

MIEMSS Executive Director's Report February, 2020

Maryland EMS Clinicians and Jurisdictional Programs

Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Pneumonia: An outbreak of pneumonia associated with a novel coronavirus in Wuhan City, China was reported on December 31, 2019. The situation is dynamic but since then, there have been over 20,000 confirmed infections in China, with cases reported in other countries including the United States. Most patients with this illness have been reported to have fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. There is no vaccine or specific treatment for this infection.

Based on recommendations from the CDC and Maryland Department of Health, we recommend the following:

1. Ask patients with fever or respiratory symptoms about travel to mainland China within the past 14 days.
2. Identify patients under investigation (PUIs) using either of the following criteria:
 - a. Fever and symptoms of lower respiratory illness (cough, shortness of breath) and history of travel to China within the last 14 days, **OR**
 - b. Fever or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (cough, shortness of breath) and close contact with an ill laboratory-confirmed 2019-nCoV patient within the last 14 days

Importantly, the screening criteria for this novel coronavirus may change with time.

Maryland EMS Plan Update and Summit. MIEMSS is updating the Maryland EMS Plan. MIEMSS held the Maryland EMS Plan Summit Meeting in Annapolis at the Annapolis Doubletree in December to solicit input on the plan. Comments are still being accepted. Please go to the MIEMSS web site and click on the banner (<http://miemss.org/home/policy/ems-plan-update>) to view a draft copy of the Maryland EMS Plan and a link to submit comments.

The Medicare Emergency Triage, Treat & Transport (ET3) Program. In February 2019, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation announced a new five-year program, the “Emergency Triage, Treat & Transport (“ET3”) Program,” to reimburse EMS for Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) patients when those patients are treated in place or transported to an alternative destination. Under ET3, Medicare fee-for-service reimbursement will cover instances where a low-acuity Medicare patient calls 9-1-1 and:

- EMS transports the low-acuity patient to an alternative destination, such as an urgent care clinic or doctor’s office. Medicare has indicated that ambulance payment for these transports will be at a rate equivalent to the Medicare Part B ambulance fee schedule base rate for basic life support (BLS) ground ambulance in addition to mileage and any other applicable add-on or adjustment to the BLS rate. **OR**

- An EMS team responds and includes a qualified health care practitioner that treats the low-acuity patient on either scene or using telehealth. A qualified health care practitioner is a Medicare-enrolled health care practitioner who meets state, local, and professional requirements to render particular health care services to beneficiaries, e.g., a physician or nurse practitioner, who partners individually or through their group practice with a participant to render services through the ET3 Model.

Mobile Integrated Health is not eligible for inclusion in the current ET3 model. Traditional Medicare reimbursement for ambulance transports to hospital emergency departments and other currently permitted destinations are not impacted by the ET3 program.

In order to participate in the ET3 program, ambulance providers and suppliers must apply and be approved by Medicare to participate in the program. Five Maryland EMS jurisdictions applied to participate in ET3. The anticipated performance period for the ET3 program will start in Spring 2020 and end December 31, 2024.

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

2019-20 Flu Season. The Maryland Department of Health has confirmed nine influenza positive cases. For the week ending February 1, 2020, Influenza-like illness (ILI) intensity in Maryland was high and widespread. The proportion of outpatient visits for ILI reported by the Maryland Emergency Departments increased. It is important that all emergency services personnel get their flu shot to protect themselves, family members, and their patients.

Initial CRT Licenses. Maryland no longer licenses new Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) candidates who are seeking an initial CRT license, since the NREMT no longer offers examinations at the I/99 level. Testing at the I/99 level must have been 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 began 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. 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 February 1, 2020, all EMS jurisdictions are participating except Cecil County. MIEMSS and CRISP are working together to develop a feed of all NEMESIS required national and recommended state elements from eMEDS® to CRISP to further develop this project.

eMEDS® / ESSENCE Integration. MIEMSS in conjunction with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has developed 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 allows 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 has collaborated with MDH and the Johns Hopkins University Advanced Physics Laboratory to engage in the development of an EMS data module within the State's syndromic surveillance system. The program is nearing completion and is in the final stages of testing.

Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP). The Statewide VAIP workgroup has conducted a thorough review and update of the VAIP standards in an effort to allow more jurisdictional EMS operational programs to participate. The workgroup finalized 2020 VAIP standards and the document has been approved by SEMSAC and the EMS Board. It is posted on the MIEMSS website.

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).

Having completed the DDR (Detailed Design Review), the upgrade project has moved on to the Implementation Stage. Implementation is divided into five phases, primarily based on EMS region, with each phase comprised of a mini-DDR and 3 sub-phases: delivery, implementation and acceptance. Implementation - Phase 1 has started and is focused on Southern Maryland (EMS Region V). Phase 1 is targeted to be complete by midyear 2020. Each phase must be successfully completed before the next phase begins. MIEMSS and OCI continue to have weekly project meetings.

Hospital Programs

Freestanding Medical Facilities. McCready Medical Center has received approval from MHCC to downsize to a Freestanding Medical Facility effective March 1, 2020 and is awaiting the license from the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) that will convert them from an Acute Care Hospital to a Freestanding Medical Facility. McCready is to submit their application to MIEMSS requesting designation as a Freestanding Medical Facility. Shore Health at Queenstown Emergency Center received a five (5) year re-designation as a Freestanding Medical Facility.

Cardiac Interventional Centers (CICs). Re-verification of the 24 in-state CICs is completed.

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 draft COMAR Regulations for designation of Acute Stroke Ready Centers and revisions to the COMAR Regulations for designation of Primary Stroke Center have received approval from the Stroke Quality Improvement Council (QIC). The draft regulations will go to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR) for their review. Workgroups developed from the Stroke QIC are now focusing on revising and updating the current Comprehensive Stroke Center COMAR Regulations and developing COMAR Regulations for Thrombectomy-Capable Primary Stroke Centers. White Oak Medical Center received a five year re-designation as a Primary Stroke Center.

Trauma Centers. The Pediatric Trauma, Eye Trauma, and Neurotrauma Center COMAR regulations are in the review process. On December 18-19, 2019, the American Burn Association and MIEMSS together participated in the on-site survey process for re-verification of Johns Hopkins Bayview Adult Burn Center. The Trauma Quality Improvement Committee (TQIC) is working on an Inter-rater Reliability (IRR) validation template for Trauma Registry data abstraction and an initiative to enhance trauma surgeon documentation for improved usage of ICD10 coding. The Maryland Burn Collaborative has been reviewing burn patient data to identify the differences in pediatric and adult burn mechanisms of injury, treatment, comorbidities, and Length of Stay (LOS) at Maryland designated burn centers.

Cardiac

2020 Mission: Lifeline EMS Recognition. 2020 Mission: Lifeline EMS Recognition application submission for recognition analysis is now open. The deadline to submit an application to be analyzed for an award is Monday, March 2, 2020.

The Mission: Lifeline team at the American Heart Association is excited to continue recognizing EMS agencies for applying the most up-to-date evidence-based treatment guidelines to improve care and outcomes in the communities served. The application link provides an open-ended application that gives an interactive and efficient way to collect data, receive quality improvement consultative services, and apply for EMS recognition. EMS agencies will now be able to enter data for previous quarters prior to the end of the calendar year and track performance adherence to required Mission: Lifeline EMS recognition measures. All information and data entered is automatically saved within the application when the browser is closed, and the application can be re-accessed as needed prior to final submission. 2019 Mission: Lifeline EMS recognition applicants are automatically provided a unique application link for the 2020 recognition year. For agencies that did not apply in 2019 and would like a unique application link to apply for 2020 recognition please use the [2020 M:L EMS Recognition Application Link Request form](#)(link opens in new window) to request a link and one will be provided. For questions please email Missionlifeline@heart.org .

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.

Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee. The purpose of the committee is to enhance the care of patients experiencing sudden out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in a way that improves outcomes from this disease in all communities and populations in Maryland. The committee accomplishes its mission through implementation via three subcommittees: Public, Dispatch and EMS. The focus: Measure to improve. Data provides the basis for action; EMS and hospital data, after quality improvement review is available for all communities and EMS agencies from the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES). This data allows celebrating lives saved while evaluating possible improvements. The committee is embarking upon an improvement project to evaluate the processes involved in producing data for all three echelons/phases of care. Analyzing strengths, along with opportunities for improvement, provides the best chance of maximizing survival in all communities.

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.

Maryland Emerging Infectious Disease Symposium. In partnership with the Maryland Department of Health and led by the Maryland Emerging Infectious Disease Symposium Committee, the Johns Hopkins Biocontainment Unit announces the Maryland Emerging Infectious Disease Symposium taking place February 20th, 2020 at the Johns Hopkins Hospital Turner Auditorium. This free event will include invited talks from experts within the fields of emergency preparedness and high consequence pathogens, breakout sessions for discipline specific discussions, and opportunities to network with partners throughout the state. All healthcare/public health staff, leaders, and partners are welcome to attend the symposium. To register, please go to: bit.ly/MDIDSymposium.

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 have completed the associated reports. Staff members are currently conducting planning for the calendar year 2020 re-designation process.

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.
- Registration is under way 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 Cardiac Devices Grant process.
- Region II held Chempack training for healthcare partners and is planning an exercise on its deployment.
- Region II continues with 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 Region IV departments that received Cardiac Devices Grants have all received the Purchase Order numbers and have started to purchase the equipment. Some of the departments are beginning the reimbursement process at this time. We will continue to monitor their progress.
- The revised VAIP document has now been approved by the EMS Board. It is posted on the MIEMSS web page soon. Region IV is currently using the document for our inspections. Moving forward this will be the standard used for inspections. It is planned that we will be able to update the document as medications and protocols change in a rapid manner. We would like to thank all of the stakeholders that participated in this process.
- The Annual Winterfest Conference was held from January 23 through January 26, 2020. Preconference EMT Skills Refresher was attended by 48 students and the evaluations were very positive. The Pediatric Course “Pediatrics with Special Needs” was well attended and the reviews were excellent. The distinguished list of speakers included Dr. Ted Delbridge and Dr. Tim Chizmar. Thanks go out to all of the clinicians, to all of the outstanding speakers, and most of all to Talbot County Department of Emergency Services for all of their hard work making the 23rd Annual Winterfest Conference a tremendous success.
- The Jurisdictional EMS Operational Program Re-verification process is moving forward in the Region. The office would like to thank all of the jurisdictions for their cooperation and the support of Mr. Ron Schaefer for their efforts. We respectfully request that those jurisdictions that have not completed their work on this project to do so as soon as possible.
- Atlantic General Hospital, Worcester County Health Department, and clinicians in the County have submitted an MIH proposal to the State EMS Medical Directors Office to begin an MIH program. Currently that plan and proposal is under review and hopefully the program can begin in the near future.
- The efforts to identify units and departments for a Region IV Strike Team are continuing. We hope to move forward with this project within the next ninety days.

Region V

- The Maryland-National Capital Region Emergency Response System (MDERS) is developing policy requirements to improve the management and coordination of Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) funds to match the capabilities Prince George's and Montgomery counties continue to develop. We are currently working on defining goals and objectives for each of the capabilities approved by the Steering Committee.
- The RESF-8/RPWG working group is currently focused on the UASI FY2020 process for projects in the region, considering new and innovative projects involving Maryland, DC and Northern Virginia. There is interest in infectious disease, strike teams and exercises projects. Region V submitted interest to Chair/co-chair this working group.
- The National Security Special Events Committee is planning on upcoming army and marine marathons, and the upcoming State of the Union address. The group is also reviewing the State Funeral Base Plan and plans for the Ebola exercise next year.
- The COG EMS Subcommittee is working on several fronts: 1) a consortium purchase of cardiac devices, 2) health information exchanges in the NCR, 3) best practices for MIH programs, and 4) Narcotics accountability processes. The group also shared a call for presenters for the 2020 VA EMS Symposium. Montgomery County presented their process on how narcotics are accounted for and shared efforts in Maryland to integrate EMS benchmarks at the regional and state level.
- The office continues to work on the Base Station Site Review pilot program where staff regularly meets with the Base Station Coordinators of Region V hospitals between site survey visits.
- Working with TraumaNet and the State STB Coordinator to support Stop the Bleed classes being taught throughout the region and state, as well as promoting STB month next year.
- The regional office continues work on EMS research projects related to mobile health integrated care, behavioral health, and cardiac care at the state and national levels.
- The staff is also working 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. The office is actively involved in the medical surge and resource management working groups.

Emergency Medical Services for Children

Emergency Medical Services for Children Department (EMS for Children). The state Pediatric Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (PEMAC) met on January 29, 2020 with a meeting of the Pediatric EMS Champions in the afternoon forum. Maryland a Pediatric EMS Champion in 26 EMS Agencies across the state. This group meets four times a year for instructor training, networking on injury prevention resources, and to focus on the needs of children and families in EMS. The meeting dates for 2020 with afternoon educational forums are posted on the MIEMSS website. EMSC State Partnership Grant and Child Passenger Safety and the Bike Helmet Safety 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. In 2020 there will be two national EMSC Re-Assessments conducted nationwide. The EMS Assessment started on January 7, 2020 and focus on EMS performance measures: Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator for each EMS Agency and Pediatric equipment education on correct use in the field. The second will begin in June 2020 and focus on the hospitals "Pediatric Readiness" utilizing the full National Pediatric Readiness Project assessment tool. Both assessments are confidential with only state and national aggregates reported.

The EMSC State Partnership Grant work will continue to focus on the Federal EMSC Performance Measures and support EMS and hospital pediatric education.

- EMS for Children will again offer the Advance Pediatric Life Support (APLS) physician courses in 2020 with the additional option for PALS course. Registration will be posted online in January.
- Emergency nursing CPEN review course will be held as a preconference to the 2020 Miltenberger EMS & Trauma Conference in western Maryland. Registration is OPEN with the Miltenbergerseminar.com website. Please contact pepp@miemss.org with any questions.
- PEPP Courses will again be offered in the summer and in October for both Pediatric EMS Champions and EMS professionals from across the state. An instructor rollout for the new 4th Edition of PEPP will be held in the summer (national pilot scheduled in May 2020).
- 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 quickly.
- 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 MDH. 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. The new grant year (20th year of funding) started on October 1st and will include educational outreach to Emergency Departments this year. 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.
- 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 both the standardized CPS Technician course and the additional 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.
- CPS posters are available upon request and can be viewed on the website - <http://www.miemss.org/home/emsc/cps> including a Car Seat correct use, 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.
- The August and September webinars were recorded and are posted on the MIEMSS YouTube account with links from the MIEMSS website soon. These webinars provide continuing education for CPS Technicians.

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

National Burn Awareness Week. National Burn Awareness Week, the first full week of February, is a window of opportunity for burn care organizations, burn survivor support groups, public safety, and injury prevention professionals to increase awareness among the general population of the frequency and causes of burn injury in America, and the advances in and sources of burn care available today. The 2020 National Burn Awareness Week Theme is: Contact Burns – Hot Surfaces Damage Skin!

American Heart Month-The Nation Goes Red in February. On the first Friday of every February, which is designated as American Heart Month, the nation comes together, igniting a wave of red from coast to coast. From landmarks to news anchors and neighborhoods to online communities; this annual groundswell unites millions of people for a common goal: the eradication of heart disease and stroke through awareness efforts.

Public Educator Life Safety Seminar – March 21, 2020 (Saturday) MFRI Headquarters College Park. The registration for this one day seminar is open online at www.mfri.org/seminars. Call for Posters is due February 28, 2020 – abstract is posted on the MSFA website under documents. Please email riskwatch@msfa.org for more information.

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 age and teens. The Winter 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. Fire Place Safety and Holiday Tree safety were the displays at the MSFA November Fire and Injury Prevention meeting and the December 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 -2020 Fireplace Safety education grant and will be participating in educational programs in January and February 2020. **Next meeting: March 4, 2020 - Safe Kids Maryland State Coalition Meeting-MIEMSS in Baltimore 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM**

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: 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 .

2020 Educational Programs

SAVE THE DATES

Maryland Emerging Infectious Disease Symposium - February 20, 2020 - the Johns Hopkins Hospital Turner Auditorium. This is a free event. All healthcare/public health staff, leaders, and partners are welcome to attend the symposium. To register, please go to: bit.ly/MDIDSymposium.

Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar - March 13-14, 2020 Rocky Gap, Flintstone, MD

Public Educator Life Safety Seminar - March 21, 2020 MFRI, College Park, MD

Delmarva Safety Association Safety Conference – April 6-7, 2020 Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, Ocean City, MD

EMS Care 2020 - April 22-26, 2020 - Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, Ocean City, MD

Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference - September 29, 2020 – Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, Laurel, MD