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MIEMSS Presents Annual EMS Awards

MIEMSS held its annual awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 19, to recognize groups and individuals who made extraordinary accomplishments in the service of prehospital care in 2014. The awards ceremony was held during EMS Week (May 17 – 23), the theme of which this year was “EMS Strong.” Thirty-six awards for the Maryland Star of Life program were presented, as were four Right Care When It Counts awards for children. The 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*. MIEMSS has conducted this award program for 12 years.

At the ceremony in Annapolis, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan provided two Proclamations, one recognizing EMS Week as May 17 – 23 and a second naming May 20 as

EMS for Children Day, which were presented by Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford.

The Right Care When It Counts Awards were presented during the first part of the two-part ceremony, which took place at the Miller Senate Office Building.

George (Hank) Emmel V, age 10, and **Angeline Emmel**, age 14, were visiting their grandfather, George “Jerry” Emmel, III, when his tractor slipped into gear and ran over him. Hank witnessed the incident and ran to get his sister, Angeline, to call 9-1-1. Mr. Emmel was taken to the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center by Joppa Magnolia Ambulance. He had suffered three fractures to the face and spent eight hours in surgery for a fractured pelvis, but survived his severe injuries.

Dawson Ternent, age 11, and his father Chuck Ternent, a Volunteer Firefighter with Good Will Fire Company, happen to hear a

call over their radio alerting EMS to respond to a cardiac arrest. They quickly realized that the patient was their next-door neighbor. Dawson, who had just completed CPR training the previous week, and his father ran next door and initiated CPR to the patient. Because of Dawson’s quick response, less than two minutes passed between the call to 9-1-1 and the initiation of CPR. The patient was resuscitated and transported to Western Maryland Regional Medical Center for further care.

Jenna Grimm, age 6, received an award for calling 9-1-1 when her great-grandmother slipped and fell, breaking her leg. Although Jenna wanted to call 9-1-1 right away, her grandmother asked her for help sitting up and

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to get some ice. Jenna did just that; then she called her mother and 9-1-1 to get help.

For the second part of the program, MIEMSS Executive Director Kevin Seaman presented the **Maryland Star of Life Awards**. First, the **Maryland Star of Life Award**, given to an individual or team for an outstanding rescue, was presented to 10 providers from St. Mary's County who responded to a medical emergency. The following individuals each received a Maryland Star of Life Award: **Chief Jonathan P. Scully; Trooper Allison Oyler; Richard Scott Peterson, Paramedic; George Earl Newton, EMT; William Johnson, Paramedic; Brandi Shymansky,**

Paramedic; Thomas Korb, Paramedic; Amy Smith, EMT; Larry Trader, EMT; and Joseph Wilkerson, EMT.

Last October, while driving home from another call, Chief Jonathan Scully heard a call go out for a medical emergency nearby and rushed to the scene. There he found a 20-year-old woman with agonal breathing and a faint pulse. Chief Scully immediately provided rescue breaths and utilized his AED to analyze her heart rhythm. The AED advised a shock. After the shock was delivered, Chief Scully was able to recognize a pulse, although it was irregular and she flat-lined shortly after. Trooper Allison Oyler arrived on the scene to assist Chief Scully, who then applied a second shock and received a positive reaction with pulse and breathing.

Providers from St. Mary's City ALS, Leonardtown Rescue Squad, and Ambulance 79 from Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad arrived to assist. The patient was transported to MedStar St. Mary's Hospital and has fully recovered.

Ray Crouch was chosen to receive a **Maryland EMS Citizen Award**.

On December 20, 2014, Ray and Jackie Crouch came upon a motor vehicle crash

while driving home. Mr. Crouch approached the vehicle, which was overturned down an embankment, on fire, and surrounded by live electrical wires. Finding a male driver who was initially unresponsive, he began banging on the vehicle. As he was about to break the windshield, Mr. Crouch noticed the sunroof was partially opened and pulled on it to gain access to the interior of the vehicle. He found the driver regaining consciousness and then noticed a toddler hanging upside down in a car seat. After pulling the driver out of the vehicle, Mr. Crouch successfully extricated the child from the vehicle.

Level Volunteer Fire Company arrived on the scene shortly after Mr. Crouch's heroic rescue. They found Mrs. Crouch tending to the child, keeping the toddler warm in her coat. The providers tended to the adult patient, and they were then transported to a regional trauma center for their injuries.

The **MIEMSS Director's Award for Excellence in EMS** was presented to 20 individuals for extraordinary care and extrication of an injured person. Receiving this award this year were: **Captain Steve Leatherman; FF Chad Johns; FF Jeffrey Stull; Rob De-grange, Paramedic; Lt. Jeffrey Shippey; Lt. Thomas Nuse; BC David Barnes; Dwayne Ausherman; Jamie Daily; Peter Gorelick; FF Thomas St Clair; Paul Corfman, Paramedic; Lt. Charity Rinker; FF Michael Nail; Simon Ayling; Christine Yaroschuk; Master Trooper Eric Smothers; Sgt. Jason Bigham; FF/EMT Jason Beard; and FF/EMT Daniel Kelly.**

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Right Care When It Counts awardees **George (Hank) Emmel V** and **Angeline Emmel**, are pictured center. Joining **Hank** and **Angeline** from left to right are MIEMSS Executive Director **Dr. Kevin Seaman**, Maryland Lt. Governor **Boyd K. Rutherford**, MIEMSS EMS for Children Director **Cynthia Wright Johnson**, and MIEMSS EMS Board Chair **Donald L. DeVries**.



Right Care When It Counts awardee **Dawson Ternent** is pictured center. Joining **Dawson** from left to right are MIEMSS Executive Director **Dr. Kevin Seaman**, Maryland Lt. Governor **Boyd K. Rutherford**, MIEMSS EMS for Children Director **Cynthia Wright Johnson**, and MIEMSS EMS Board Chair **Donald L. DeVries**.



Right Care When It Counts awardee **Jenna Grimm** is pictured second from left. Joining **Jenna** from left to right are MIEMSS Executive Director **Dr. Kevin Seaman**, MIEMSS EMS for Children Director **Cynthia Wright Johnson**, and MIEMSS EMS Board Chair **Donald L. DeVries**.