



Poison Prevention Week— Help Spread the Word

Can you believe we have been observing National Poison Prevention Week for 45 years! In 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-319. This designated the third week in March as National Poison Prevention Week in order to raise awareness of the dangers of unintentional poisonings. After all these years, is Poison Prevention Week still needed? Most definitely! According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), poisoning was the third leading cause of injury-related deaths in 2002.

In 2005, the Maryland Poison Center (MPC), located at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, answered over 68,000 calls. Over 35,000 of the calls were human exposures, 51 percent of which involved children under the age of 6 years. The MPC, staffed by pharmacists and nurses, provides consultation for the public as well as health care professionals 24/7. They can help with accidental and intentional drug ingestions. Other calls involve exposures to household chemicals, cleaning products and personal care products, drug information and identification, ingestion

of foreign bodies (e.g., toys, coins, disc batteries, and silica gel), exposures to insecticides and pesticides, and consultation on matters of chemical- and bio-terrorism. Exposures can be by ingestion, dermal, ocular, inhalation and/or injection. Approximately 75 percent of exposure calls reported to the poison center are safely handled at home.

One of the main goals of the MPC is to reduce unnecessary emergency department visits and the associated costs. Through the services of the MPC, 15 to 30 million dollars in health care costs are saved each year. In addition, valuable time and resources of EMS and hospital providers can be focused on patients who truly need their expertise.

Increasing public awareness of the MPC and its services is another goal. We can use your help to let your patients know about our services and about the importance of calling the poison center as soon as a poisoning is suspected. Consider doing a poison prevention lesson at a local daycare center or school. Reach out to seniors by doing a presentation at a senior center or at your local church. Make poison center brochures, stickers, and magnets

available at health fairs and open houses.

We encourage you to use National Poison Prevention Week, March 19-25, 2006, as an opportunity to further promote the importance of poison prevention all year long. For more information on resources available from the Maryland Poison Center, contact its Public Education Coordinator Angel Bivens, R.Ph., MBA, CSPI, at 410-563-5584 or abivens@rx.umaryland.edu.

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EMS Care 2006

April 27-30, 2006

At the

Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS) in Linthicum

Presented by: The Region III EMS Advisory Council and

The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems

The Program

During the past year, EMS practices throughout the United States and around the world have been challenged as never before by both man-made and natural disasters. Additionally, the ongoing provider shortage continues to plague the industry, creating even greater obstacles to overcome. The designers of this year's program have focused on the issues faced by emergency services providers in developing the theme "Hand in Hand—United We Stand." Topics in EMS technology, incident management, provider well-being, advanced airway procedures, geriatric and pediatric care and, as always, basic skills, will provide attendees ample opportunity to expand upon their emergency medical services knowledge base. Attendees also will have opportunity to browse an array of vendors, as well as network with various local fire and EMS departments during a career fair.

Continuing Education

All workshops are approved for continuing education credit by MIEMSS. EMT-Bs can fulfill all of the 12 hours of didactic (4 Medical, 4 Trauma, and 4 Local) required for recertification. A 12-hour skills class is also available during the preconference activities. Be careful to pick workshops that will provide enough hours of each category. Credits will be provided to ALS providers as well.

The Hotel

The Maritime Institute has reserved a block of newly renovated rooms for the weekend. They are \$120 per night for one person or \$170 for 2 (add 12% room and sales tax). This cost includes a full buffet breakfast, dinner, and an evening snack! Rooms are also available without breakfast, dinner, and evening snacks for a rate of \$95 per night for single occupancy, and \$101 per night for double. Please use the attached form to make your reservations with the hotel. Don't delay, as these rates are only available until March 24, 2006.

For Fun!

Take Saturday evening to sample Baltimore's fine dining and rich night life. Catch the Orioles at Camden Yards, or enjoy an evening of shopping, or theatre at one of many local attractions.

Fees and Expenses

This year's two-day Conference fee will be \$150. This includes all expenses for workshops, lectures, AV material, and printing costs. Also included is a full buffet lunch and snacks for Saturday and Sunday.

Preconference Fees

EMT-B Skills—\$35	PEPP—\$100
QA Officer's Course—\$50	ABLS—\$50
ACLS Refresher—\$75	

Registration for the conference and each workshop is on a first-come first-serve basis. **NO CHANGES TO YOUR SCHEDULE WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER April 10, 2006.** No refunds unless a written cancellation is received prior to April 10, 2006. All cancellations are subject to a \$20 processing fee. Returned checks are subject to a \$25 processing fee.

Register Before March 31 and Get a Free Tee Shirt

Directions

A map and written instructions will be mailed with your registration confirmation.

For More Information

Contact MIEMSS, Region III, 653 W. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, 410-706-3996, Fax 410-706-8530

Preconference Activities

Thursday and Friday, April 27 & 28, 2006

EMT-Basic 12-hour Skills Refresher— 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM —This is the course required for the skills portion of recertification and is being coordinated by the Anne Arundel and Baltimore County Fire Rescue Academies (12hrs S, B or various skill-oriented Paramedic Sections)

Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP) — 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM — This 2-day course is designed to provide EMS providers and instructors with enhanced medical information on the emergency care of infants and children. The 2nd Edition of the PEPP Course includes new case-based lectures, hands-on skills stations, small group scenarios, and an updated DVD with real-life clips from pediatric emergency medicine. New content includes: scenarios with children in disasters, transport considerations, SIDS & ALTE lecture, and medication formulary. Additional scenarios and special equipment have been added by the state Pediatric Committee to correlate with EMS Scope of Practice in Maryland. Participants successfully completing the course and test will receive an AAP PEPP course completion card. {BLS: 8 hrs Cat M & 8 hrs Cat T; ALS: 16 hrs Cat A} **This workshop is sponsored by the Maryland EMS for Children Partnership Grant.**

Quality Assurance Officer's Course— 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM — This program is the rollout of the new MIEMSS Quality Assurance Officer's Course which will prepare the participant to function as a jurisdictional QA officer. The course has been developed by the Regional Jurisdictional Quality Improvement Committee with the input of QA officers from across the state. Day one will focus on the officer's roles and responsibilities regarding quality assurance, while day 2 will focus on quality improvement. The course will be repeated at least twice in FY 2007. {BLS 16 hrs Cat L; ALS 16 hrs Cat 2}

Friday, April 28, 2006

ACLS Refresher— 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM — This 8-hour course was developed to assist ACLS providers in maintaining ACLS proficiency. Individuals who possess a current ACLS card are eligible to renew through this 1-day program. Please provide a copy of a current ACLS card with registration. {ALS 8 hrs Cat A}

ABLS— 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM — This 8-hour course is designed to provide paramedics, transport teams, and emergency care personnel with the skills and information that will enable them to assess and stabilize the burn patient at the scene of an emergency. The course addresses medical control, scene safety, multiple casualties, initial assessment, smoke inhalation injury, circulation, electric injury, chemical injury, and pediatrics. Case studies and clinical simulations, based on actual burn situations, will provide the student with the opportunity to exercise individual judgment in assessment and stabilization measures. {BLS: 8 hrs/T; ALS: 8 hrs/A}. **NOTE: ABLs has its own application form and registration deadline. Please contact MIEMSS at 410-706-3996 for further details.**

Saturday, April 29, 2006

Registration

Opening Ceremonies

EMS State of the State - Robert R. Bass, MD, FACEP

New AHA Basic & Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support Guidelines 2006 - Joseph P. Ornato, MD, FACC, FACEP

Time	A - Medical	B - Trauma	C - Pediatric	D - General Information	E - General Information
7:30 AM					
8:00 AM					
8:30 AM					
9:00 AM					
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	<p>Bi Terrorism vs. Mother Nature—Outbreaks of contagious disease are as old as time. How do we contain epidemics? How do we determine if the outbreak is naturally occurring or the result of a terrorist act? Richard Alcorn, MD, State EMS Medical Director, will address these issues and provide a plan for managing outbreaks. {M/B}</p>	<p>Fluid Resuscitation: From the Desert to the ER—The necessity for a simple protocol to enable burn casualties to be treated became apparent during the Persian Gulf War. Dr. Stephen Milner, Director of the Johns Hopkins Burn Center, will discuss techniques used to assist with the task of fluid management in the burn patient. {T/B}</p>	<p>Difficult Pediatric Medical Triage: Apparent Life-Threatening Event (ALTE)—It is not new, it is not SIDS, and it is not simple. Children with the symptom complex of ALTE must be transported—parents, toddlers, and providers alike are frightened. Dr. Joseph Wright (Maryland EMSC) will discuss cases demonstrating the right triage and treatment. {M/A}</p>	<p>Pitfalls to Procurement—Technology changes, budgets are shrinking, needs are increasing. This program, led by an expert panel of fire department procurement personnel, will assist those making EMS purchasing decisions and save your organization time and money. {L/2}</p>	<p>The Thailand Experience: Rural Medicine in a Developing Country—During his annual trips to Thailand to relieve local physicians, Dr. Roy Myers, Medical Director for the Anne Arundel County Fire Department, has witnessed significant change in hospital and EMS experiences from a land plagued by overcrowding and malnutrition. {L/2}</p>
12:00 PM	Lunch				
1:15 - 2:15 PM	<p>Natural Does Not Mean Safe: Toxic Herbs and Supplements—Herbs and dietary supplements are commonly used for a variety of ailments, but unlike drugs, they do not have to be proven safe and effective before being marketed to the public. From Lisa Booze, PharmD, CSPI, Clinical Coordinator of the Maryland Poison Center, learn about the most toxic herbs and supplements as well as to those that interact with other drugs and medical conditions. {M/A}</p>	<p>Radiologic Exposure—Learn the physical effects of radiation on the body while gaining hands-on experience with a variety of detection devices. Physicists Jeffrey Vanhoy and Daryl Harley, from the U.S. Naval Academy, will share their expertise. {T/B}</p>	<p>Advanced Pediatric Airway Workshop—This ALS workshop will provide in-depth education on pediatric airway management through lecture, skills stations, and a team challenge. Faculty from EMSC, Johns Hopkins HOPE, and the Maryland State Police Aviation Division will share the keys to successful management of challenging cases. Only ALS providers may attend. {A}</p>	<p>OCME Response to Mass Fatality Events—In this program, Dawn Zuluaf, Chief Investigator from the State Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, describes the Medical Examiner's response to a mass fatality event. She will also address the support required by other agencies, such as fire and police. In addition, the roles of Federal agencies will be discussed. {T/B}</p>	<p>Self-Defense Tactics for EMS Providers—This interactive session, led by Frank Stamm, Division Chief of the Anne Arundel Fire Co. Fire Dept., will focus on identifying potential violent situations EMS providers encounter. Participants will learn and apply a variety of self-defense techniques that will allow them to protect themselves. Students will be participating and are encouraged to wear sweats or comfortable clothing. {L/2}</p>
2:15 PM	Vendor Break				
2:45 - 3:45 PM	<p>Hyperbaric Medicine—We have come a long way from the first hyperbaric chambers to the oxygen bars of today. In this presentation, Dr. Robert Rosenthal of the Maryland Shock Trauma Center will provide an overview of the many medicinal uses of hyperbaric oxygenation—from dive emergencies and smoke inhalation, to cancer treatment and infectious disease. {M/B}</p>	<p>Water-Related Emergencies: In, On, & By the Bay—With the thousands of miles of waterways in Maryland, there is a significant risk of water-related injury or illness. In this session, RN and Paramedic Mary Alice Vanhoy will explore the management of various types of injuries which occur in, on, and around our waterways. {T/B}</p>	<p>Maryland's Response to Hurricane Katrina Federal, state, and local agencies from across the nation have been met with both praise and criticism regarding their responses to Hurricane Katrina. How did Maryland EMS respond? Listen in as this panel relays what went right, what went wrong, and what we can do better. {L/2}</p>	<p>OCME Response to Mass Fatality Events—In this program, Dawn Zuluaf, Chief Investigator from the State Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, describes the Medical Examiner's response to a mass fatality event. She will also address the support required by other agencies, such as fire and police. In addition, the roles of Federal agencies will be discussed. {T/B}</p>	<p>Self-Defense Tactics for EMS Providers—This interactive session, led by Frank Stamm, Division Chief of the Anne Arundel Fire Co. Fire Dept., will focus on identifying potential violent situations EMS providers encounter. Participants will learn and apply a variety of self-defense techniques that will allow them to protect themselves. Students will be participating and are encouraged to wear sweats or comfortable clothing. {L/2}</p>
3:45 PM	Vendor Break				
4:00 - 5:00 PM	<p>Disorders in the 21st Century — In this session, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Chris Guelcher, of Children's National Medical Center, will discuss the recognition and management of patients with bleeding disorders such as hemophilia, including the various complications that would bring them into the EMS system. {M/A}</p>	<p>Damage Control EMS: Managing the ABCs—No one's time is more precious than the critically ill patient. In this workshop, Paramedic James Radcliffe, EMS Coordinator at the Maryland Shock Trauma Center, will focus on call management and on damage control as the concept of finding balance in prehospital rapid assessment, treatment, and transport. Sometimes you just need to swoop and scoop. {T/B}</p>	<p>Things They Did Not Teach Me in Class—Paramedics Richard Lippert and Robert McLafferty of the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh will provide a humorous and light-hearted look at some tricks of the EMS profession. Life is too short to make all of the mistakes yourself. We can learn from others....and laugh! {L/2}</p>	<p>OCME Response to Mass Fatality Events—In this program, Dawn Zuluaf, Chief Investigator from the State Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, describes the Medical Examiner's response to a mass fatality event. She will also address the support required by other agencies, such as fire and police. In addition, the roles of Federal agencies will be discussed. {T/B}</p>	<p>Self-Defense Tactics for EMS Providers—This interactive session, led by Frank Stamm, Division Chief of the Anne Arundel Fire Co. Fire Dept., will focus on identifying potential violent situations EMS providers encounter. Participants will learn and apply a variety of self-defense techniques that will allow them to protect themselves. Students will be participating and are encouraged to wear sweats or comfortable clothing. {L/2}</p>
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Vendor Reception				

Sunday, April 30, 2006

Time	A - Medical	B - Trauma	C - Pediatric	D - General Information	E - General Information
8:30 - 10:00 AM	<p>Chemical Restraints—Dr. Eric Nager of the Baltimore County Fire Department will familiarize prehospital providers with the concept of physical and chemical restraints. Providers will gain insight into deciding who to restrain, which modality is preferred, and the various agents that can be used for chemical restraint. {M/A}</p>	<p>Forensic Perspectives in Assault-Related Responses—This presentation will explore the pivotal role EMS providers play in ensuring positive outcomes for those involved in rape, sexual assault, and other interpersonal violence. Joyce Faust, a Forensic Nurse Examiner from Mercy Medical Center, will use case scenarios throughout this presentation to enforce key concepts. {T/B}</p>	<p>ATV: All Terrain Vehicles or Another Trauma Victim—ATVs come with 3, 4, 6, or 8 wheels. Manufacturers say no child under 6 years; the American Academy of Pediatrics says no child under 16 years—yet the 9-1-1 calls are still coming in with “child involved in ATV crash.” Linda Arapian, RN, from Maryland EMSC, will discuss cases illustrating injury patterns and priorities for care. {T/B}</p>	<p>When Vehicles Attack—Every year EMS responders are injured and/or killed during response and on-scene operations. Paramedics Richard Lippert and Robert McLafferty of the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh will discuss how vehicles and occupant protection systems can injure, and even kill, patients and public safety providers. {L/2}</p>	<p>Surviving a Promotion: Leadership 101—Getting promoted in any organization is easy, right? Wrong! Join Captain Matt Tobia of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department in examining some simple, yet useful ways to become an effective leader by capitalizing on the strengths of your most important resource—your people! {L/2}</p>
10:00 AM	Vendor Break				
10:30 AM	Identification & Management of Acute Stroke – Rafael Llinas, MD				
11:30 AM	Lunch				
12:45 - 1:45 PM	<p>Birthing Babies: Assessment & Management of OB Emergencies—Even the most experienced EMS personnel will agree that maternity calls can be taxing for the provider and the patient. Nurse Practitioner and Midwife Jessica Abernathy will review the recognition and management of obstetrical emergencies in the prehospital setting, including the management of normal and abnormal deliveries. {M/B}</p>	<p>Brain Acoustic Monitoring to Detect Head Injury: Pilot Update – In this presentation, Dr. Doug Floccare, State Aeromedical Director, will discuss a new technology designed to determine the presence of structural brain injury in patients who may also have drugs and/or alcohol on board. NIH-sponsored trials are currently ongoing on air and ground units in the Maryland EMS system. {T/B}</p>	<p>Pain: Assessment & Management Ouch—it hurts. Pain assessment and management are every patient’s right and every provider’s challenge. From Dr. Allen Walker (Maryland EMSC), learn the questions to include in taking a patient’s history and the symptoms to determine the proper management of pain in the out-of-hospital environment. {M/A}</p>	<p>EMS Consultations: The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly – Learn some new tricks for on-line consultation and get the Base Station physicians’ perspective from the receiving end! Drs. Terry Jodrie and Kevin Seaman will discuss goals and methods of effective consultations, and will be demonstrating with a review of tapes of medical consultations showing good technique, bad technique, and possibly ugly technique as well. {L/2}</p>	<p>The MCI: An Exercise in Triage, Treatment, & Transport—This program, conducted by Lieutenant Kenneth Hughes of the Baltimore County Fire Department, will review the basic foundations of management of a mass casualty incident, including the roles of the various EMS positions within the IMS structure. A small exercise will combine theories and principles as students manage a simulated MCI. {L/2}</p>
2:00 - 3:00 PM	<p>RSI: A Department’s Experience—Rapid Sequence Intubation is one of the most controversial and cutting-edge practices in EMS. Learn how one local jurisdiction went from concept to implementation, and beyond, as a participant in Maryland’s RSI pilot program. Capt. Matt Tobia of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department will lead an interactive discussion including case studies. {M/A}</p>	<p>Eye Trauma—Many different mechanisms of injury can cause trauma to the eye. This workshop by John Koo, MD, will focus on keen prehospital assessment, rapid safe transport, and specialized surgical care as essential components to provide the best chance for return of functional vision for eye trauma patients. {T/B}</p>	<p>Safe Transports of Children Children come in all sizes and there is not an ambulance or stretcher designed to fit them. Learn the “Best Practices” and principles of moving children safely in ambulances from Cyndy Wright Johnson (Maryland EMSC Program Director). Practice with some of the devices for immobilizing and securing the very young. {L/2}</p>	<p>Mass Decontamination - Battalion Chief William Spencer-Strong, Hazmat Administrator for the Baltimore County Fire Department, will discuss current trends in mass decontamination. This session will involve hands-on demonstrations of various methods that range from the use of the 1 3/4" line to \$400,000 decon trucks. {L/2}</p>	<p>Kitchens of Death: The Explosions of Meth Labs in Maryland—This presentation by Dennis Krebs, will focus on ever-increasing problem of clandestine methamphetamine labs in Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic region. The combination of hazardous chemicals, potentially explosive environments, and booby traps pose very real dangers to emergency responders. {L/2}</p>
3:15 - 4:15 PM	<p>The In’s and Out’s of Ventricular Assist Device Transports - Patients with Ventricular Assist Devices (VADs) are being discharged into the community every day. In this talk, Dennis Rivard, Johns Hopkins Hospital’s VAD Program Coordinator, will present the necessary knowledge base required to appropriately care for these unique patients. Would you know what to do? {M/A}</p>	<p>Trauma in the Golden Years: Managing the Geriatric Trauma Patient—Trauma is the 4th leading cause of death in people over the age of 65. Geriatric trauma patients present with unique characteristics, making their management challenging. Geriatric patients who are taken to a trauma center will avoid delays in transfer to definitive care. This presentation by Janice DeIgiorno, Trauma Nurse Coordinator at Sinai Hospital, will focus on the assessment and management of this growing population of patients. {T/B}</p>	<p>Pediatric Medication Administration Critically ill and injured children present a special challenge—the medication dosages are different and very small. Hands-on stations with the experts from the Pediatric Base Stations (JHCC & CNMCC) will provide both calculation and medication experience. {M/A}</p>	<p>The NIOSH Evaluation of Occupant Safety Vehicle This presentation will provide an insider view of the NIOSH Evaluation of Emergency Services Vehicle Occupant Safety Project. Highlights include a review of ambulance crash statistics, hazard identification, as well as development of occupant restraint systems and the modeling of ambulance crash scenarios. {L/2}</p>	<p>NIMS: What It Is; What It Isn’t—In February 2003, the President issued a Homeland Security Presidential Decision Directive (HSPD-5) requiring the National Incident Management System, or NIMS. What does this mean to your organization? What is NIMS compliance? What training is needed? Where was NIMS during Katrina? Division Chief Michael W. Robinson of the Baltimore County Fire Department will answer these and other questions. {L/2}</p>

Continuing Education Credits - All categories are noted in the brackets (). BLS is first, then ALS, CRT-1s and NREMT-Ps are required to complete continuing education in specific topics. We suggest you review the re-registration Guidelines in the National Registry registration brochures for Intermediate '99 and Paramedic on their web site at www.nremt.org

EMS Care 2006 Registration

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MI _____ Prov. ID _____
 STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE Day _____ Evening _____ Other _____ Fax _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ PRIMARY AFFILIATION _____
 CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE (CIRCLE) FR EMT-B CRT CRT-I EMT-P EMD Other _____

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Check one only
 EMT-B Skills ABLS PEPP
 QA Officer ACLS Refresher

CONFERENCE BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

Circle One per Session

SATURDAY	Hours				
Session 1	A	B	C	D	E
Session 2	A	B	C	D	E
Session 3	A	B		D	
Session 4	A	B		D	

SUNDAY					
Session 5	A	B	C	D	E
Session 6	A	B	C	D	E
Session 7	A	B	C	D	E
Session 8	A	B	C	D	E

FEES

EMT-B Skills (\$35) _____
 ACLS Refresher (\$75) _____
 PEPP (\$100) _____
 ABLS (\$50) *See note under ABLS description _____
 QA Officer (\$50) _____
 Saturday & Sunday (\$150) _____
 EMS Care T-shirt (\$12) _____
 T-Shirt Free before 3/31/06 **size** _____

TOTAL DUE _____

Make checks payable to:

Emergency Education Council of Region III
Mail to: MIEMSS Region III, 653 West Pratt Street,
 Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Pay by Credit Card!

VISA Master Card
 Card # _____
 Exp. Date ____/____
 Signature _____

Anyone requiring special accommodations or having special dietary requirements should contact the Region III Office of MIEMSS by March 31, 2006.

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Maryland Emergency Medical Services EMS Care Hotel Registration Form

DO NOT MAIL TO MIEMSS

ONLY \$120 for 1 person or \$170 for 2 people per night! Suites are also available! (Applicable taxes additional)

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____
 Telephone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Arrival Date _____ Check-Out Date _____

Room Type Requested:

1 person (\$120) 2 people (\$170) *add 12% tax*
 1 person (\$95) 2 people (\$101) *rate excludes breakfast, dinner & evening snacks*
 Smoking Non-Smoking No Preference

TOTAL DUE _____ (don't forget tax)

Credit Card Registration

Name on Card _____
 Card # _____ Exp. Date ____/____
 Signature _____

For Mail-In Reservations, send this form and your deposit check to:

Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies

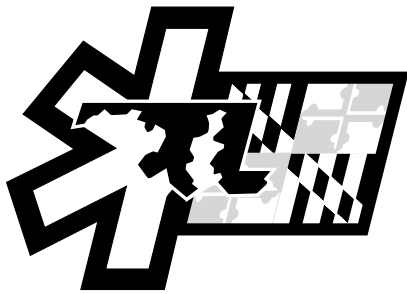
5700 Hammonds Ferry Road
 Linthicum Heights, MD 21090-1952

OR FAX credit card reservations to 410-859-2893

You may also reserve your room by calling our toll-free reservation line at 1-866-900-3517. If you have any questions, please call this number.

Don't Forget: The cut-off date for receiving your special rate is 3/24/06. It is better to make a reservation and cancel, than run the risk of waiting until it is too late. There is no penalty for a cancellation, as long as it is made before 6 PM the day of arrival.

DO NOT MAIL TO MIEMSS
DEADLINE FOR DISCOUNTED RATE
March 24, 2006



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 and volunteer EMS providers. For further information, call 410-706-3994.

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 March 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006. 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; 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 EXCELLENCE IN EMS

This award is given to an individual who demonstrates through his professional and personal life, dedication to excellence in patient care, compassion and respect for each patient, and commitment to continuous improvement of the Maryland EMS system in education and in prevention.

MARYLAND EMS-CHILDREN (EMS-C) AWARD

This award is given for an individual or program that has demonstrated excellence in affecting the EMS care for children in Maryland.

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 — 2006 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)

Nominee's Level of Certification or Licensure (if applicable) _____

Professional Affiliation _____ **Telephone No.** _____

Award Category:

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland Star of Life Award | <input type="checkbox"/> EMD Provider of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland EMS-C Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland EMS Citizen Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding EMS Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland EMS-G Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMS Provider of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Leon W. Hayes Award
for Excellence in EMS | |

This individual/group/program/facility is being nominated for outstanding recognition because:

Please attach additional documentation such as newspaper articles, video footage, 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 3, 2006.
Mail to: Jim Brown, MIEMSS, 653 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21201-1536
or FAX to: Jim Brown, 410-706-3485.



The Right Care When It Counts

Maryland EMSC 2005-2006 Program

The Maryland EMS for Children program is In Search Of children and youth in Maryland who have demonstrated one of the 10 Steps to Take in an Emergency or one of the 10 Ways to be Better Prepared for an Emergency. Throughout the 2005-2006 year we will be recognizing children and youth who acted so that others would receive "The Right Care When It Counts." Please submit nominations to the EMSC Program Office at MIEMSS. Each nominee will receive a patch and certificate and be eligible for a state award at a ceremony during May of 2006.

Ten ways to be better prepared if your child has an Emergency:

1. Check if 9-1-1 is the right number to call
2. Keep a well-stocked First Aid Kit on hand
3. Make a list of Emergency Phone Numbers
4. Teach your children whom to call and what to say
5. Make sure your house number is visible from the street
6. Keep a clear and up-to-date record of immunizations
7. Write down medical conditions, medications, and dosages
8. Make a list of allergies and reactions
9. If you have health insurance, check your emergency coverage
10. Take first aid classes

Ten steps to take in an Emergency:

1. Call 9-1-1 immediately
2. Call Poison Control immediately
3. If you think your child has been seriously injured, do not move your child
4. Know how to treat your child in case of a burn
5. Be prepared if your child has a seizure
6. Know what to do if your child is bleeding
7. Know how to help a child with a broken bone
8. Do not administer the Heimlich maneuver or CPR unless you are trained
9. Have your emergency plan on hand
10. Make it easy for emergency personnel to find you

Last Date for Submission: April 3, 2006

Send to EMSC Program Office

FAX: 410-706-0853

The Right Care When It Counts Maryland EMSC 2005-2006 Program

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): _____ Email: _____

Alternative contact person: _____

Best method to reach this person: _____

Primary language spoken at home: _____

Description of event/ incident and the action taken: _____

**Last Date for Submission: April 3, 2006
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Mark Your Calendars!

EMS Educational Opportunities

February 21–23, 2006

EMS Operations & Planning for WMD Incidents

Singerly Fire Company
Elkton, MD

Sponsored by MEMA

Information: Erin Valentine, Exercise and Training Program Administrator, MEMA, 410-517-3648 or www.mema.state.md.us

March 3, 2006

Supporting Palliative Care Patients & Families Across ALL Settings

Robinwood Medical Center, 11110 Medical Campus Rd., Conference Room 142, Hagerstown, MD
Contact: MIEMSS Health Facilities & Special Programs 410-706-3932

March 11, 2006

Miltenberger Emergency Services Conference

Rocky Gap Lodge
Flintstone, Maryland
Contact: MIEMSS Region I Office, 301-895-5934 or 301-746-8636.

March 19–25, 2006

Poison Prevention Week

Information: www.mdpoison.com

March 21–25, 2006

EMS Today 2006

Baltimore Convention Center
Sponsored by JEMS Communications.
Contact: Olga Berdial at 800-266-5367.
Website: www.emstodayconference.com

March 25, 2006

Public Education & Safety Conference

MFRI, College Park, MD
Information: www.mfri.org

April 29–30, 2006

EMS Care 2006

(Preconference April 27–28)

Maritime Institute for Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS) in Linthicum
Presented by the Region III EMS Advisory Council & MIEMSS.
Contact the MIEMSS Region III Office, 410-706-3996.

May 14–20, 2006

National EMS Week

Information: www.acep.org

June 17–23, 2006

MSFA Convention

Ocean City, MD
Information: www.msfa.org

September 22, 2006

PRMC "Topics in Trauma"

15th Annual Trauma Conference

Carousel Resort Hotel, Ocean City
Contact: Lisa Hohl, RN, Trauma Nurse Coordinator, PRMC, 410-543-7328

September 26, 2006

MidAtlantic Life Safety Conference

Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, Laurel
Contact: Fire Marshal's Office, 1-800-525-3124

October 20–22, 2006

Pyramid

Holiday Inn Select
Solomon's Island, MD
Contact: MIEMSS Region V Office, 301-474-1485 or 877-498-5551

Disciplinary Actions

The following final disciplinary actions were taken by the EMS Board on the dates indicated:

B-2003-227 (EMT-B)—June 14, 2005. Provider reprimanded and placed on probation for 1 year for self-initiating IV therapy and failing to document the treatment which was rendered to relieve Provider's dehydration.

R-2004-261 (EMT-B)—May 10, 2005. EMT-B certification suspended until successful completion of Court-ordered probation for possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute.

B-2004-264 (EMT-P) (by Disposition Agreement)—April 12, 2005. EMT-P license suspended for 6 months and followed by three years probation for providing false documentation of the Provider's credentialing status.

B-2004-267 (EMT-B) (by Disposition Agreement)—April 12, 2005. The Provider was placed on probation for 1 year, required to write a letter of apology to the patient, required to perform 100 hours of clinical experience in the assessment of critically ill and injured patients, and required to

enroll in and successfully complete a course dealing with patient communication and gender bias issues for unprofessional conduct while providing emergency medical services.

B-2004-274 (EMT-B)—August 16, 2005. EMT-B certification suspended for 90 days followed by probation through December 31, 2007 for conviction for battery, concealing a deadly weapon, and malicious destruction of property.

R-2004-276 (EMT-P) (by Disposition Agreement)—June 14, 2005. The Provider was placed on probation for one year for intentionally placing the gearshift lever of a moving ambulance into the park position while the Provider was riding as a passenger.

B-2004-283 (EMT-B)—April 20, 2005. Certification revoked for not providing patient care during transport.

R-2004-289 (EMT-P)—June 15, 2005. The Provider was reprimanded for providing EMS services on a lapsed license.

Calling for Patches for Memorial Quilt

Retired Police Officer Dee Dee Serpas from Jefferson Parrish, Louisiana, is requesting patches from EMS, fire, police, and other departments from across the country. She currently has 1700 patches that are incorporated into a quilt 30 feet long and 8 feet wide to honor the first responders who lost their lives in the tragedy of September 11. The Last Call Memorial Quilt was born in the days following 9/11. The web site for the quilt is www.finalwatch.net and information can also be found at www.taps.net.

If you would like to send Ms. Serpas your department's patch, you can contact her by calling her cell phone 504-858-6563 or sending her an email at lonewolfdeedee@aol.com

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