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For All Emergency Medical Care Providers

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## Kudos to Suburban Hospital

The National Foundation for Trauma Care (NFTC) recognized Suburban Hospital as one of five "highly prepared" trauma centers in the U.S. Under a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the NFTC assessed the ability and preparedness of the

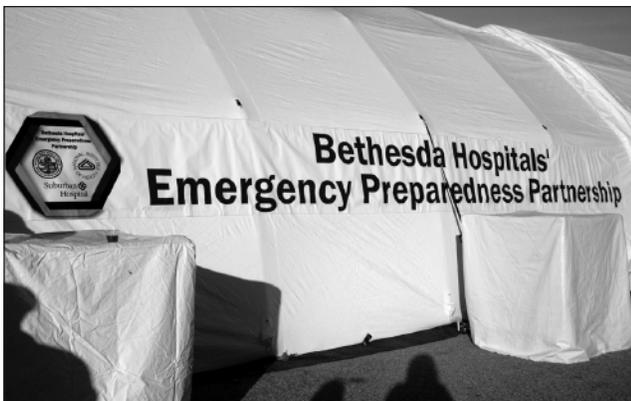
nation's trauma centers to respond to a large-scale disaster. Dr. Donald Trunkey was the principal investigator for this study, which included survey responses from 175 trauma centers (surveys were sent to 531 designated or verified level I and II trauma centers). Trauma centers

answered questions regarding a broad range of preparedness processes and measures, such as communications, planning, resources, and security. Reported information was validated during a site visit. Dr. Susan Briggs, Trauma Surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital, Director of the International Trauma and Disaster Institute, and a member of the Advisory Board of the investigative study, conducted the site visit at Suburban Hospital.

Suburban Hospital is particularly strong in its collaboration and partnership with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Naval

Medical Center in Bethesda (both federal facilities are in close proximity to Suburban). On a regular basis, they hold joint tabletop and disaster drills, testing communications and moving patients from one campus to another (for example, allowing NIH to care for medical/surgical patients, while Suburban concentrates on caring for more acute patients and providing primary care). The National Naval Medical Center has a large decontamination area and trains the Suburban staff. Navy Med and Suburban each has an inflatable hospital that can care for up to 14 critical care patients and about 30 medical/surgical patients.

For additional information and to download the final report (U.S. Trauma Center Preparedness for a Terrorist Attack in the Community: "The Study of the Impact of a Terrorist Attack on Individual Trauma Centers"), see: <http://www.traumafoundation.org/public/preparedness.php>



*Outside view of a field hospital tent, which can be set up in 1-3 hours. Bethesda Naval Hospital and Suburban Hospital each has one inflatable hospital tent that can accommodate up to 14 critical care patients and about 30 medical/surgical patients. Each tent has its own generator and air-handling system.*



*An inside view of one portion of the tent where the disaster news conference was held.*



**Look for the  
5th Annual  
Miltenberger Emergency  
Services Seminar Schedule  
inside this issue!**

## NVFC Releases New Resources for EMS

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is involved in several new resources for the emergency medical services, including launching a special section of the NVFC website dedicated to EMS and releasing the EMS Cost Savings Calculator tool that will help volunteer EMS demonstrate its value to the community.

- A special EMS section of the NVFC website is now available at [www.nvfc.org/ems.html](http://www.nvfc.org/ems.html). This page includes a description of EMS initiatives the NVFC is active in, valuable EMS resources, links to national and state EMS-related organizations and government agencies, and an article archive of EMS-related news from the NVFC.
- The NVFC partnered with the Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services (VFIS) and the Public Safety and Environmental Protection Institute at St. Joseph's University to produce the EMS Cost Savings Calculator. This important tool allows volunteer EMS departments to determine the total annual savings that their service provides the community. It includes a customizable PowerPoint presentation to help departments educate city or town councils, department boards, and local groups about the value the department brings to the community. The EMS Cost Savings Calculator and PowerPoint presentation are available on the NVFC website at [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org).
- The NVFC is partnering with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) to keep people informed about the activities of the Office of Emergency Medical Services. A link to NHTSA's EMS Update newsletter is available on the NVFC website, and an announcement and link appear in the NVFC E-Update when a new issue comes out.

In addition, the NVFC, in partnership with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), has just released an in-depth guide on two of the biggest challenges facing the volunteer fire and emergency services—retention and recruitment. "Retention and Recruitment for the Volunteer Emergency Services: Challenges and Solutions (Second Edition)" addresses each of the main obstacles departments face regarding retention and recruitment and then outlines proven solutions to overcome these obstacles. Among the challenges identified and addressed in the new guide are time demands, training requirements, increasing call volume, changes in the "nature of the business," changes in sociological conditions, leadership challenges, federal legislation, internal conflict, higher cost of housing, aging communities, and the effects of the decline in volunteers. The retention and recruitment guide can be accessed at <http://www.nvfc.org/news/2006-ems-new-resources.html> and click on Retention & Recruitment.

## National EMS Advisory Council to Be Formed

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Office of Emergency Medical Services on December 18, 2006, announced its plan to form a National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC). NEMSAC will be a nationally recognized council of EMS and 9-1-1 representatives and consumers, who will provide advice and recommendations to NHTSA's EMS program on a broad range of issues.

Any interested person may submit a nomination for NEMSAC, provided he/she complies with nomination procedures, which are described in the Notice of Establishment posted in the Federal Register (NHTSA-2006-26143, December 18, 2006). For a copy of the notice, visit <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>

Comments, applications, and nominations for membership on NEMSAC must be received by February 16, 2007.

## Mark the Date

### January 27–28, 2007

10th Annual Winterfest, Tilghman Island. Information available at [www.miemss.org](http://www.miemss.org); TCEMS–Winterfest EMS Line, 410-822-2030; or [winterfest.ems@hotmail.com](mailto:winterfest.ems@hotmail.com)

### February 21, 2007

"Child Safety In & Around Cars" Conference Call, from 12 PM to 1 PM, available throughout Maryland. For information, see <http://www.miemss.org/EMSCwww/CPSHome.htm> or email [cps@miemss.org](mailto:cps@miemss.org)

### March 6-10, 2007

EMS Today Conference and Expo at Baltimore Convention Center. For information, see [www.emstodayconference.com](http://www.emstodayconference.com)

### March 16-17, 2007

5th Annual Miltenberger EMS & Trauma Conference. For information, call MIEMSS Region I Office, 301-895-5934 or 301-746-8636.

### March 24, 2007

Public Education & Safety Conference at MFRI, College Park, MD. For information, see [www.mfri.org](http://www.mfri.org)

### April 13–15, 2007

EMS Care. Maritime Institute for Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS) in Linthicum. For information, call 301-474-1485.

### May 20–26, 2007

EMS Week. Theme "EMS: Extraordinary People, Extraordinary Service."

## Use EMAIS ®

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# *Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar*

*March 16 & 17, 2007*

*Rocky Gap Lodge & Golf Resort in Flintstone, MD*

*Presented by*

*The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, Western Maryland EMS Training Foundation, Emergency Medical Services for Children, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, Western Maryland Health System, Garrett Memorial Hospital, Garrett College, and Allegany College of Maryland.*

In 2007 the **Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar** continues its growth and its principle of excellent educational opportunities in a relaxed, enjoyable atmosphere. New for 2007 will be pre-seminar workshops on March 16 for EMS responders and firefighters and the expansion of educational tracks for EMS, fire, nursing and 911 dispatchers on March 17. Dana Bowman ([www.danabowman.com](http://www.danabowman.com)), nationally recognized skydiver, veteran, and motivational speaker, who speaks to the corporate world, will be the keynote speaker for the 2007 Miltenberger Seminar. Other nationally recognized speakers will speak on topics requested from past Seminars and there will be a variety of hands-on workshops for fire and EMS.

In 2006 over 320 participated in the Seminar, and latecomers were turned away. We encourage you to register early so you can ensure yourself a place in this exceptional program.

## **Registration Information**

Pre-registration is required and must be received in the MIEMSS Region I Office by March 1, 2007. All those who register by February 23, 2007 will receive a free T-shirt. Quantities are limited, so please register early. Confirmation letters will be sent. Late registration will be accepted on a space-available basis.

## **Fees**

Pre-conference Workshops will be \$40 for the Moulage Technician Program (all-day program), and \$20 for the Safety Beyond EVOC offered Friday evening. These programs are being offered at below cost due to support from Seminar sponsors. There is a \$50 registration fee for the Saturday conference and it covers all activities, including continental breakfast, breaks, luncheon, and printed materials.

## **EMS Continuing Education Credits**

All workshops and lectures are approved for continuing education credits by MIEMSS.

## **Nursing Contact Hours**

The Maryland Community College Association for Continuing Education and Training is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

This seminar provides 7.75 nursing contact hours.

## **Hotel Accommodations**

Hotel reservations for seminar participants can be made at Rocky Gap Lodge at the rate of \$89 per night for single or double occupancy (based on room availability). Please reserve your room early by calling Rocky Gap Lodge directly at **301-784-8400 or toll free 800-724-0828** and identify yourself as a participant of the Miltenberger Seminar to receive the special lodging rate. This special room rate is only guaranteed until February 16, 2007.

## **Directions**

Take I-68 West to Rocky Gap State Park, Exit 50. Make a right off the exit. The resort is visible from the road.

Take I-68 East to Rocky Gap State Park, Exit 50. Make a left at the stop sign and cross over the bridge. The resort is visible from the road.

## **Special Accommodations**

If you require special accommodations to attend our workshops, please provide information about your requirements when you register. We have made every effort to choose healthy food for our meals. If you require a special menu or have specific nutritional needs, please let us know.

## **Additional Information**

Please dress appropriately; if necessary, bring a sweater for your own comfort. For additional information, please contact the MIEMSS Region I Office at 301-895-5934/301-746-8636.



# 2007 MILTENBERGER EMERGENCY SERVICES SEMINAR SCHEDULE

## MARCH 16, 2007 – PRE-CONFERENCES

<b>9:00 a.m.</b> to <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Moulage Technician Program</b> - This six-hour workshop is open to anyone interested and provides lectures and hands-on experience in the basic art of moulage. Participants will work with a variety of makeup mediums and techniques to apply different types of injuries. The focus of this workshop will be on injuries and illnesses that might be seen during DISASTERS – both natural and manmade.	<b>6:00 p.m.</b> to <b>9:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Safety Beyond EVOC</b> – Every day public safety workers respond to scenes and transport patients. This workshop will present how vehicles and occupant protection systems can assist in the delivery of patient care OR injure and sometimes even kill patients and public safety providers. Through actual transport footage and model procedures, expert faculty will demonstrate current best practices and mistakes to avoid.
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## MARCH 17, 2007 – SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS

7:00	<b>Registration</b>					
8:00	<b>Welcome / General Session – Case Review - The EMS Response - A System of Care</b>					
9:15	<b>EMS</b>	<b>EMS/NURSING</b>	<b>NURSING</b>	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>DISPATCH</b>
	<b>A</b> <b>Combat Trauma: On the Streets of Baltimore or Baghdad.</b> <i>Speaker: Dr. Allan Philp.</i> The program describes the composition and function of military medical systems in the era of mobile battlefields and multiple fronts. The differences between military and civilian care are discussed, including frontline use of tourniquets and hemostatic agents.	<b>B</b> <b>Penetrating Thoracic Trauma.</b> <i>Speaker: Dr. Jim O'Connor, Chief of Thoracic and Vascular Surgery at R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.</i> During this lecture the participants will discuss various cases of penetrating trauma from the trauma center. Cases will cover initial presentation in the field, management and stabilization, and hospital treatment.	<b>C</b> <b>Complex Management of Traumatic Brain Injury.</b> <i>Speaker: Karen McQuillan, Clinical Nurse Specialist for Neuro Critical Care at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.</i> After attending this session, the participants will be able to differentiate between primary and secondary brain injury and formulate a plan of care to manage the patient with severe brain injury.	<b>D</b> <b>Emergency Response Utilizing All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's).</b> <i>Instructor: Glenn Marshall, EMT-P.</i> This class will cover the versatility of ATV usage in various rescue environments, training, pre-planning, and patient packaging. Vehicle selection and accessories will also be discussed. The class includes both lecture and hands-on material.	<b>E</b> <b>Saving One's Self in Emergency Situations.</b> <i>Speaker: TBA.</i> The goal of this program is to reduce the number of firefighter deaths. It covers how sudden hazardous events occur and how firefighters need to train to recognize these events. The program teaches students how to save themselves and how to rescue a downed firefighter.	<b>F</b> <b>Stress Management for Dispatchers - The First Ones to Know.</b> <i>Speaker: Craig Coleman.</i> This workshop will look at the stress of 911 operators and dispatchers - the first ones to know that trouble looms ahead and who spend the first crucial moments with those seeking help; but once the call is dispatched they are often the forgotten ones.
10:30	<b>Break / Vendor Display</b>					
10:45 to 12:00	<b>G</b> <b>Tactical EMS Interface – Working Together to Support High-Risk Law Enforcement Operations.</b> <i>Speakers: Sgt. Keith McMinn and Dr. Kevin Gerald, Medical Director for MSP Special Operations Division.</i> Learn the important role of Tactical EMS and its interface with traditional EMS/Fire-Rescue at the scene of a high-risk law enforcement mission.	<b>H</b> <b>Combat Trauma: On the Streets of Baltimore or Baghdad.</b> <i>Speaker: Dr. Allan Philp.</i> The program describes the composition and function of military medical systems in the era of mobile battlefields and multiple fronts. The differences between military and civilian care are discussed, including frontline use of tourniquets and hemostatic agents.	<b>I</b> <b>Operative Management of Thoracoabdominal Injuries.</b> <i>Speaker: Dr. Jim O'Connor, Chief of Thoracic and Vascular Surgery at R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.</i> Lecture participants will discuss various complex trauma cases. With facts based on actual cases, participants will discuss the patterns of injury, approaches to surgical management, and critical care stabilization of the severely injured patient.	<b>J</b> <b>Emergency Response Utilizing All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's).</b> <i>Instructor: Glenn Marshall, EMT-P.</i> This class will cover the versatility of ATV usage in various rescue environments, training, pre-planning, and patient packaging. Vehicle selection and accessories will also be discussed. The class includes both lecture and hands-on material.	<b>K</b> <b>First Unit In.</b> <i>Speaker: Michael Robinson, Division Chief, Baltimore County Fire Dept.</i> Emergency responders typically handle patients one at a time. But what happens when we are faced with multiple patients? This program will provide you with some insight and tips based on NIMS principles and experience, combined with a commonsense approach to MCI management.	<b>L</b> <b>Public Safety Helicopter Operations, Utilization Practices for the 911 Center Staff.</b> <i>Speakers: Sgt. R.F. Adams and Andy Pilarski.</i> This workshop will include discussion on the primary mission categories of public safety aircraft, the statewide aviation operations center at SYSCOM, dispatch and communications inter-operability elements, operations, and the future of the MSP Aviation Command.
12:15	<b>Lunch</b>					

MARCH 17, 2007 – SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS

1:45	<b>General Session - Dana Bowman - It's Not the Disability.....It's the Ability</b>					
	<b>EMS</b>	<b>EMS/NURSING</b>	<b>NURSING</b>	<b>EMS/FIRE</b>	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>DISPATCH</b>
3:00	<p><b>M Identification and Management of Stroke.</b> <i>Speaker: Dr. Riaz Janjua.</i> Stroke affects nearly four out of five Americans and is the number one cause of adult disability. It is currently the number 3 cause of mortality in the United States. It is estimated that within 10 years, without aggressive public education, it will become the leading cause of death in the United States. Until recently, physicians could only treat the devastating aftermath of stroke. Stroke centers strive to prevent strokes through public education and provide leading-edge care for the patient who has experienced a stroke.</p>	<p><b>N OB / Newly Born Rodeo.</b> <i>Speaker: Naomi Osborne, RN, MSN, NREMT-P.</i></p> <p><b>Part I – Two Patients: Mom &amp; Baby(ies):</b> Three key questions – how soon, how tiny, how many? Delivering and caring for the newly born is more complicated than an algorithm. Both mother and infant (sometimes more than one) require specialized care &amp; critical decision-making. The first half of this program will focus on practical application of the protocols and procedures.</p>	<p><b>O Spinal Cord Injury.</b> <i>Speaker: Karen McQuillan, Clinical Nurse Specialist for Neuro Critical Care at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.</i> Karen is the editor and author of the only Trauma Nursing textbook in circulation. After attending this session, the participants will be able to discuss the anatomy and physiology associated with spinal cord injury, as well as assessment and management of various types of spinal cord injuries.</p>	<p><b>P Roadway Incident Safety for Emergency Responders.</b> <i>Speaker: Jack Sullivan, CSP, CFPS.</i> An overview of the safety hazards present at highway incidents and a series of "Best Practices" designed to help save lives and prevent injuries of emergency response personnel will be presented. Included will be recommendations on how to protect your personnel and the scene.</p>	<p><b>Q Reading Smoke Signals.</b> <i>Speaker: Richard Prather.</i> Often smoke issuing from a building is the only clue to predict fire behavior and the likelihood of a flashover or rapid fire spread. First-arriving officers MUST "Read Smoke" before choosing attack tactical priorities to keep firefighters within an acceptable risk-profile.</p>	<p><b>R Meeting the Challenge of Answering the Call.</b> <i>Speaker: Gordon Deans, Director of the Maryland Emergency Numbers Board.</i> This workshop will examine the current state of 911 and discuss pilot projects to integrate standardized police and fire protocols into the 911 system, with a panel of PSAP Directors providing insight into the delivery of 911 service.</p>
4:15	<b>Break / Vendor Display</b>					
4:30	<p><b>S All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Crashes and the Challenges of Prehospital Care.</b> <i>Instructor: Glenn Marshall, EMT-P.</i> ATV crashes usually occur in remote and challenging environments and can provide rescuers with unusual rescue scenarios. The class will cover common injuries and the unique circumstances that ATV rescues can provide. This class will offer participants both lecture and hands-on, so please dress accordingly!</p>	<p><b>Part II – Newly Born Care:</b> Born at home, in a vehicle, or in the community, the newly born infant requires quick and skilled care. At each skill station, a different scenario will be presented involving at least one infant, mother, and family unit.</p> <p><i>Note: Participants of this workshop must take Parts I and II.</i></p>	<p><b>T Bringing the Pieces Together: The Maryland Stroke Plan.</b> <i>Speaker: Eric Aldrich, MD, Ph.D., Stroke Service Medical Director at The Johns Hopkins Hospital.</i> Stroke is the third-leading cause of death nationally, and a leading cause of long-term disability. Stroke care has arguably suffered from a lack of cohesion among the contributing disciplines. Participants will learn about the unifying vision of the Maryland Stroke Plan and its anticipated benefits for patient care.</p>	<p><b>U Roadway Incident Safety for Emergency Responders.</b> <i>Speaker: Jack Sullivan, CSP, CFPS.</i> An overview of the safety hazards present at highway incidents and a series of "Best Practices" designed to help save lives and prevent injuries of emergency response personnel will be presented. Included will be recommendations on how to protect your personnel and the scene.</p>	<p><b>V The Use of an Accelerant Detection Canine at a Fire Scene.</b> <i>Speaker: Ryan Chapman.</i> Attendees will be familiarized with Do's and Don'ts on the fire scene prior to arrival of an Accelerant Detection Canine Team. This presentation provides an understanding of all aspects of the accelerant detection program, including initial training, recertification, the day-to-day interaction of the investigator and his canine partner, and use of a canine at a fire scene. Live canine demonstrations are scheduled.</p>	<p><b>W Handling the Call from a Stressed Caller.</b> <i>Speaker: Bardona Woods.</i> Effectively eliciting information on the patient's condition or collecting facts concerning the emergency scene is vital for effective response. This workshop will cover special skills needed when dealing with the distraught caller to ensure this vital information is obtained.</p>
5:45	<b>Seminar Ends</b>					



# *Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar*

*March 16 & 17, 2007*

## *Registration Form*

(Please duplicate form and use for additional registrants.)

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ PROVIDER ID: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE (Circle) FR EMT-B CRT CRT-99 EMT-P EMD LPN RN NP PA MD

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

(I certify that the information on this form is correct.)

**FRIDAY - PRECONFERENCES** (Select only one):

\_\_\_ Moulage Technician, \$40

\_\_\_ Safety Beyond EVOC, \$20

**SATURDAY – SEMINAR, \$50** - Select 2 from each Breakout Session

Morning: A B C D E F Afternoon: M \*N O P Q R

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\*If Workshop "N" is selected, please do not choose another afternoon workshop.

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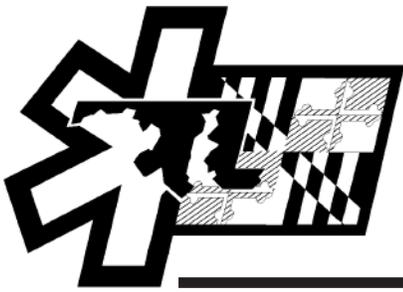
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# MARYLAND'S STARS OF LIFE AWARDS

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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, volunteer, and commercial 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, 2006 to February 28, 2007. 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/her 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.

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# The Right Care When It Counts Maryland EMSC 2007 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. Actions taking place between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006 are eligible for nomination. We will be recognizing children and youth who acted so that others would receive "The Right Care When It Counts." Each nominee will receive a patch and certificate and be eligible for a state award at a ceremony during EMS Week and EMSC Day in May of 2007.

## **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 2, 2007**

**Send to MIEMSS MEDIA Office**

**FAX: 410-706-3485**





*In addition to ambulances, some police vehicles are beginning to undergo voluntary inspection. Recently, the Gibson Island Police Department received a Seal of Excellence Certificate for First Responder/BLS. Shown from left to right are Police Officer/EMT-B Tim Welsh, Leah Littlefield (associate administrator for MIEMSS Region III), and Police Officer/EMT-B Chris Sawyer.*

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