

Protocol Change for Trauma Scene Medevacs

On October 9, 2008, a protocol change went into effect that requires EMS providers to consult with a receiving trauma center before requesting a helicopter to transport trauma patients that have only category “C” or Category “D” trauma triage indicators. This includes patients who may have suffered injuries that are not visible and obvious immediately after the incident. This is a temporary measure to give field providers the opportunity to discuss the helicopter transport with the trauma center before the patient is transported.

Additionally, MIEMSS is mandating that all EMT-Basics, CRTs, and EMT-Paramedics successfully complete a 28-minute presentation on the protocol change and trauma category review. EMS providers have two options to successfully complete this con-ed segment covering this content: (1) on their own through the MIEMSS website or (2) as a group by a jurisdictionally- or medical director-approved facilitator. Providers and instructors should go to www.miemss.org to obtain instructions on how to attend or deliver this presentation. Please note: all EMS providers **must** complete this 28-minute presentation by February 1, 2009.

On the MIEMSS web home page, you will see the following in a yellow box:

Mandatory EMS Provider Trauma Category “C” and “D” Continuing Education Program

EMD Committee

The Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Committee was recently formed to address Emergency Medical Dispatch issues throughout the State. The Committee, which is in the process of formalizing bylaws and seeking recognition under the Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC), is working to promote more collaboration between EMD centers. The group is specifically focused on training and funding. The Committee plans to meet monthly and has been well represented by constituents from around the state.

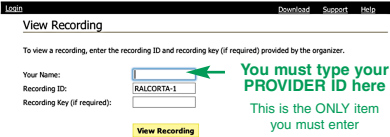
The mandatory protocol change and trauma category continuing education content can be viewed by **INDIVIDUAL** providers ([click here for instructions](#)) or can be facilitated by a jurisdictionally or medical director-approved **INSTRUCTOR** ([click here for instructions](#)). All providers must complete this content by **February 1, 2009**.

When you click on the instructions for **INDIVIDUAL** providers, you will see the following.

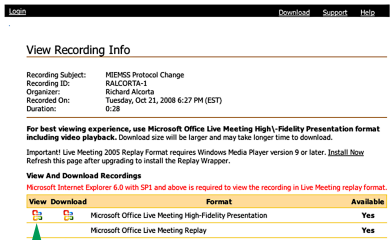
Instructions for Mandatory EMS Provider Category “C” & “D” Continuing Education Program (INDIVIDUAL)

ATTENTION: PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Go to the link (below). Once at the Microsoft Online, Live Meeting site, you must type your PROVIDER ID where it asks for “Your Name.” That is the **ONLY** item you must enter. Please do NOT change the “Recording-ID” information (RALCORTA-1).



2. Once logged into the presentation site, the provider will need to select Microsoft icon by “Microsoft Office Live Meeting High-Fidelity Presentation.” The presentation will then play. Do NOT select “Microsoft Live Meeting Replay” as the quality of the video is low.



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	Microsoft Office Live Meeting High-Fidelity Presentation	Yes
	Microsoft Office Live Meeting Replay	Yes

Click Here to Play

3. Once the provider successfully completes viewing the video in its entirety, MIEMSS will automatically be forwarded the provider's ID number, and credit will then be given to the provider's continuing education record. **NOTE: Once you complete viewing the on-line presentation, it will take up to 3 business days to show up on your on-line continuing education record. Also, please be sure to use your MIEMSS provider ID number to ensure that your continuing education is recorded appropriately.**

<https://www305.livemeeting.com/cc/miemss/view?id=RALCORTA-1>

The following pages are documents to support this training.

Child Passenger Safety & Occupant Protection Update

During its seventh year, the MIEMSS Child Passenger Safety (CPS) & Occupant Protection (OP) Hospital Project has been busy delivering up-to-date child passenger safety resources to Maryland's healthcare providers working both inside and outside the hospital setting. With the enactment of Maryland's new child passenger safety law on June 30, 2008, we did a variety of mailings to healthcare providers across the state to ensure that parents would be receiving current resource materials, particularly the "Prescription for Your Child's Safety" Prescription Pad. Project staff also distributed newly revised CPS materials to EMS personnel at the Pyramid Conference in September 2008.

Another focus of the Project this past year has been determining best practice for the Infant Car Seat

Challenge (ICSC), a test done by neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and nursery staff to make sure that high-risk newborns can safely be discharged to go home in their car seats. On September 15 we hosted a NICU Educational Summit on the ICSC. At the Summit, a national expert on the ICSC from Children's Hospital of Boston, Michele DeGrazia, spoke to NICU and newborn nursery nurses and car seat experts from across the state. She shared her experiences with the ICSC and recommended best practice for running the ICSC in Maryland's hospitals.

To follow-up on the great information shared at the NICU Educational Summit, we are now producing an educational DVD to be distributed to newborn nurseries and NICUs across the state. The video

content was filmed with the help of the University of Maryland Medical System NICU and its wonderful staff and shows providers how to properly administer the ICSC to newborns who are soon to be discharged from the hospital to ride home in their car seats. Infants who meet the criteria to pass the test are safe to ride home in their rear-facing infant car seats. Infants who do not meet the criteria are not safe to ride home in a regular car seat and may need to ride home in a special seat for newborns (a car bed). Alternately, infants that fail may need to stay in the hospital a bit longer until they meet the pass criteria. We hope this DVD will be a helpful resource for NICUs and nurseries that have questions about how to properly perform the ICSC or that have staff members who need training on how to perform the ICSC.

National Child Passenger Safety Week occurred September 20-27. CPS activities (including seat checks) happened all across the state of Maryland to celebrate the week and to continue to educate parents about how to safely transport their children. The focus of National CPS week was the 4 Steps for Kids: 1) rear-facing child restraint, 2) forward-facing child restraint, 3) booster seat, and 4) seat belt. Child Passenger Safety isn't just an issue for newborns and toddlers - it's an issue that affects young children, adolescents, and adults alike! We all need to buckle up to prevent injuries!

Keep an eye out for Project staff at upcoming events, including the Winterfest and Miltenberger Conferences in 2009! We will be handing out lots of up-to-date child passenger safety and occupant protection resources!

Dr. Alcorta Recognized by ACEP

On November 3, 2008, the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) recognized State EMS Medical Director Richard L. Alcorta, MD, FACEP, as a "Hero of Emergency Medicine." The campaign, which is part of ACEP's 40th anniversary, recognizes emergency physicians who have made significant contributions to emergency medicine, their communities, and their patients.

"Emergency physicians are on the front lines of America's health care system, providing the essential community service of emergency care," says ACEP President Linda L. Lawrence, MD. "The dedication, passion, and commitment Dr. Alcorta has shown embody the vision of ACEP's founders and the ideals of our specialty."

Dr. Alcorta currently serves as the State EMS Medical Director at MIEMSS, where he has been a champion for EMS and emergency medicine at the local, state, and federal levels since 1994. In addition, he serves as president of Maryland ACEP, with an intense focus on the State Psychiatric Task Force, the Emergency Department Overcrowding Task Force, and the Governor's Physician Compensation Task Force.

Dr. Alcorta is also renowned for the development and delivery of numerous quality presentations on chemical, biological, radiological, incident management, and traumatic (including blast) injuries for EMS, nurses and physicians. He was state medical director for the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) during the neutralization of 1,600 tons of mustard chemical warfare agent in Maryland and also served as co-chair at the national level. He has spoken as a subject matter expert at National CSEPP, two lead federal security agencies, and National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) conferences.

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Winterfest EMS 2009

January 31 – February 1

Harrison's Chesapeake House
Tilghman Island, Maryland

JOIN US FOR A FUN AND RELAXING WEEKEND OF QUALITY EDUCATION

Preconferences

EMT-B 12-Hour Skills Refresher January 29 at 5 PM & January 30 at 8 AM

Location: Harrison's Chesapeake House Fee: \$45 Registration is required.

Complete all your EMT-B recertification needs with us at WINTERFEST EMS 2009. A 12-hour skills class is available as a pre-session, followed by 12 hours of continuing education, which, with careful choosing, can meet the 12-hour requirement.

BLS PEPP-2 (Pediatric Education for Prehospital Providers) January 30 Registration at 7:30 AM, Class at 8 AM

Location: Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Department Fee: \$45 Registration is required.

The PEPP BLS Course is an 8-hour course designed by the American Academy of Pediatrics specifically for EMS Providers. The program has been updated and includes lectures, hands-on skill stations, and pediatric case studies. BLS Providers and Instructors are invited to register for this PEPP-2 Course. Participants will qualify to receive a PEPP course completion card by participating in the entire PEPP course and successfully completing a multiple-choice assessment at the end of the course.

This workshop is sponsored in part by the Maryland EMS for Children Partnership Grant. (8 Hours BLS: M, ALS: B)

Winterfest EMS 2009 Saturday – January 31, 2009

0730–0800	Registration		
0800–0830	Welcome		
0830–1000	THE PUBLIC SAFETY TEAM 1.5 (T/B) David Owens, Sergeant and Operations Supervisor Wicomico Bureau of Investigations A look at how public safety - Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement - work together as a team.		
1000–1030	Break with Vendors		
1030–1145	SHOULD THIS PATIENT GO GROUND OR AIR? 1.5 (M) Walt Kerr, NREMT-P Maryland State Police, Aviation Division How to optimize transport decisions and use of resources.		
1200–1300	Lunch with Vendors – Chesapeake House		
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS:		
1330–1500	A. What's New in Street Drugs? 1.5 (M) Charlie Brown, NREMT-P Prince George's County Fire/EMS Every new day we face new drugs or new ways to abuse old drugs.		
	B. See No Evil, Smell No Evil 1.5 (M) Michael (FX) O'Connell, NREMT-P Anne Arundel County Fire Department Toxic gases - you can't see them or smell them, but they can kill you.		
	C. Saving the Providers - Managing Stress 1.5 (M) Victor Welzant, PhD ICISF Challenges of managing the stress in a stressful work-place.		
		1500–1530	D. Behavioral Health Emergencies in Teenagers 1.5 (M) Tina-Marie Brown, LCSWC & Amy Thomas, LCPC Shore Health System From acting-out to self-mutilation to suicide, a look at the health of the teenager.
		1530–1700	E. Sudden Death in the Young Athlete 1.5 (M) Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN, CEN, NREMT-P Shore Health System A young athlete in cardiac arrest - why did it happen?
		1700	F. Secure - Are You Safe in the Back of Your Ambulance? 1.5 (T) A safety-focused look at transporting in an ambulance.
			G. Director's Cut 1.5 (M) Tom Chiccone, MD Talbot County EMS Medical Director Evidence-based controversies in prehospital care.
			H. Hybrid Cars / RIT (THIS IS A DOUBLE BREAKOUT SESSION.) 3 (L/2) Mike Collins, NREMT-P Captain, Montgomery Co. Fire/Rescue Assoc. With new technology come new challenges for fire-fighters. A look at hybrid cars.
			Tom Harmon MFRI Level II Instructor Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute Safety is the highest priority. A discussion of the roles and action of RIT.
			Break with Vendors
			REPEAT BREAKOUTS (EXCEPT H) CONFERENCE ENDS FOR THE DAY.

JOIN US BACK AT HARRISON'S FOR HAPPY HOUR AT 6 AND DINNER AT 7

Sunday – February 1, 2009

0845–0900	Opening	1300–1500	You Got a Subpoena: What Is Next? 2.0 (M) Sid Campen, JD Talbot County Circuit Court
0900–1015	Ballistics in Trauma 1.5 (T) James O'Connor, MD RA Cowley Shock Trauma Center Name the injury. A look at the impact of ballistics.		Roy Cowdry, JD Cowdry, Thompson & Karsten
1015–1030	Break		Daniel Dougherty, JD Office of State's Attorney for Wicomico County
1030–1145	SCORE: Safe Concussion Outcome, Recover & Education Program 1.5 (T) Gerard A. Gioia, PhD Children's National Medical Center Keys to assessing a concussion, as well as triage to hospital and possibly a trauma center for follow-up. Materials for parents and coaches will also be available.		Ron Schaefer, NREMT-P Compliance Officer, MIEMSS Can you remember a call from 5 years ago? Well, you are now headed to court!
1145–1300	Lunch – Chesapeake House	1500	DRIVE CAREFULLY—THANKS FOR COMING—SEE YOU NEXT YEAR



Winterfest EMS 2009



Location: Winterfest EMS will be held on Tilghman Island with headquarters at Harrison's Chesapeake House.

Payment and Cancellation Policy: Preregistration is required. Payment of all fees must be included with preregistration. There is a \$25 fee for bad checks. We will be accepting registration until January 16, 2009 or until the conference is filled—whichever comes first. There will be a late registration fee of \$25 added to all registrations that are received after January 16, including call-ins. Walk-in registrations will not be allowed. All students must be paid in full prior to Winterfest. All credit card transactions and company billings must be approved by the Winterfest staff prior to January 16, 2009. Any student with an outstanding balance from any previous Winterfest will not be allowed to participate until his/her account is paid in full. All requests for cancellations must be made in writing to:

Winterfest EMS, c/o Talbot Co. EMS,
29041 Corkran Rd, Easton, MD 21601

Refunds, excluding a \$10 processing fee, will be mailed for cancellations received before January 16, 2009. Cancellation after January 16, 2009 will result in forfeiture of your entire registration fee. Speakers and topics are subject to change.

Accommodations: WINTERFEST EMS WILL NOT BE TAKING ANY ACCOMMODATIONS RESERVATIONS.

All reservations must be made by the student. Please contact any hotel directly to reserve and pay for your room. You should request the Winterfest rate as noted below. Suggested local lodging is as follows:

- Harrison's Chesapeake House, (410) 886-2121, \$85 per night
- Knapp's Narrows Inn, (410) 886-2720, \$80-\$120 per night
- Lowe's Wharf, (410) 745-6684, \$79 Thursday night,
\$99 Friday night, \$99 Saturday night

****Breakfast at Harrison's is included for those who are staying at the above-listed hotels. ****

*** Weather Cancellation:** The Conference Planning Committee will make a decision about cancellation of Winterfest EMS due to severe weather by 12 Noon on January 28. Call Talbot County EMS-Winterfest EMS Line at (410) 822-2030 for details. Written requests for refunds will be accepted within 30 days of cancellation.

Information: For additional information or registration confirmations, call the TCEMS-Winterfest Line at (410) 822- 2030 or email us at winterfest.ems@hotmail.com. The Winterfest EMS Committee is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in the conference. If you require additional assistance, please call the Winterfest EMS Committee.

Directions:

Traveling from the Bay Bridge and points West:

Take Route 50 East to Easton. Turn right onto the Easton Bypass (Route 322). Turn right at the 4th light (St. Michaels Road, Route 33). Follow road for about 23 miles to Tilghman Island. Once you cross the bridge, Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Department will be on the left; Tilghman Island Elementary School will be on the right; Harrison's Chesapeake House.

Traveling from Ocean City and points East:

Take Route 50 West to Easton. Turn left onto the Easton Bypass (Route 322). Turn left at the 3rd light (St. Michaels Road, Route 33). Follow road for about 23 miles to Tilghman Island. Once you cross the bridge, Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Department will be on the left; Tilghman Island Elementary School will be on the right; Harrison's Chesapeake House will be on the left on Chesapeake House Drive just past the school.



WINTERFEST EMS 2009 REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Provider #: _____ Email: _____

Primary Affiliation: _____

Certification/Licensure (Circle): FR EMT-B CRT-I EMT-P LPN RN NP PA MD

PRECONFERENCES (Select Only One): _____ EMT-B Skills Refresher, \$45 _____ PEPP, \$45

CONFERENCE FEES:

- _____ 1 Day, \$75
- _____ Both Days, \$135

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (choose first and second OR double)

- First Session – A B C D E F G
- Second Session – A B C D E F G
- Double Session – H

Dinner at Harrison's Chesapeake House, Tilghman Island, MD

Rates are per person and include tax and tip.

_____ Friday and Saturday, \$60 (rate only available for 2-night package)

_____ 1 Night Only, \$35 (specify FRI or SAT)

\$ _____ **Total Amount Due** = Preconference Fees + Conference Fees + Meal Cost (as applicable)

Make checks payable to **Winterfest EMS**. Reservations are due by **January 16, 2009**. Meal fees must be included with registration. Send check, along with this form, to Winterfest EMS, c/o Talbot Co. EMS, 29041 Corkran Rd, Easton, MD 21601. Registrations may also be faxed to (410) 820-7225, but payment must be received prior to January 16, 2009. Call or email us with any questions or confirmation requests: (410) 822-2030 or winterfest.ems@hotmail.com.

Provider Number Is Required to Receive Continuing Education Credits*

Holiday Fire Safety

Thanksgiving Day fires in residential structures cause more property damage and claim more lives than residential structure fires on other days. The increase is troubling as it applies mostly to cooking fires in family homes. In 2005, cooking fires were involved in roughly 1,300 reported home structure fires on Thanksgiving – almost three times the daily average. It is easy to get wrapped up in entertaining guests, but it is important to monitor meal preparations since most cooking fires start when cooking is left unattended.

Another of the recent culprits for the increase of cooking fires during holidays is the turkey fryer. Turkey fryers use a substantial quantity of cooking oil at high temperatures, and many units currently available for use pose a significant tipping danger.

The use of turkey fryers by consumers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries, and the destruction of property.

The following safe cooking tips can help to make your holiday dinner safe and enjoyable:

- Always use cooking equipment tested and approved by a recognized testing facility.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that can catch fire - potholders, towels, or curtains - away from your stovetop.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Wear short, close fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.

Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire.

- Never use a wet oven mitt, as it presents a scald danger if the moisture in the mitt is heated.
- Always keep an oven mitt and lid nearby when you are cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, put on an oven mitt and smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Do not remove the lid until it is completely cool.
- If there is an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you and your clothing. Have the oven serviced before you use it again.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

Disciplinary Actions

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

B-2008-372 (EMT-P) - October 31, 2008. For abusing prescription drugs, 2 years probation, random drug testing during probation, and continued participation in drug recovery program.

B-2007-386 (Applicant) - October 31, 2008. For functioning on expired certification, reprimand.

B-2008-363 (EMT-P) - October 31, 2008. For stealing narcotic medication from a patient, revocation.

B-2008-371 (EMT-P) (by Disposition Agreement) - October 14, 2008. For assault associated with inappropriate sexual contact with a subordinate without consent, surrender of license.

B-2008-377 (CRT) (by Disposition Agreement) - October 14, 2008. For photographing patients and posting photographs on MySpace, 1-year suspension and 200 hours of community service.

Dr. Floccare Recognized by AMPA

The Air Medical Physician Association (AMPA) recognized Douglas J. Floccare, MD, State Aeromedical Director at MIEMSS, as Medical Director of the Year at their national meeting in November. The Medical Director of the Year Award recognizes a physician who has made outstanding contributions to his or her Air Medical Program. Dr. Floccare was nominated because of his exceptional personal involvement in the Maryland State Police Aviation Command medevac program. He received the award for his contributions to medical direction, education, quality care, outreach, and team morale. He is considered an invaluable and essential part of the Maryland State Police Aviation Command.

Dr. Floccare has served as the State Aeromedical Director for MIEMSS for the past 19 years, where he provides the physician medical support necessary for the Maryland State Police Aviation Command to meet the emergency helicopter needs of Maryland's citizens. The State Aeromedical Director is actively involved in the ongoing training and verification of skill proficiency for the State Police flight paramedics. He is actively involved in the development of new patient care protocols and the oversight of ongoing care, and provides around-the-clock consultation for medical direction. Dr. Floccare is a board-certified Emergency Physician and holds a Master's Degree in Public Health.

The Air Medical Physician Association is the largest professional organization of physicians dedicated to rotor wing (helicopter), fixed wing (airplane), and critical care ground transport. With over 400 members nationally and internationally, the Association represents extensive expertise in the field of medical transport. Its members represent many medical specialties including emergency medicine, critical care medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, and various surgical subspecialties. AMPA serves all physicians with an interest in critical care air or ground transport, and offers opportunities for education, research, and networking so that patients may receive the best care possible in the safest transport environment.

EMS Continuing Education Programs

January 31 - February 1, 2009

Pre-conferences January 29 - 30, 2009

Winterfest 2009

Tilghman Island, MD

For brochure, go to www.talbotcountymd.gov or
email at Winterfest.ems@hotmail.com

March 24-28, 2009

EMS Today: The JEMS Conference & Exposition

Baltimore, MD

Information: www.EMSTodayConference.com

March 14, 2009

Pre-conferences March 12 - 13, 2009

Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar 2009

Rocky Gap, MD

Contact Region I Office at 301-895-5934.

May 16-17, 2009

Pre-conferences: May 14-15, 2009

Maryland Statewide EMS Conference 2009

Annapolis Sheraton Hotel

Annapolis, MD

Contact Region V Office at 1-887-498-5551.

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