

MIEMSS Executive Director's Report

October 2019

Maryland EMS Clinicians and Jurisdictional Programs

Maryland EMS Plan Update. MIEMSS is in the process of updating the Maryland EMS Plan. The Plan is being re-written with input from MIEMSS staff, SEMSAC representatives, and stakeholders from around the state. It will set the direction for the system for the future. This will focus the efforts of MIEMSS and the statewide EMS community as it moves forward in the future. MIEMSS would like your input and welcomes comments and content for the process. The plan is comprised of seventeen areas of focus. There are several ways to participate in the process. Please go to the MIEMSS web site and download a copy of the form. It can be filled in and sent back via fax. Copies of this form are being distributed statewide at various meetings.

The Medicare Emergency Triage, Treat & Transport (ET3) Program. The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation announced a new 5-year program, the “Emergency Triage, Treat & Transport (“ET3”) Program,” that aims to ensure that Medicare Fee-for-Service beneficiaries receive the most appropriate care, at the right time, and in the right place. ET3 will expand Medicare to reimburse EMS for Medicare patients when those patients are treated / transported under certain new models of EMS care. At the same time, however, ET3 will continue traditional Medicare reimbursement for ambulance transports to hospital emergency departments and other currently permitted destinations. Even though ET3 applies only to Medicare Fee-for-Service patients, Medicare is encouraging multi-payer adoption to support overall success and sustainability.

The ET3 Model team has announced that the Request for Applications (RFA) Online Portal is now live. Ambulance providers and suppliers can now begin to apply to participate in the ET3 Model. The Online Portal can be found on the ET3 Model website under the *Request for Applications (RFA)* section. **Applications will be accepted from August 5, 2019 through October 5, 2019.**

The best way to stay up to date on the latest ET3 Model news and updates is by subscribing to the ET3 Model listserv.

Medicare reimbursement changes under ET3 have three distinct components:

Component 1 – Reimbursement for New Models of Care: A five-year model program will expand Medicare fee for service reimbursement to cover instances where a low-acuity Medicare patient calls 9-1-1 and either EMS transports the low-acuity patient to an alternative destination, such as urgent care clinics or doctor’s offices, or the EMS response includes a qualified health care practitioner who treats the patient on-scene or via telehealth.

Component 2 – Aligned regional care: For local governments, designees or other entities that operate or have authority over one or more 9-1-1 dispatch centers, cooperative agreements will be available to establish medical triage lines for low-acuity calls in certain regions where ambulance providers and suppliers have been selected to participate in the new payment options (i.e., Component #1 above).

Component 3 – Enhanced quality monitoring and enforcement: Medicare is seeking to build accountability through monitoring of specific quality metrics and adverse events and enforcement to ensure patient safety and program integrity.

Timing: Medicare has opened the Request for Applications from ambulance providers and suppliers (Component 1) through October 5, 2019 and will announce those selected to participate in fall 2019. Also during fall 2019, Medicare will announce a Notice of Funding Opportunity for Component 2, with awards made in early 2020. Information on the ET3 program is available at <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/et3/>

Initial CRT Licenses. MIEMSS is reminding the EMS community that after December 31, 2019, Maryland will no longer license new Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) candidates who are seeking an initial CRT license, since the NREMT will no longer offer examinations at the I/99 level. Testing at the I/99 level must be completed by December 31, 2019, as retest opportunities will not be available to candidates beyond this date.

SEMSAC BLS Committee. MIEMSS continues to monitor several new processes that were implemented and have made a few minor adjustments, resulting in improvements to the state BLS psychomotor examination, as well as processing. The EMT pilot classes are near completion and we are awaiting outcomes for the National Registry cognitive examination. Updates for MIEMSS BLS evaluators and instructors will begin mid-September and continue through January 2020.

eLicensure System. MIEMSS is working to enhance functionality in the eLicensure’s public portal. This will include functionality that will allow EMS systems administrators to access the public portal to retrieve data, including provider license or certification status, issue and expiration dates, and continuing education credits that will assist with staffing, and other critical decisions during daily operations. The eLicensure Statewide Steering Committee continues to meet quarterly to develop recommendations for modifications and improvements to the new system.

eMEDS®/CRISP Integration. As of January 1, 2019, MIEMSS has completed the technical work and pilot testing of the integration between eMEDS® and the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP), Maryland’s designated health information exchange. This integration includes a data linkage between participating jurisdictional EMS operational programs and CRISP, automatically uploading 138 data elements directly from eMEDS® to CRISP. This data, which is available in the CRISP Provider Portal, is designed to provide clinical EMS treatment data to in-hospital and community healthcare partners to better streamline a patient’s care across the entire healthcare system. Additionally, this program allows jurisdictional QA officers and medical directors from public safety EMS operational programs to access the CRISP Provider Portal for quality assurance and mobile integrated health purposes. As of September 23, 2019 there are nineteen participating jurisdictions (Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Montgomery, Charles, Calvert, Queen Anne’s, Kent, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset counties, Baltimore City, and Annapolis). Five additional counties are in progress, working toward CRISP implementation. (Howard, Anne Arundel, Prince George’s, St. Mary’s and Caroline counties) The program is open to all of Maryland’s public safety EMS operational programs and MIEMSS has set a goal that all jurisdictional EMS operational programs will be participating by the end of calendar year 2019.

eMEDS® / ESSENCE Integration. MIEMSS is working with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to develop a near real-time data exchange between the State of Maryland's EMS electronic patient care report (eMEDS) and the Maryland Department of Health's syndromic surveillance system. This linkage will allow for EMS data to be utilized by MDH for the early identification of intentional or natural emerging infectious disease outbreak(s), providing for expedient public health threat and risk assessment for situational awareness, and ensuring prompt applications of public health interventions in the event of a public health emergency. Additionally, MIEMSS will partner with MDH to engage in the development of an EMS data module within the State's syndromic surveillance system. The Regional Programs and Data Management departments are actively working with MDH to conduct analysis on historic data for further development of this project.

Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP). The Statewide VAIP workgroup has reconvened to conduct a thorough review and update of the VAIP standards in an effort to allow more jurisdictional EMS operational programs to participate. The workgroup conducted a virtual meeting to finalize the 2019 VAIP standards on September 12, 2019. A draft document will be reviewed by the EMS Board and SEMSAC at their October meetings.

Statewide EMS Communication System Upgrade. MIEMSS is upgrading the Maryland statewide communications systems to meet current and future needs. MIEMSS' goal is to have a highly reliable, next generation communications system which is built on a uniform platform, is IP-based, utilizes proven and scalable technology, and integrates with the State's Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).

The contractor and MIEMSS have completed the Detailed Design Review (DDR). The DDR is a cohesive, written, document detailing all the specifics of the project. Implementation is underway and is divided into five phases, primarily based on EMS region. Each phase involves equipment delivery, implementation and acceptance. Phase 1, starting now, encompasses Southern Maryland (EMS Region V). Each phase must be successfully completed before the next phase begins. Phase 1 is focused on MIEMSS Region V – Southern Maryland. Phase 1 is targeted to be complete by midyear 2020. MIEMSS and OCI continue to have weekly project meetings.

CARES Update. In Maryland, there were 6,700 total non-traumatic sudden out-of-hospital cardiac arrests submitted to the CARES registry for Calendar Year 2018. National reports are now available on the CARES website: <https://mycares.net>.

Hospital Programs

Freestanding Medical Facilities. Shore Health Emergency Center at Queenstown received their re-designation application. The completed application is due into MIEMSS by December 3, 2019.

Cardiac Interventional Centers (CICs). Re-verification of the 24 in-state CICs will continue throughout CY2019. MOU's with the four out of state CICs (Christiana, Bayhealth-Kent General, Nanticoke Memorial, and MedStar Washington Hospital Center) are renewed for a five-year period.

Perinatal Referral Centers. The Level III and IV neonatal and maternal subcommittees continue to focus on areas identified for improvement. The Perinatal Clinical Advisory Committee has completed updating the Perinatal System Standards. The Perinatal System Standards will be incorporated into the COMAR Perinatal Standards which are currently being updated. All perinatal referral centers have received the updated system standards.

Primary Stroke Centers (PSCs). The re-designation process and site surveys for Primary and Comprehensive Stroke Centers are completed. The draft COMAR Regulations for designation of Acute Stroke Ready Centers and revisions to the COMAR Regulations for designation of Primary Stroke Center have undergone review by MIEMSS leadership and the stroke QIC workgroup. Both draft COMAR Regulations will be presented to the Stroke QIC in November for final approval and vote.

Trauma Centers. The Pediatric Trauma, Eye Trauma, and Neurotrauma Center COMAR regulations are in the review process. The revised Adult Burn Regulations were posted in the Maryland Register the week of September 30, 2019 for public comment. The American Burn Association along with MIEMSS will reverify Johns Hopkins Bayview Adult Burn Center this fall.

Cardiac

Public Access AED Program. AED information, including application information, is located in the public information tab under "Maryland Public Access Automated External Defibrillator." Facilities whose certificates have expired are not in compliance with Maryland's AED law.

Out-of-Hospital Sudden Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee. The out of hospital sudden cardiac arrest steering committee continues to address multiple components including 9-1-1 dispatch, pre-hospital provider treatment, community response, and data collection and reporting. The committee met at MIEMSS on September 26, 2019.

The Maryland RA Fall 2019 - Two-day Resuscitation Academy. The Maryland RA Fall 2019 - Two-day Resuscitation Academy will be held November 7 and 8, 2019 from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm at the Howard County Public Safety Training Center, 2200 Scott Wheeler Drive Marriottsville, Maryland. This two day program is geared to Medical Directors, EMS supervisors, Fire/EMS

Chiefs, EMS personnel of all levels, and Emergency Department staff across the state of Maryland and surrounding regions. Participants can expect to increase their understanding of the interventions important to pre-hospital cardiac arrest survival and learn to implement ways to track and improve survival rates in their own community.

Topics to be covered:

- Factors that determine cardiac arrest survival
- The science behind CPR and current resuscitation practices
- Pediatric High Performance CPR
- Best practices from regional EMS agencies
- Maintaining a cardiac arrest registry
- Providing cardiac arrest QA and QI to EMS field providers
- Telephone-assisted Dispatch CPR
- High-performance CPR train-the-trainer practical session

Tuition is complimentary and conference costs are covered by Academy sponsors. The deadline to apply is close of business October 25, 2019. For questions about the Maryland RA or the application, please email the RAmaryland@hcdfrs.org.

Emergency Operations

High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID) Program. Utilizing federal Ebola funding provided through the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), MIEMSS has assisted in development of High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID) transport teams. These teams will be utilized to transport HCID patients from 9-1-1 scene locations and inter-hospital transfers.

MIEMSS, in coordination with MDH and other state and HHS Region III partners, is planning a statewide full-scale Ebola exercise that will transition into an HHS Region III exercise. Influence will be placed on multi-agency coordination and transport of patients under investigation.

MIEMSS has also developed an infectious diseases webpage, where up-to-date information on infectious diseases and guidance from the Office of the State Medical Director is collected for reference by state EMS partners.

Current status: The four 9-1-1 jurisdictional HCID teams, Montgomery County, Frederick County, Cecil County, and LifeStar Response, are operational. The teams are training and exercising on a regular basis and stand ready for an HCID response. All teams will be participating in the full-scale exercise mentioned above.

Active Assailant Interagency Workgroup (AAIWG). Earlier this year, Governor Hogan issued an Executive Order, “Active-Assailant Incident Preparation and Coordination.” The Maryland State Police and MIEMSS continue to co-chair the work group. Meetings continue to be focused on the future direction of the workgroup. Multiple subcommittees have been formed and have begun meeting to address their respective focus areas. Participants include representatives from hospitals, public/private education, federal, state, and local fire, EMS, emergency management, and law enforcement and other organizations. The full workgroup continues to meet monthly with a focus on review and coordination of the subcommittees activities. Each of the nine subcommittees have finalized goals, objectives, and a timeline for each of their areas. This content has been added to a work plan.

Regional Programs

EMS Base Station Program. Pursuant to COMAR Title 30.03.06, the EMS Base Station designation program ensures designated hospitals are prepared to provide on-line medical consultation with Maryland EMS providers. Hospitals are designated, by the EMS Board, on a rotating schedule and are awarded five-year designations when found to be in compliance with all applicable regulations. Provisional designations of less than five years are awarded in the event a facility is found to have discrepancies. MIEMSS holds a Base Station training conference each year. Regional Programs staff have completed in-person base station site surveys for facilities due for re-designation during calendar year 2019, and staff are currently completing the associated reports. The annual base station training conference is scheduled for October 30, 2019 in Hanover, MD.

The MIEMSS Regional Offices are managing multiple projects throughout the state. For more information about any of the items listed below, contact the appropriate MIEMSS Regional Office.

Region I

- The Region I Office, in conjunction with the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center Trauma Program, the Garrett County Department of Public Safety, Allegany County Emergency Services, and the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Western Maryland Regional Training Center continue to advocate the Stop the Bleed Campaign. This initiative has trained over 3,000 citizens in Allegany and Garrett Counties.
- The Region I and II Healthcare Coalition has completed the development of a medical ambulance bus to support Mid and Western Maryland. The unit is available for response.
- Planning has started for the 18th annual Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar to be held on March 13-14, 2020.
- Region I has started the roll out of Pediatric High Performance Pediatric CPR in conjunction with MIEMSS Emergency Medical Services for Children Office.

Region II

- The Region II Office has completed the HCID transport team development process with Frederick County DFRS. Development of a functional exercise is underway.
- The Region II Office is continuing to coordinate training for Frederick County paramedics selected for participation in the pre-hospital ultrasound pilot program.
- The Region I and II Healthcare Coalition has completed the development of a medical ambulance bus to support Mid and Western Maryland. The unit is available for response.
- The Region II Office is working on the 50/50 Grant process.
- Region II held Chempack training for healthcare partners and is planning an exercise on its deployment.
- Region II has started the roll out of Pediatric High Performance CPR in conjunction with MIEMSS Emergency Medical Services for Children Office.

Region III

- Planning is underway for EMS Care 2020 to be held April 22-26, 2020 again at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel.
- The Region III Health and Medical Coalition continues to make strides in ensuring the region is prepared and equipped to respond to the evolving threats facing the medical community.
- The Region III Office continues to support multiple grants including the Cardiac Devices grant program, ALS Funding, Naloxone, and State Homeland Security Grants.
- The Region III Office is working with our EMS Operational Programs to complete MOUs on the CRISP project.
- The Region III Office is continuing to support multiple EMS Operational Programs with upcoming training and exercises they are conducting.

Region IV

- The Annual Winterfest Conference will be held from January 23 thru January 26, 2020. Preconference EMT Skills Refresher will be conducted January 23 and 24th. A Preconference Pediatric Course “Pediatrics with Special Needs” will be held on Friday January 24th and the Main Conference will be January 25th and January 26th in Easton. Additional information will be in the November EMS Newsletter.
- The next Region IV EMS Advisory Council meeting will be held November 19, 2019 at 1:30 PM at the Talbot County Operations Center located at 605 Port Street in Easton.
- The Talbot County Mobile Integrated Community Health program made its first home visits on July 24, 2019. The program is off to an excellent start with cooperative efforts of Talbot Department of Emergency Services, the Talbot County Health Department and Shore Regional Health at Easton. Multiple additional stake holders are also partnering in this effort. This is our third Mobile Integrated Health (MIH), program to come on line in Region IV. Talbot joins the Queen Anne County program which is in its third year and the Salisbury Wicomico Integrated Firstcare Team (SWIFT). All three programs are providing much needed services to their communities. It is hoped that a new team will be forming in Worcester County in the next six to twelve months.
- The 29th Peninsula Regional Topics in Trauma Conference was held on September 20, 2019 in Ocean City. The Conference, with over 150 participants, provided clinicians with 6.5 hours of trauma credits.
- The Cardiac Devices grant program was discussed at the Region IV Council meeting identifying the new application and time lines for submission. Several applications have been received in the Region IV Office.
- With approval by the Regional Medical Directors, the revised and updated VAIP Standards are awaiting approval by SEMSAC and the EMS Board so that this document can be released in a new format simplifying the process and making it easier to update.
- Recently VAIP inspections were completed in Dorchester County with Wicomico County inspections being scheduled in the next 60 days.

Region V

- The Maryland-National Capital Region Emergency Response System (MDERS) is currently overseeing \$4.6 million dollars in FY 2019 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funds to support Prince George's and Montgomery Counties with eleven interdisciplinary, inter-jurisdictional projects involving Fire, Rescue, EMS, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, Public Health, and hospitals.
- We continue to support the RESF-8 health and medical RPWG working group, the Health & Medical Subcommittee and the COG EMS Subcommittee to improve regional collaboration and coordination in the National Capital Region (NCR). The RESF8/Health & Medical RPWG is currently working on pediatric surge capabilities and will follow with a regional (NCR) trauma plan.
- The Region V Office has implemented a “Base Station Site Review” program where staff regularly meets with the Base Station Coordinators of Region V hospitals between site survey visits. To date, we have started this process at Suburban Hospital and Charles Regional.
- The Region V Office continues to support the Region V EMS Advisory Council including support of the newly elected officers. We have proposed the inclusion of an “EMS call of the quarter” to recognize outstanding performance by EMS clinicians in our region and are waiting for feedback from the Council.
- In collaboration with Maryland ERS, we support the coordination and monitoring of the various Public Access Trauma Care (PATC) programs including Stop the Bleed and other PATC classes being taught throughout the region.
- The Region V Office is working on EMS research projects related to mobile health integrated care, behavioral health, and cardiac care at the state and national levels. We are working with international colleagues on several publications on EMS and critical care research.
- The Region V Office developed a survey for EMSOPs to understand their configuration, clinical and operational capabilities and resources, to support improvement initiatives. We have received responses from 3 EMSOPs and anticipate all jurisdictions to respond by mid-October.
- Region V Office personnel are also integrating data into a dashboard to share information with EMSOPs to support their operational goals.
- The Region V Office continues to work closely with the Emergency Planning Committee of the Region V Healthcare Coalition to develop a robust operational surge and disaster plan by evaluating standard reporting and planning tools and coordinating between the state and the hospitals in Region V.

Emergency Medical Services for Children

Emergency Medical Services for Children Department (EMS for Children). The state Pediatric Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (PEMAC) met on September 4, 2019. EMSC State Partnership Grant and Child Passenger Safety and the Bike Helmet Safety (new) grants are presented every two months with the most recent update posted on the website under PEMAC Meetings. Safe Kids Maryland and Risk Watch updates are also updated quarterly. FAN Website within the www.miemss.org website includes components of the “Emergency Ready Family” project. Pediatric QIC and DART committee is working on quality improvement projects that include protocol compliance and EMS provider skill/ equipment utilization.

The EMS for Children State Partnership Grant current grant award period for 2018-2022 began year 2 on April 1, 2019. The work will continue to focus on the Federal EMSC Performance Measures and support EMS and hospital pediatric education.

- EMS for Children continues to offer the Advance Pediatric Life Support (APLS) physician courses for 2019 with the next course date of December 13, 2019. This December course will include the option for PALS course. Registration is online and open.
- Emergency nursing CPEN review course will be held as a preconference to the 2020 Miltenberger EMS & Trauma Conference in western Maryland. Registration will open in the fall. Please contact pepp@miemss.org with any questions.
- Maryland ENA Pediatric Committee will meet with EMSC to share experiences with the new 5th edition of ENPC course implementation in 2019 at MIEMSS on September 23 and the ENA State Council will meet at MIEMSS on September 16 to prepare for General Assembly and the Annual Conference.
- PEPP Course is scheduled for October 10th with both Pediatric EMS Champions and EMS professionals from across the state.
- Maryland EMS Jurisdictions have identified a Pediatric EMS Champion as part of the federal grant process in 26 of the 27 counties/ cities. A few retirements are anticipated and those positions will be filled this fall.
- Pediatric Base Station course dates for 2020 have been identified and have been disseminated to all pediatric base stations, pediatric transport teams and neonatal transport teams.
- Safe Transport of Children in Ambulances reference cards on best practices to restrain children on stretchers are available upon request. Safe Transport Learning Management education program is available on the MIEMSS LMS website and has continuing education hours approved.
- NEW and updated Pediatric Reference Cards are now available in the EMSC program office. Email pepp@miemss.org for copies.
- Pediatric High Performance CPR protocol LMS Continuing Education program available online through the MIEMSS “Online Training Center” - <http://www.emsonlinetraining.org/>. The PowerPoint lecture has been converted into a movie format and placed on the MIEMSS YouTube account to be used for company level training - <https://www.youtube.com/user/MarylandEMS> .

Child Passenger Safety (CPS) & Occupant Protection Healthcare Project: MIEMSS CPS & OP project (20th year of funding DOT/NHTSA) continues to provide outreach to health care providers to provide education and parent educational tools on child passenger safety. The project collaborates with local Safe Kids chapters and coalitions and KISS program at DHMH. Again in this year's grant MIEMSS EMSC CPS project is able to provide scholarships for EMS and Hospital providers to take the standardized CPS Course. Contact the project at cps@miemss.org.

- There are four Temperature Heat Displays available for public education events as part of Maryland Safe Kids campaign to increase awareness of the risks to children in cars. Contact CPS@miemss.org for more information.
- “Rapid Response CPS Education Kits” have been shared with EMS agencies when a child fatality occurs related to car seat misuse or hyperthermia.
- The Drowsy Driving special grant project has ended but the current grant will continue to provide information on the risks in healthcare professionals. MIEMSS has a dedicated

website, Public Service Announcements and educational materials for EMS and Hospitals on the risks and the warning signs of Drowsy Driving. Drowsy Driving presentation was part of the September Mid Atlantic Life Safety conference.

- The project continues to support Safe Kids coalitions, the Occupant Protection Emphasis Area Team and the Maryland CPS Board to promote best practices for CPS and educate both professionals and the public. We are working with Maryland Kids in Safety Seats (KISS) program to expand the instructor pool for course on Safe Transport for Children with Special Needs. This course focuses on passenger vehicles with a small segment on school buses and another on public safety vehicles. New in this year's grant is a special needs update workshop for those who have completed the initial training.
- CPS posters are available upon request and can be viewed on the website - <http://www.miemss.org/home/emsc/cps> including a new poster on Teens in Cars as well as Rear facing longer & Booster Seats. SECURE Ambulance Safety & BUCKLE UP - Every Ride Every Time posters are available from the EMSC & SOCALR offices.
- A conference call and webinar are scheduled for September on new CPS topics to provide continuing education for CPS Technicians.
- September 15-21, 2019 is Child Passenger Safety Week and September 21, 2019 was National Seat Check Saturday. Multiple events including a social media campaign were held across Maryland. MIEMSS social media featured 6 messages during the week.

Bike Helmet Safety Project: MIEMSS EMSC and Safe Kids Maryland are in the third year of a Maryland Highway Safety Office funded project to provide educational materials, posters and bike helmets to Safe Kids Coalitions and community partners across Maryland. Two Public Service Announcements have been produced and are on the MIEMSS YouTube channel. Fifteen Bike Helmet fitting displays have been distributed through Safe Kids coalitions and partners. Over 1,000 helmets have been provided to these organizations to provide both safety education, "Right Fit" instructions and helmets. This third year of the grant will continue to focus Bike Helmet education and distribution with the addition of regional trainings and the "Be Seen" messages of bike safety.

- Right Fit bike helmet posters in English and Spanish are available from MIEMSS. Contact bikesafety@miemss.org to request posters and more information.
- A new website contains information and sample posters <http://www.miemss.org/home/bike-safety-project>

Prevention

Fire Prevention Month 2019 - October is Fire Prevention Month. The goal of Fire Prevention Month (and week October 6th – 12th) is to raise awareness about fire safety and to help prepared people in the event of an emergency. Fire Prevention Week and Month is celebrated by raising fire safety awareness and educating communities across the United States. During this month, fire departments educate everyone to practice fire safety and whole home safety. The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) 2019 campaign for Fire Prevention Month is "Not Every Hero Wears A Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape." By checking alarms, testing the alarms regularly, and replacing expired alarms.

Maryland RISK WATCH Champion Team. The Maryland Risk Watch team led by the EMS for Children Department in partnership with Safe Kids Maryland facilitated the prevention education interactive sessions for the 2019 MSFA Convention with volunteers from across the state. The STEPS TO SAFETY interactive displays focus on providing injury prevention information and hands on training for families and infants, toddlers, school ager and teens. The Summer Risk Watch Update is available on the MIEMSS EMSC website. <http://www.miemss.org/home/emsc/maryland-risk-watch>. Training DVDs are available through the EMS for Children office: “What to Expect When You Dial 9-1-1” featuring the Cecil County PSAP and “Right Care When It Counts” featuring children and youth teaching families to be prepared. Child Passenger Safety car seat and seat belt stages information will be featured at the MSFA August Fire and Injury Prevention meeting and the September Executive Committee meeting.

Safe Kids Maryland Coalition. Safe Kids Maryland continues to support local coalitions and local community partners in their identified injury risk areas. Safe Kids Buckle Up FY 2020 grants continue in the seven local Safe Kids Coalitions (Baltimore City, Carroll County, Frederick County, Howard County, Montgomery County, Prince George’s County, Washington County) and with the support of the Safe Kids community partners in Cecil, Garrett, Queen Anne and Wicomico (PRMC) counties and partnerships with Maryland Kids in Safety Seat program. Safe Kids Maryland was awarded the 2019 Walk This Way grant and worked with both Cecil County DES and PRMC Trauma Center at elementary schools in October.

The Outdoor Temperature Displays are used at EMS and Hospital conferences as well as a number of county Fire & Rescue displays throughout the fall. These displays will educate the public and professionals about the danger of heatstroke to children left in cars. One is located at the MIEMSS CPS office, one is located in Cecil County DES, one is located in Prince George’s Fire & EMS Department, and one in Hagerstown at Meritus Hospital. To request training on how to use these displays and to schedule one for your event - email [%20ps@miemss.org\]cps@miemss.org](mailto:cps@miemss.org).

To join the email notifications, please contact the Maryland Safe Kids Coalition through the EMSC Office at 410- 706-1758 or email: safekidsmd@miemss.org .

Dates to Remember:

March 21, 2020 - Public Educator Life Safety Seminar @ MFRI College Park – more details to follow this summer

2019 Educational Programs

SAVE THE DATES

PEPP Hybrid Course - October 10, 2019

MIEMSS, 653 West Pratt Street, Baltimore (target audience is EMS – BLS & ALS)
Please contact PEPP@MIEMSS.org with any questions.

Topics in EMS – Fall-2019 - Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center Asthma & Allergy Auditorium

Register online at:

https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/johns_hopkins_bayview/education_training/additional/ems_education

Treating Trauma: Care Across the Continuum - November 4, 2019

Trauma Program, Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, 2401 W. Belvedere Avenue

Baltimore, Md. Registration is open at either Eventbrite.com, search “Treating Trauma”,
Maryland-traumanet.com under ‘news and events’.

The Maryland RA Fall 2019 - Two-day Resuscitation Academy - November 7 and 8, 2019

from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm at the Howard County Public Safety Training Center, 2200 Scott
Wheeler Drive Marriottsville, Maryland.

APLS Hybrid Course with the option for HeartCode PALS addition - December 13, 2019

MIEMSS, 653 West Pratt Street, Baltimore (target audience is physicians, physician assistants,
nurse practitioners) Please contact PEPP@MIEMSS.org with any questions.

Meritus Medical Center Trauma Update Winter 2019 – December 17, 2019

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