



## Maryland RISK WATCH® Team Spring Update 2020



### Update to the MSFA Executive Committee and Fire and Injury Prevention & Life Safety Committee

**Maryland Risk Watch Team** is exploring teaching methods that will allow for injury prevention education and distribution of prevention resources (car seats and bike helmets for example) during the current time of social distancing.

The MSFA 2020 Convention has been reformatted with a virtual phase 1 meeting occurring in June to provide a transition of leadership and key business of the MSFA and LAMSFA. “Steps to Safety” lead by Safe Kids Maryland and Risk Watch Maryland through the EMSC Family Advisory Network will not be held in person. Programs that were taught at interactive display tables are going to be written up into lesson plans with teaching materials for duplication. When it is safe to create mini teaching lessons, prevention experts will participate in videotaped presentations. At this time, we do not have a time line for production.

#### **Outdoor Heat Thermometer Display's remain available:**

There are five outdoor heatstroke/temperature displays in Maryland, three funded by MSFA Risk Watch budget in Cecil County, MIEMSS CPS program, and Prince George's County; one funded by Maryland Highway Safety CPS Grant in Washington County; and one funded by University of Maryland Pediatrics/ Safe Kids Baltimore City. Below is a summary of the usage in the past 12 months:

- Cecil County unit: used 5 times by 5 different agencies
- Maryland CPS Program unit: used 16 times by 11 different agencies including the Montgomery County Fair for a week
- Prince George's County unit: used 13 times by 7 different agencies including the filming of a PSA with the deputy administrator of NHTSA in Washington DC
- Washington County unit: used 6 times by 3 agencies

National Kick Off of Heat Stroke Prevention has been moved from May 1 2020 to July 2020 for the social media releases. Online materials are ready and available. The first death occurred in Texas during late April when a child got into an unlocked car while the family thought he was inside. Heatstroke is a daily risk – please promote A.C.T.

At this time, we are working with Safe Kids Worldwide and Innovative Concepts to explore a new device that is much lighter and more transportable. Maryland EMSC CPS program has designed and produced five magnets to be used on vehicles that can be printed at a reasonable cost and used at many venues.



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### Prevention Save the Dates:

#### **CANCELLED and Postponed until Fall/ 2021**

**Public Educator Life Safety Seminar –March 21, 2020 (Saturday)** at MFRI QH in College Park. Save The Date flyers are available and posted on the MSFA Website calendar and MIEMSS EMSC conference calendar. Registration will be on the MFRI Website by late fall.

**Maryland Safe Kids Updates:** Grants from Safe Kids Worldwide have been received for the following activities / risk area focuses. The majority of the grant award is in materials (banners, games, handouts, logo trinkets) but not monetary awards.

### Safe Kid Maryland Coalition 2020 Meetings:

**March 4, 2020 @ MIEMSS Room 212 from 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM**  
**MIEMSS Headquarters 653 West Pratt Street, Baltimore Maryland**

**September 2, 2020 @ MIEMSS Room 212 from 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM**  
**MIEMSS Headquarters 653 West Pratt Street, Baltimore Maryland**

**The Maryland RISK WATCH team has four goals at Convention/ Other educational programs:**

1. To provide young children and school age children hands on education experiences to be safer in their homes & communities through both psychomotor skills and new knowledge about high-risk injuries.
2. To provide young life safety advocates (tweens, 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 both the risks and the prevention strategies to keep everyone safer in their home and community (infants through seniors).
4. To demonstrate interactive safety displays based upon evidence based and best practices for life safety advocates across Maryland's EMS, Fire & Rescue services.



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**Risk Watch Communities** with materials in schools, after school and community events are listed below.

We would like to have a contact for Risk Watch and Safe Kids in each county to facilitate getting new information out and to share the camera-ready public safety messages from national organizations. Please email [riskwatch@msfa.org](mailto:riskwatch@msfa.org) if you would like to be one of your counties contact.

County	Contact	Lead Agency
Carroll County	Maggie Rauser (Safe Kids) Mary Ellen & Lisa Wilson (RW)	County Health Department Winfield Community VFD
Calvert County	<i>St Leonard VFD - need new contact</i>	
Cecil County	Holly Trego (RW and SK)	Department of Emergency Services
Frederick County	Jessica Dayal (Safe Kids) <i>RW contact needed</i>	County Health Department
Garrett County	Diane Lee (RW and SK)	County Health Department
Howard County	Terri Taylor (Safe Kids) <i>RW contact needed</i>	County Fire & Rescue
Johns Hopkins Pediatric ED	Mary Ellen Wilson RN EMSC FAN Council Chair	Johns Hopkins Children's Center
Montgomery County	Beth Anne Nessel (RW) Anthony Ramirez (SK)	County Fire & Rescue County Fire & Rescue
Prince George's County	Teresa Ann Crisman (RW and SK)	Fire & EMS Department
Prince George's County	Teresa Ann Crisman (RW and SK)	PGCVFRA
Queen Anne's County	Mary Alice Vanhoy (SK and RW)	United Communities Fire Dept.
Rock Hall (Kent County)	Andrea Joyner RN (RW)	Health Department
Tilghman Island (Talbot County)	School Library	County Schools
Washington County	Kelly Llewellyn RN (RW & SK & ATS)	Meritus Trauma Center
Wicomico County	Kari Cheezum RN (RW & SK & ATS)	PRMC Trauma Center
	<i>More are welcome to join</i>	