Honoring lives lost and detailing the State’s ongoing efforts to put an end to impaired driving, Deputy Transportation Secretary Wilson H. Parran joined Maryland State Police Lieutenant Colonel Jerry Jones, Mothers Against Drunk Driving National President Jan Withers, Maryland Motor Vehicle Administrator and Governor O’Malley’s Highway Safety Representative Milton Chaffee, safety advocates, and the families and friends of drunk/ drugged driving crash victims at the 11th Annual Maryland Remembers memorial service on December 11, 2014. The annual ceremony, held in the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis, serves to raise awareness of the dangers of impaired driving that increase during the holiday season.

The holiday season, running from December through New Year’s Day, marks one of the most dangerous periods with regard to impaired driving-related deaths. Maryland law enforcement officers will be deployed in full force throughout the holidays to find and arrest impaired drivers. Last year, more than 23,000 arrests were made for DUI offenses throughout the State.

The event also coincided with the official launch of an innovative smartphone app that is intended to prevent impaired driving by helping people plan ahead or find a safe ride home if they have been drinking. The ENDUI app, now available at Google Play for Android phones or at the iTunes Store for iPhones, was developed by the Maryland Highway Safety Office to combat impaired driving and save lives.

ENDUI App features include:

- Creating a “designated driver list” of family members and friends who can be contacted quickly in the event that someone has had too much to drink
- Instantly locating the nearest taxi service or public transportation options
- A Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) guide, where the number and type of drinks a person has consumed is

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Victims of Impaired Driving Honored at 11th Annual Maryland Remembers Event

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entered into the app and an estimated BAC level is provided
• Two skills tests designed to measure a person’s reaction time and response functions, characteristics that diminish with impairment
• The ability to report an impaired driver by contacting 9-1-1 with the push of a button
• DUI facts and educational videos

“My daughter, Alisa, was killed by a drunk driver and, as someone who has had their life forever altered, I can tell you that a little time spent planning before you go out can go a long way toward saving a life at the end of the night,” Said Jan Withers, Maryland resident and National President of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. “Always have a safe ride with someone who has not been drinking.”

The monetary penalties for an impaired driving arrest are often severe, typically running thousands of dollars in fines, court costs, lawyer fees, lost wages, and other costs. Even more important, drunk or drugged drivers run the risk of hurting or killing themselves, others, friends, or loved ones.

The ENDUI app is part of a comprehensive strategy to save lives by preventing impaired driving through education, enforcement, and engineering efforts. Other educational campaigns include Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Checkpoint Strikeforce, which are major components of Maryland’s Toward Zero Deaths campaign. This campaign focuses on preventing impaired driving, aggressive driving, and distracted driving, while also promoting seat belt use and pedestrian safety. For more information on the Toward Zero Deaths campaign, visit www.towardzerodeathsmd.com. For more information about Maryland Remembers, please visit www.MarylandRemembers.com.

MIEMSS Presents CARES Data Integration to JAC

On Wednesday, December 10, 2014, MIEMSS presented the latest information on Maryland’s Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) program to the Jurisdictional Advisory Committee (JAC), including the integration of CARES into the existing eMEDS® patient care reporting database.

The Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival is a confidential nationwide registry currently utilized in 23 states, with participation of 580 EMS agencies and more than 1,000 hospitals, with charting, mapping, and graphing capabilities. The registry helps EMS administrators and community leaders determine a number of factors:
• Who is affected in my community?
• When and where are cardiac events happening?
• What parts of the system are working well?
• What parts of the system could work better?
• How can we improve emergency cardiac treatment?

Under the leadership of MIEMSS’ former Executive Director Dr. Robert Bass, the Agency initiated the Maryland Cardiac Arrest Surveillance System (MCASS) in 2001 through 2010 to evaluate out-of-hospital cardiac arrests statewide. This spotlight review of Maryland’s out-of-hospital cardiac arrest population is a continued vision shared by both Dr. Kevin Seaman and Dr. Richard Alcorta of MIEMSS.

The integration of eMEDS® and CARES will permit Emergency Medical Services Operational Programs to phase-in this capability at a pace that works best for both themselves and the receiving hospitals serving as their transport destinations. Testing this concept will be through a pilot project currently in the planning stage with Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services and Howard County General Hospital–Johns Hopkins Medicine. Important goals of the pilot are to demonstrate successful data capture and submission to CARES via normal eMEDS® record completion, hospital participation with the contribution of key outcome information, and the use of enhanced reporting tools by both EMS and hospitals through the CARES system. A final report on findings derived from the pilot program will be drafted in 2015.
Holiday Safety Message: BUCKLE UP Maryland – Seat Belts Save Lives

This message is brought to you with wishes for a safe and happy holiday season from MIEMSS Executive Director Dr. Kevin Seaman and MSFA President David Keller. The Click It or Ticket Campaign for 2014 continues to target a 24 hours-a-day, around-the-clock prevention education and enforcement message. This collaborative approach has two goals—to save lives and to improve the safe driving practices of all Marylanders. We are requesting your department’s help to get out the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) campaign “Click it Or Ticket - Day and Night.”

As part of the Maryland “Choose Safety for Life Campaign” and the National “Culture of Safety” campaign, we are asking every EMS and fire company to emphasize occupant protection during the high traffic volume of the holiday season. Many companies have Buckle Up banners from MIEMSS and we are asking that they be displayed during the December holidays. For those that have electronic signs, please display the following message: “Buckle Up Maryland - Day & Night. It is the Law.”

Wearing a seat belt is the single most effective way to save your life and the lives of your loved ones while on the road. Maryland has a call for action—our seat belt use rates fell from 94.2% in 2011 to 91.1% in 2012, a DROP of 3.1%. Teenagers and young adults are at the highest risk to be unrestrained. Please be a role model and BUCKLE UP on every ride. In addition, to ensure the safe driving practices of all our emergency services providers, we encourage you to distribute this message to everyone in your department in the continued effort to Buckle Up every ride, every time.

Forward information and any pictures of your outdoor signs to MIEMSS Educational Support Services at jbrown@miemss.org.

Thank you for joining this important public safety campaign.

EMS Board Member Mary Alice Vanhoy Inducted into Prestigious Academy of Emergency Nursing

Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN, CEN, CPEN, NREMT-P, FAEN has been inducted as a Fellow of the Academy of Emergency Nursing (AEN). An emergency nurse for nearly 35 years, Vanhoy is in her 28th year with Shore Regional Health and now serves as manager at UM Shore Emergency Center at Queenstown and EMS nurse coordinator at UM Shore Medical Centers at Easton and Dorchester. Her designation as an Academy Fellow recognizes her “visionary and groundbreaking leadership in the field of emergency nursing.” To date, only 119 nurses nationwide have been awarded this distinction over a 10-year period.

The AEN fellowship is a prestigious honor recognizing emergency nurses for their significant contributions to quality patient care both in and out of the emergency department. The induction ceremony for Vanhoy and nine other nurses from around the country took place in October at Emergency Nurses Association’s 2014 Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Vanhoy played a key role in the UM Shore Emergency Center at Queenstown’s achievement as the first and only freestanding emergency center in Maryland to be designated as an Emergency Medical Services Base Station. Achieved in April 2014, this designation and accreditation by MIEMSS enables the Emergency Center to provide immediate, quality medical direction to EMS providers working with patients in the field rather than waiting for a dual consultation with another hospital.

Vanhoy’s leadership in the regional emergency services community includes serving as EMS captain of the United Communities Volunteer Fire Department in Stevensville and EMS Program Faculty at Chesapeake Community College. In these roles she is the key liaison between hospital providers and the students and prehospital providers in four suburban and rural counties, promoting quality patient care through education and quality improvement. Vanhoy has reached out to the Eastern Shore community by developing programs for latch-key children, bike and ATV safety, hunting safety, stroke prevention and management, and disaster preparedness.

At the state level, Vanhoy represents emergency nurses on the Maryland EMS Board, and is a member of the Maryland Chapter of the American Trauma Society, and the Maryland Pediatric EMS Advisory Committee. She also is past president and current president-elect of the Maryland State Council of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) and serves as secretary/treasurer of the Eastern Shore Chapter of ENA.

In addition to serving four terms as president of the Maryland ENA, Vanhoy has been active at the national level, speaking at several of the Academy’s annual and leadership conferences since 2009 and serving on national committees, a Scope of Practice Revision Workgroup, ENA Leadership Conference Committee, and Clinical Practice Guideline Committee. She is also an item writer for Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse—the newest national emergency nursing certification—and serves on the National ENA Committee for the Scope of Practice.

Her past awards and honors include receiving the ENA’s Nursing Professionalism Award and recognition as EMS Provider of the Year, Emergency Nurse of the Year, and EMS for Geriatrics Provider of the Year.
The Maryland State Firemen’s Association recently presented a leadership seminar entitled Fire Rescue Organizational Guidance (FROG) at the Frederick County Public Safety Training Academy. FROG is a “graduate” level course, facilitated by Chief Officers with real life expertise. The curriculum was developed by nationally-recognized fire service leaders from volunteer and combination departments across the United States with technical support provided by the US Fire Administration. The course focused on three stratagems necessary in all successful organizations: (a) managing the processes, (b) leading the people, and (c) creating intentional organization culture. The weekend seminar utilized facilitated discussions and hands-on exercises. Participants worked together to produce solutions to common leadership challenges through various scenarios and discussions. Topics included analyzing and understanding the fire department’s people, processes, and culture. At the conclusion of the course, participants had developed practical guidelines, customized to their own organization, which could be implemented in their own organizations.

**Reminder!**

Winterfest EMS 2015 is still taking registrations!

January 22-25, 2015
in
Tighman Island, Maryland

Call Talbot County DES at (410) 820-8311 or email winterfest@talbotdes.org for registration or more information.
Active Assailant Workgroup Receives Governor’s Crime Prevention Award

On December 4, 2014, the Maryland Interdisciplinary Work Group on the Response to the Active Assailant was presented an award for “Outstanding Proactive Crime Prevention Program” during the 35th Annual Governor’s Crime Prevention Award Banquet for the development of the document, “Maryland Guidance to First Responders for the Active Assailant Incident.” This award was one of nine presented in this category. There were four other categories including Outstanding Contributions to Crime Prevention by Law Enforcement Agencies; Individual Law Enforcement/Correctional Officers; Community Group, Organizations, and Individual Citizens; and Crime Prevention Achiever’s Award (law enforcement personnel who conducted an abundance of crime prevention site surveys at residential or commercial properties). The award is presented by the Community Crime Prevention Institute, which is sponsored by the Department of Public Safety and Prevention Services, the Maryland Police and Correction Training Institute, and the Maryland Crime Prevention Association.

After the Navy Yard Shooting in September 2013, the Governor’s Homeland Security Advisor, Andy Lauland, charged MIEMSS, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, and the Maryland State Police to assess Maryland’s level of preparedness to effectively respond to active assailant incidents across the State. The Maryland Guidance to First Responders for the Active Assailant Incident provides some direction to local governments on methods to ensure that EMS, law enforcement, and emergency management have plans in place to respond in concert to subdue the assailant, rapidly extricate and treat any victims, and increase the survivability of these incidents. The document sets a benchmark for resources required and will assist in the distribution of any grant funding that may become available.

The Active Assailant Work Group is still operational. Over the next few months, they will be sponsoring regional forums to discuss the content of the document and will be available to assist local jurisdictions as they enhance their planning efforts. An awareness level training program will be available and they will be assessing the funding required to meet the activities recommended in the document. The Work Group has expanded its membership to begin to investigate how the community can get more involved to prevent and respond to such incidents.


Licensure and Certification TIDBIT

Q. I will not be able to meet my renewal requirements before my card lapses on December 31; what can I do?

A. As long as you hold a current affiliation as a Maryland provider, you should be eligible for an extension. The application for extension must be submitted prior to your certification/license expiration date. The application for extension request can be downloaded by visiting http://www.miemss.org/home/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=U-_kYfKXVR4%3d&tabid=68&mid=532. Once the extension is approved, you will be authorized to function for an additional six months. This time frame allows you to complete any required continuing education or other certifications necessary for recertification/license renewal. Only one extension is allowed per recertification cycle, meaning you will not have any additional time to complete the requirements after the six months allotted. If you fail to meet renewal requirement and/or fail to request an extension prior to your expiration date, you will then be required to reinstate with MIEMSS in order to re-obtain your certification/license.

MIEMSS Safety Corner

As we are quickly moving into the holiday season, we know that winter weather will soon be here. When we are home with our families the winter weather is fun and enjoyable. Many of us enjoy the skiing and sledding that the snow affords us. However, when handling an EMS call, the winter weather could make your efforts much more difficult. Winter weather brings slippery roads and sidewalks, extreme cold temperatures, and hidden hazards that we sometimes don’t think about.

Your safety is paramount!

Dress for the weather: Make sure you dress in layers to keep warm while outside and easily shed them when inside. Have a change of clothes, to include socks, gloves, and hats, should yours get wet.

Driving safety: During winter weather reduce your speed and increase the distance between your vehicle and the one in front of you when driving in the rain, snow, or ice.

Slips, trips and falls: Take your time and move slowly when walking on snow and ice. Carry sand or salt on your unit if possible.

Be aware of hidden dangers: When dealing with a patient, be aware of the possibility of a CO-related illness. Don’t become a patient as well.

MIEMSS wishes you a happy and safe holiday season!
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St. Mary’s County Physician Honored by MIEMSS and County Rescue Squad

Dr. John Roache was honored by the St. Mary’s County Rescue Squad Association and MIEMSS on December 4, 2015. Dr. Roache has been the President of the Association for 28 years and was presented an award by MIEMSS State EMS Medical Director, Dr. Richard Alcorta, in recognition of his many years of service to the citizens of St. Mary’s County and the State of Maryland. St. Mary’s County Commissioner Todd Morgan also presented a commendation to Dr. Roache signed by the County Commissioners thanking him for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of St. Mary’s County. Maryland Delegate John Wood shared a few stories and presented a commendation signed by the Southern Maryland Delegation of Senator Roy Dyson, Delegate John Bohanan, and Delegate John Wood thanking Dr. Roache for his service.

Dr. Roache joined the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department at the age of 16 in 1956 and joined Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1959. He has been the President of the Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad for 36 years, with 2 years as Vice President, and has served on the Board of Directors. In 2002 MIEMSS presented Dr. Roache with the Leon W. Hayes Award, which is given at the State level for lifetime dedication to EMS. He has served on several EMS and medical committees throughout St. Mary’s County, such as Infectious Control, Hospital Disaster, and Medical Society. He has been on staff at St. Mary’s Hospital for 40 years having served as Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery.

His other distinguished accomplishments include being appointed by Governor O’Malley to the Board of Trustees to the College of Southern Maryland and serving on the St. Mary’s Emeritus Medical Staff. He was also the President of the St. Mary’s County Historical Society. Additional societies he has served on include the Ryken High School Alumni Association Board of Directors, Leonard Hall Junior Naval Academy Board of Trustees, which he chaired for 6 years, and he chaired the board for the Juvenile Drug Program in St. Mary’s County.

EMS for Children

Data Analysis Research Team

Pediatric DART: Introduction and November Research Forum

MIEMSS Pediatric QIC has met for the past 15 years and was established as part of the MIEMSS Quality Leadership Council. The Pediatric QIC has focused on pediatric Base Station course development and implementation, annual review of all Pediatric RSI cases each February, and annual review of pediatric trauma data each summer. Additionally, the QIC facilitates data requests from the Pediatric Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (PEMAC) for the development and evaluation of EMS Protocols. In 2012 this committee expanded its membership and scope of work to form the Pediatric Data Analysis and Research Team (DART). The Pediatric QIC and DART have established a bimonthly meeting schedule and have ongoing data projects. Three of these projects were presented at the Annual EMSC Research Forum on Wednesday, November 5, 2014. The presentations highlighted the excellence in care delivery by Maryland providers in EMS and hospitals. Participants and presenters emphasized the desire to continue to monitor these issues and to widen the dissemination through Maryland EMS News feature articles and conference presentations. The presentations are listed below and future articles will expand on the current findings and next steps for each project.

2014 EMSC Research Forum: From Protocols to Practice: Working with MIEMSS Data Sets

1. Using Maryland EMS Data to Evaluate Protocol Implementation and Evidence-Based Practice Change presented by Kathleen Brown, MD, Children’s National Health System. This work has been published in Prehospital Emergency Care, January/March 2014 Volume 18/Supplement: “The implementation and evaluation of an evidence-based statewide prehospital pain management protocol developed using the national prehospital evidence-based guideline model process for emergency medical services.”
2. Pediatric RSI: Pilot Protocol 10 Year Review presented by Jennifer Anders, MD, Johns Hopkins Children’s Center and Joelle N. Simpson, MD, Children’s National Health System
3. Trauma Destination – Research, Quality, and EMS Data presented by Jennifer Anders, MD; John New, BA, MIEMSS Quality Management Director; and Melanie Gertner, BS, MIEMSS Trauma Registry Database Administrator

Feature articles on each of these projects will be published in 2015 in this column of Maryland EMS News. Look for invitations to participate in EMS focus groups with the DART leadership in the spring. The 9th Annual EMSC Research Forum will be on November 4, 2015; watch for topics and invitations in early fall. This forum is always open to all interested health care professionals from prehospital, hospital-based, and primary care.

Submitted by Cynthia Wright Johnson
EMS for Children, Director

Dr. John Roache is presented with his Certificate of Appreciation by State EMS Medical Director, Dr. Richard Alcorta.
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 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, 2014, through December 31, 2014. 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, and 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 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.
MARYLAND’S STARS OF LIFE AWARDS
2015 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

*** PLEASE NOTE: If there is more than 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.

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.

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 1, 2015

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, 2014, through December 31, 2014, 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 2015. 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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You can complete and submit this form online at http://www.miemss.org/EMSCwww/RightCare.html
Contact information for the person submitting this recommendation:
Name: ___________________________ Affiliation: ________________________________
Best Phone Number(s) to reach you: ________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________
Email: ___________________________ Fax: ________________________________

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: ___________________________

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

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**EMT 12-Hour Skills Refresher**
Date: January 22 at 5:30 pm & January 23 at 8:00 am
Location: Tilghman Island Fire Department Fee: $60 (Registration is required.)
For EMTs: complete all your recertification needs with us at WINTERFEST EMS 2015. A 12-hour skills class is available as a preconference followed by 12 hours of continuing education, which, with careful choosing, can meet the 12-hour requirement. **Space is limited. Register early!**

**PEPP – 3rd Edition: Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals**
Date: January 23 at 8:00 am
Location: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum – 213 North Talbot Street • St. Michaels, Maryland 21663 Fee: $30 (Registration is required.)
The PEPP-3 BLS Course is an 8-hour course developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and specifically designed to teach BLS providers how to better assess and manage ill or injured children. PEPP features case-based lectures, live-action video, hands-on skills stations, and small group scenarios. The program has been updated and includes new lectures and hands-on practice. Additional scenarios and special equipment has been added by PEMAC to correlate with EMS Scope of Practice in Maryland. Participants will qualify to receive an AAP course completion card by participating in the 1-day course and successfully completing a written test.

Required – online pretest must be taken prior to attending the course. Textbook will be mailed with online access code after payment has been received.

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**Winterfest EMS 2015**
Saturday – January 24, 2015

0730–0800  Registration
0800–0815  Welcome
0815–0930  Team Approach to an Active Shooter (1.5 T/B)
       TFC Travis Nelson
       Maryland State Police/Maryland Emergency Management Agency
       Special Operations Division/Regional Liaison Officer
       Sgt. Kevin Straight
       Maryland State Police
       Supervisor In-Charge of the Tactical Medical Unit, Maryland State Police - Special Operations Division

       Teamwork is vital in the situation of an Active Shooter/Assailant. How does this coordinated approach provide a safe patient care environment?

0930–1000  BREAK
1000–1130  Human Trafficking: Role of Emergency Services (1.5 M/B)
       Speaker TBA

       Human trafficking is present in many communities, but how does EMS recognize the scene and clinical presentation?

1130–1245  LUNCH WITH VENDORS

SATURDAY: BREAKOUT SESSIONS
1300–1430; Repeat 1500–1630

A. Active Shooter: EMS Response (1.5 T/A)
   TFC Travis Nelson
   Maryland State Police/Maryland Emergency Management Agency
   Special Operations Division/Regional Liaison Officer
   Sgt. Kevin Straight
   Maryland State Police
   Supervisor In-Charge of the Tactical Medical Unit, Maryland State Police - Special Operations Division

   Understanding the team approach to a dangerous situation: Role playing explores the functions and responsibilities of EMS during an active shooter incident.

B. When Quackers Go Wild (1.5 T/A)
   Mary Alice Vanhoy, MSN, RN, CEN, CPEN, NRP, FAEN
   Shore Emergency Center at Queenstown

   Hunting is a popular sport, but with it comes risk. What are the injuries and medical conditions that can occur during hunting season?

C. To Board or Not to Board: That is the Question (1.5 T/B)
   Thomas Chiccone, MD
   Region IV EMS Medical Director
   Talbot County EMS Medical Director

   “We have always done it this way”: A look at the research related to spinal immobilization and its impact on patient care.

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**D. Pediatric Respiratory Illness – the Old and the New (1.5 M/A)**
**EMSC Faculty**

Croup, Bronchiolitis, Asthma, and RSV are well known, but what about Enterovirus D68 and others? A review of various pediatric respiratory emergencies, their presentations, and their treatments.

**E. It's Alive: Medical Case Studies with Simulation (1.5 M/A)**
**Jon Longest, MS, NRP**
**Chesapeake College EMS Program Director**

Explore your patient assessment and intervention skills through use of simulations. As close as it can get to real.

**F. Please Save My Back: Safe Lifting (1.5 M/B)**
**Frank Rath, PT**
**UM Shore Regional Health Comprehensive Rehabilitation Care Manager of Outpatient Rehabilitation**

How can I safely move the patient? Safety for the provider and the patient: Explore the mechanisms of back injuries and how they occur and can be prevented.

1430–1500 **BREAK WITH VENDORS**

1300–1630 **DOUBLE BREAKOUT–DOES NOT REPEAT**

**G. GO, NO-GO (3.0 L/2)**
**Jimmy Payne**
**Captain, Baltimore City FD**

**Trevor Steedman**
**Captain, Ocean City FD**

**Bobby Magee**
**Firefighter/Paramedic, Ocean City FD**

Go, No-Go challenges the students' critical thinking skills by utilizing protocol-based scenarios to address unique patient entrapment and entanglement situations. When these “Not-So-Routine” cases arise, patient care protocols, out-of-the-box thinking, and specialized tactics need to culminate for the best possible patient outcome.

1630 **CONFERENCE ENDS FOR THE DAY**

Join us back at Harrison’s for dinner services starting at 1800.

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Winterfest EMS 2015
Location:
Winterfest EMS will be held on Tilghman Island with headquarters at Harrison’s Chesapeake House. The weekend conference will be held at the Tilghman Elementary School, located at 21374 Foster Road.

Payment and Cancellation Policy:
Preregistration is required. We will be accepting registration until January 9, 2015, 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 9, including call-ins. Walk-in registrations will not be allowed. Payment of all fees must be included with preregistration. In the event that payment is not readily available from the registrant’s department, registration forms may be submitted with a letter of intent to pay on department letterhead. All students must be paid in full prior to January 24, 2015. There is a $25 fee for returned checks. 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. Department of Emergency Services (DES), 29041 Corkran Rd., Easton, MD 21601

Refunds, excluding a $10 processing fee, will be mailed for cancellations received before January 9, 2015. Cancellation after January 9, 2015 will result in forfeiture of your entire registration fee. Speakers and topics are subject to change.

Accommodations:
WINTERFEST EMS WILL NOT BE TAKING ANY HOTEL RESERVATIONS. All reservations must be made by the student. Please contact any hotel directly to reserve and pay for your room. Ask for the Winterfest rate from the suggested local lodging:

- Harrison’s Chesapeake House, (410) 886-2121
- Tilghman Island Inn, (410) 886-2141
- Lowe’s Wharf, (410) 745-6684

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

Weather Cancellation:
The Conference Planning Committee will make a decision about cancellation of Winterfest EMS due to severe weather by noon on January 21. Call Talbot County DES at (410) 820-8311 for details. Written requests for refunds will be accepted within 30 days of cancellation.

Information:
For additional information or registration confirmations, call TCDES at (410) 820-8311, email us at winterfest@talbotdes.org, 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.

To the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (BLS PEPP Preconference Location):
213 North Talbot Street, Saint Michaels, MD 21663
Follow directions above to St. Michaels Road, Route 33. Once on St. Michaels Road, travel approximately 9.5 miles in to Saint Michaels. Turn right into the entrance for the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and follow signs to Museum parking. The class will be held in the Van Lennep Auditorium in the Steamboat Building.
Winterfest EMS 2015 Registration

Name: ___________________________________________________ Nickname:_______________________

Street Address:_____________________________________________________________________________

City:_____________________________________________________State:_________Zip:______________

Phone:_______________________________ Other Phone:________________________________________

Provider #:____________________________ Email:______________________________________________

Primary Affiliation:___________________________________________________________________________

Certification/Licensure (Circle): EMR  EMT  CRT  Paramedic  LPN  RN  NP  PA  MD

PRECONFERENCES
(Select Only One):

_____ EMT Skills Refresher, $60
_____ BLS PEPP, $30

CONFERENCES FEES:

_______ Saturday, $85.00 (choose breakout(s) below)
_______ Sunday, $85.00 (general session only)
_______ Both Days, $150.00 (choose breakout(s) below)

SATURDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS (choose one for each session OR double breakout):

First Session – A  B  C  D  E  F
Second Session – A  B  C  D  E  F
Double Breakout – G

Dinner at Harrison’s Chesapeake House, Tilghman Island, MD
Rates are per person and DO NOT include gratuity.

_____ Friday Night Dinner Only, $35
_____ Saturday Night Dinner Only, $35
_____ Friday and Saturday, $65 (rate only available for 2-night package)

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

Make checks payable to Winterfest EMS. Reservations are due by January 9, 2015. Meal fees must
be included with registration. Send check, along with this form, to Winterfest EMS, c/o Talbot Co. DES,
29041 Corkran Rd, Easton, MD 21601. Call or email us with any questions or confirmation requests –
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****Provider Number is Required to Receive Continuing Education Credits****
MIEMSS Office of Licensure and Certification Presents the
2015 EMS Education Symposium

“Evaluating the Student Evaluation”

A Daylong PDI and Informational Conference for
EMS Education Program Administrators and Instructors

Thursday, January 15, 2015
8:00 AM—3:00 PM
MFRI Headquarters
4500 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD 20742

Symposium Presenter:

David Page MS, NREMT-P
Paramedic Instructor, Supervisor, JEMS Columnist, Author

Morning Session: Effective Affective Evaluation:
Discover the keys to unlock your inner “can-do” attitude toward holding EMS student accountable for bad behavior. This interactive and motivational presentation will walk participants through objective behavioral measurements, and how to incorporate them into student grades.

Afternoon Session: Competency Based Practical Evaluations
This session is still in the works: The intent of this session is to look at practical scenario validation and testing, by incorporating a Crew Resource Management approach
And
MIEMSS Annual EMS Education Program Update

PDI!: A total of 6 hours (3 for each session) will be submitted for PDI approval. You must attend the entire session to receive credit

To register: Go to the MFRI Seminars web page and register electronically
http://www.mfri.org/cgi-bin/seminars.cgi
Registration limited to first 100 people

Questions? Contact Rae Oliveira MIEMSS Offices of Licensure and Certification
1-800-762-7157 or roliveira@miemss.org

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2015 EMS Education Symposium:
January 15, 2015
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Winterfest 2015:
January 22–25, 2015
Tilghman Island, Md.

EMS Today Conference (JEMS):
February 25–28, 2015
Baltimore, Md.

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar:
March 28, 2015, MFRI
College Park, Md.

20th Annual EMS Medical Directors’ Symposium:
April 8, 2015
Marriottsville, Md.

Miltenberger Emergency Services Conference:
April 10–11, 2015
Wisp Ski Resort, McHenry, Md.

EMS Care 2015:
April 30–May 3, 2015
Clarion Resort Fountainebleau Hotel, Ocean City, Md.

MSFA Annual Convention:
June 20–26, 2015 Ocean City, Md.