenario drill at the Salisbury Regional Airport on January 20, 2018, helping provide evaluations for the emergency response to a simulated crash. Along with airport staff, local fire/EMS departments “responded” to the large-scale mass casualty event. The exercise was designed to test and evaluate the objectives and core capabilities of the airport’s emergency plan.

The scenario entailed an aircraft on approach that loses landing gear and is forced to make a belly landing, subsequently skidding off a runway, coming to rest in the grass, and catching on fire. The “crash” involved approximately 50 victims with varying degrees of injuries. EMS providers were tasked with removing patients from the aircraft, and then testing their triage skills, communications, and transport resources. Other factors assessed during the drill included incident command and decision-making, security issues, communications protocols, and critical incident stress management.

Salisbury Regional Airport 2018 Disaster Drill

Providers due to renew their Maryland CRT or paramedic certification by April 30, 2018, will now see an Application for Renewal–CRT or Application for Renewal–Paramedic on the Application page of the MIEMSS Licensure System. You can access the system through the Provider Login on www.miemss.org or directly at www.miemsslicense.com. To ensure timely processing, renewal requests must be submitted by April 15, 2018.

Please remember, paramedics functioning in Maryland are required to renew their NREMT paramedic certification prior to renewing a Maryland paramedic license. Maryland CRTs without NREMT certification must meet Maryland’s renewal requirements, which mirror NREMT requirements for paramedic renewal. CRTs with current NREMT certification have the option of renewing their NREMT certification prior to renewing a Maryland CRT license, or meet Maryland’s CRT renewal requirements.

Contact the Office of Licensure and Certification at 800-762-7157 or licensure-support@miemss.org if you have any questions or need assistance using the Licensure System.

New Online Courses Available for EMS Provider CEUs

Opioid Overdose Management, A Case Management Discussion, a video produced by Charles County Medical Director Dr. Kevin Seaman with Charles County Emergency Services, has been approved for continuing education and is now available on MIEMSS’ Online Training Center in the Additional Continuing Education section. This course has been approved for 0.5 hrs. of ALS-A and BLS-Medical continuing education credit.

Also now available are an updated version of the “60-Second Radio Report” course (within the Additional Continuing Education course category), which has been approved for 1 hour of Local Option continuing education credit for ALS and BLS providers, and a High-Performance CPR for Dispatchers course (within the EMD Education course category), which has been approved for 1.5 hrs. Local Option continuing education for ALS and BLS providers. The lecture, Drowsy Driving and the Health Care Provider, presented at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center on February 7, 2018, has been added to the Online Training Center. ALS and BLS providers can earn 1.5 hrs. Local Option continuing education credit for viewing this course.

To access any of these courses, visit www.emsonlinetraining.org. For assistance with the Online Training Center, please email OnlineTraining@miemss.org or call 800-762-7157.

ALS Renewal Application Available Electronically

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MIEMSS Leadership Receives Above and Beyond Award

Maryland Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a US Department of Defense office, has announced that MIEMSS was honored with an Above and Beyond Award in recognition of extraordinary support of its employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. During the presentation ceremony, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Directors Dr. Richard Alcorta and Pat Gainer were presented with Patriotic Employer Awards, and co-signed a reaffirmation Statement of Support for MIEMSS employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.

The ESGR Above and Beyond Award recognizes employers who provide support to employee serving in the United States military. “Supportive employers are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation’s Guard and Reserve units,” said Jean Hulet, Maryland ESGR state chair.

MIEMSS Region II Administrator and Air National Guard TSgt. Andrew Naumann nominated Dr. Alcorta and Ms. Gainer. TSgt. Naumann had been deployed to Afghanistan as the CBRN reconnaissance team leader in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. “Prior to my deployment, I had an immense amount of pre-deployment training that required me to juggle both military and civilian job duties,” said Naumann. “For over six months prior to my deployment, my military duties consisted of greater than ten days per month away from my civilian employer. Dr. Alcorta and Ms. Gainer worked with me to enable me to continue being an active member of the MIEMSS Region II leadership team while I was conducting all of my pre-deployment duties. Without their assistance and support, I would not have been able to remain actively engaged in my civilian role while working diligently to prepare for deployment.”

MIEMSS has joined thousands of American employers who have reviewed their current human resources policies to ensure compliance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).

Kenneth “Pete” May Inducted Into Region I Hall of Fame

Kenneth “Pete” May, a volunteer member of LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad since 1978, was recently inducted into MIEMSS Region I ( Allegany and Garrett Counties) Hall of Fame. He is the third person and first EMT to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. The honor was presented to him by MIEMSS Region I Administrator Dwayne Kitis at the LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad’s banquet celebrating their 49th year of service.

Ken May has volunteered nearly 122,000 hours and run almost 23,000 emergency calls with the LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad. He began volunteering in emergency services as a teenager, joining Independent Hose Company in Frederick, Maryland, and also served in the Army National Guard during World War II. In the 1960s, he and his family moved to LaVale, where he continued volunteer service with the LaVale Volunteer Fire Department while his wife Betty, a registered nurse, joined the LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad. Ken soon followed, taking an EMT class and running ambulance calls as a medical provider for the rescue squad. Ken and Betty ran the ambulance together, 24 hours a day, for many years. And after her death, he continued to do so.

For over 30 years, Ken served as president of the LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad. He also served on a variety of other state and local EMS boards, including the Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC) and the Allegany County Fire Board. He mentored countless other volunteers over the years in his work in emergency services. Ken remains an active member of the rescue squad. It wasn’t until 2017, at 89 years of age, that he stepped off the ambulance to take a more administrative roll with the organization. His dedication has inspired all three of his children, one of his daughters-in-law, and two of his grandchildren to work in emergency medical services.

Left, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Pat Gainer, Maryland ESGR State Chair Jean Hulet, and MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Dr. Richard Alcorta. MIEMSS’ Acting Co-Executive Directors are presented with Patriotic Employer Awards by the Maryland Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve office. Photo courtesy of Jean Hulet.

Left, MIEMSS Region I Administrator Dwayne Kitis presents Kenneth “Pete” May, a volunteer member of LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad, with an induction certificate for the Region I Hall of Fame. Photo courtesy of Dwayne Kitis.
January 25–28, 2018, marked the 21st Annual Winterfest Conference, held this year in Easton, Maryland. The conference, organized by Talbot County Department of Emergency Services (DES) and supported by a number of generous sponsors, was attended by approximately 220 health care providers and included a range of informative speakers. Plenty of hands-on skills practice was offered for pediatric high-performance CPR, dealing with patients with dementia, and “Go, No-Go” situations. Many thanks to all the providers who attended this year’s conference, enhancing their knowledge in order to provide the best quality care to the ill and injured.
Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Gets New Director

After 25 years at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI) Executive Director Steven T. Edwards retired January 5, 2018. Emergency services leaders from across the state made presentations during Edwards’ retirement ceremony in College Park on December 13, 2017. University of Maryland President Wallace Loh made a special presentation to Mr. Edwards and pinned him with an honorary gold terrapin pin. A plaque dedicated in his honor now hangs on the wall at MFRI and reads, “This room is dedicated to Steven T. Edwards, Director of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute from January 1993 - January 2018.”

MIEMSS thanks Steven Edwards for his many years of dedication to the fire service and Maryland EMS, and wishes him the best in his future endeavors. Michael E. Cox, Jr., has been appointed the new Director of MFRI. We congratulate Director Cox on his new position and look forward to working with him to continue to enhance the Maryland EMS system of care.

Dr. Allen Walker, Pediatric Medical Director, Retires from MIEMSS

After many years of laudable service to the children of Maryland and MIEMSS, we are saying thank you and farewell to Allen R. Walker, MD, MBA, FAAP. Dr. Walker retired earlier this year.

Dr. Walker served as the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics representative to the Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC) from 1997 to 2014; he was the first pediatrician selected to serve on SEMSAC. He received a well-deserved certificate of appreciation from SEMSAC in September 2014. Dr. Walker also served as the Associate State EMS Medical Director for Pediatrics from 2000 to 2017, working diligently in moving EMS protocols toward evidence-based practices as a member of the state Protocol Review Committee. As the Associate State EMS Medical Director for Pediatrics, Dr. Walker brought the Pediatric Education for Prehospital Providers and the Advanced Pediatric Life Support courses to Maryland. Jennifer F. Anders, MD, has been selected to serve as the new Associate State EMS Medical Director.

As a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Dr. Walker published numerous articles on child abuse, pediatric emergency department screening and treatment, and medical education for providers. His special interests have included pediatric emergency medicine, child victimization, school health issues, and pediatric illness and injury epidemiology. Dr. Walker regularly taught at regional and state EMS and Emergency Nursing Association (ENA) conferences.

Dr. Walker received his Bachelor of Arts from Amherst College, his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, and his Master’s in Business Administration from Johns Hopkins University. The staff at MIEMSS wishes Dr. Walker the best as he starts this new chapter in his life.
Tactical EMS Course Held in Region V

The Region V office supported a Counter Narcotics and Terrorism Operational Medical Support (CONTOMS) course that was held February 12–16, 2018, in Prince George’s County. Forty-seven Maryland EMS providers completed this course in tactical EMS. The CONTOMS program is managed and taught by the United States Park Police and the Department of Health and Human Services.

The goals of the CONTOMS program are to offer a nationally standardized curriculum, a certification process, and a quality improvement procedure that meet the needs of those EMTs, paramedics, and physicians who operate as part of a law enforcement team. Additionally, the program tracks data to assure that the educational effort is evidence-based, so that it meets the dynamic needs of the law enforcement and EMS communities. Finally, the program faculty is available for consultation to federal, state, and local agencies to help meet immediate requirements, solve urgent problems, or conduct needs assessments.

This course was made possible through State Homeland Security Grant Program funding and the consolidated efforts of Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary’s Counties. Every region in the state had providers attend this highly sought-after tactical EMS training.

Photos courtesy of Dave Stamey.
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 or email awards@miemss.org.

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, 2017, through December 31, 2017. 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 under extreme circumstances 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, and new technology).

EMD PROVIDER OF THE YEAR
This award is given for extraordinary efforts in assisting the public through dispatch 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 LIFETIME EXCELLENCE IN EMS
This award is given to an individual who has devoted a lifetime of dedication to excellence in patient care, compassion and respect for each patient, and commitment to continuous improvement of the Maryland EMS system through his/her professional and personal life.

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 care for children and for promoting Family Centered Care in a Maryland EMS program or hospital.

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.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT MIEMSS BY MONDAY APRIL 2, 2018
MARYLAND’S STARS OF LIFE AWARDS
2018 NOMINATION FORM

Type all information in the form below

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Individual(s)/Organization(s) Nominated: 

PLEASE NOTE: if there is more that one nominee associated with the same incident or activity, please DO NOT duplicate this form but rather list names, affiliation, and contact information on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form.

*Address: |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) |

| Telephone Nos. (H) | (W) | (Cell) |

Nominee’s Level of Certification or Licensure (if applicable) ____________________________ Affiliation ____________________________

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

[ ] Maryland Star of Life Award [ ] EMD Provider of the Year [ ] Maryland EMS-C Award
[ ] Maryland EMS Citizen Award [ ] Outstanding EMS Program [ ] Maryland EMS-G Award
[ ] EMS Provider of the Year [ ] Leon W. Hayes Award for Excellence in EMS

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

If applicable, please submit additional documentation such as newspaper articles, video footage, audio recordings, and letters of commendation.

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Mail to: Jim Brown, MIEMSS, 653 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21201-1536
FAX to: 410-706-3485 (attn: Jim Brown) or scan and email to awards@miemss.org
You can complete and submit this form online at http://www.miemss.org under “What’s New”
The Maryland EMS for Children program is **In Search Of** children and youth in Maryland who have demonstrated **Steps to Take in an Emergency** or **Ways to be Better Prepared for an Emergency**. Actions taking place January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, 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 2018. Questions? Email awards@miemss.org

**Children and youth who have met one or more of the following criteria are eligible for Right Care Awards:**

1. Activates the Emergency Response System by calling 9-1-1 in an emergency

2. Calls the Poison Control Center in an emergency (1-800-222-1222)

3. Provides family emergency phone numbers, address, and contacts to emergency responders

4. Knows and practices an emergency plan at home

5. Applies knowledge learned in a first aid class

6. Performs CPR and/or uses an AED effectively

7. Knows his or her medical history (allergies, medications, special needs, etc.) and shares this information with emergency care providers

8. Participates in fire and injury prevention education in the community

9. Prepares, with his or her family, to respond to a disaster

10. Provides emergency assistance in the community

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Child or youth who acted so that others would receive "The Right Care When It Counts":

Child/ Youth’s Name: __________________________ Age: ________ Gender: __________
Parent’s Name: ________________________________________________________________
Parent’s Name: ________________________________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________________________________
Phone(s): (H) __________________ (W) __________________ (cell) ___________________
Email: ______________________________________________________________________
Alternative contact person: __________________________
Best method to reach this person: ________________________________________________
Primary language spoken at home: _______________________________________________

PLEASE indicate if you have spoken with the family about this nomination (RECOMMENDED)  ___ YES  ___ NO

Description of event/ incident and the action taken
• PLEASE include any printed materials about this nomination and if the child/youth has been recognized locally

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