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2012 Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers

The 2012 Protocol Educational Updates for BLS and ALS are now available through the MIEMSS' Online Learning Center. In addition to the online training content, the 2012 Protocol documents are also available to reference on the MIEMSS web site. All BLS and ALS providers in Maryland are required

to obtain this training no later than June 30, 2012. Upon completion of the course, the On-line Training Center will provide you with a certificate of completion for your records and reference. If you are unable to complete the course content online, MIEMSS is working with the operational and educational programs

across the state to enable the course to be delivered in "Company Drill" type settings after March 1, 2012. Please contact your educational program or MIEMSS regional office to utilize this method of training. A protocol update course will be offered in a classroom setting at EMS Care 2012 in Ocean City on April 13, 2012. This is perfect if you would prefer to complete the training in person; however, preregistration will be required for the EMS Care 2012 Conference. For registration information, check the MIEMSS homepage or contact EMSCare2012@miemss.org.

If you have any further questions, please contact the MIEMSS Office of Licensure and Certification at 410-706-3666.



Dr. Eric Nager, Paramedic Joe Cvach, Dr. Richard Alcorta, and Dr. Joseph Wright on the set during the filming of the 2012 Protocol Update.

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EMS Care 2012 - Broad Horizons at the Beach

The Statewide EMS Conference is returning this year to Ocean City at the Clarion Fontainebleau Resort Hotel. Preconferences, including an EMT-B Skills Refresher Course, will be held on April 12 and 13, 2012. EMS Care 2012 will be held on April 14-15, 2012. EMS Humorist and cartoonist Steve Berry will again be speaking this year. Space is limited so register early and group discounts are being offered. Please go to the MIEMSS web site for detailed information and registration forms or contact EMSCare2012@miemss.org.

Maryland's Transition to the National EMS Provider Standards

MIEMSS Transition Timelines

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)	Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate 99 (CRT)	Paramedic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name Change: First Responder becomes Emergency Medical Responder • Emergency Medical Responder courses must be taught after July 1, 2012 • FR to EMR Transition update by March 31, 2016 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name Change: Emergency Medical Technician Basic becomes Emergency Medical Technician • Emergency Medical Technician courses must be taught after July 1, 2012 • EMT-B to EMT Transition update by March 31, 2016 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AEMT will not be a recognized certification level in Maryland • Those seeking reciprocity from out of state may be certified at the EMT level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-99/CRTs will still be recognized by Maryland • Maryland encourages I-99/CRTs to become paramedics • Maryland will still require I-99/CRT candidates to take the National Registry exam, but they will no longer receive national certification from the National Registry after December 31, 2013 • The Maryland I-99/CRT continuing education and re-licensure requirements will be similar to the current NREMT requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name Change: EMT Paramedic becomes Paramedic • New Paramedic program must be taught after December 31, 2012 • EMT-P to Paramedic transition course by March 31, 2017 • All ALS programs must be in the CoAEMSP process by December 31, 2012

The EMS Board is in the process of amending regulations to change the nomenclature for emergency medical services (EMS) providers' licensure and certification levels to reflect national standards. These changes were made to the EMS provider law during the last legislative session and become effective by July 2012.

Specifically:

- First Responder will be changed to Emergency Medical Responder.
- Emergency Medical Technician-Basic will be changed to EMT.
- Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic will be changed to Paramedic.

Two other existing levels, Cardiac Rescue Technicians and Emergency Medical Dispatchers, will remain the same.

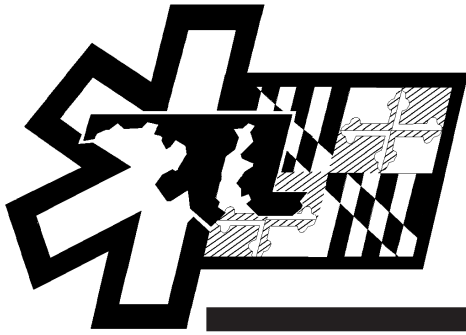
In Memoriam; Rick Meighen, MIEMSS Region II Administrator

Richard C. Meighen, passed from this life on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at the University of Maryland Medical Center following complications from a Bone Marrow Transplant.

Rick started his career in 1977 as a Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic in Moundsville, West Virginia. In 1983, he moved to Washington, DC and was employed as a Paramedic by the District of Columbia Fire Department until 1993. Rick continued his education at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, graduating with a degree in Emergency Health Services Administration. He then took employment in 1994 with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, working as an Assistant Administrator in Region V and in 2004 became the Region II Administrator for Frederick and Washington counties.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years Jamie; his son Andrew, and his daughter Jenna; one brother, Tim Meighen and his wife Roberta, of St. Clairsville, Ohio; his mother in law, Judy Purtiman of McMechen, WV; three sisters-in-law, Rea Leoni of Weirton, West Virginia, Tonya Tribett and her husband Mike of McMechen, West Virginia, and Tammy Marsh and her husband Ron of Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and one brother-in-law, James Purtiman and his wife Lea of Leesville, Louisiana. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made payable to The Richard C. Meighen Memorial Fund, 7 Zachary Court, Boonsboro, Maryland, 21713.

A Celebration of Rick's Life will take place beginning at 2 pm on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at the Bast-Stauffer Funeral Home, 7606 Old National Pike in Boonsboro.



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, 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 January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. 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 adult or program that has demonstrated ongoing dedication and commitment to improving the care for children and for promoting Family Centered Care in a Maryland EMS program or hospital.

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 — 2012 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)** _____ **(Cell)** _____

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

Professional Affiliation _____ Telephone No. _____

Award Category (Please select only one category on this sheet):

Maryland Star of Life Award

Outstanding EMS Program

Maryland EMS Citizen Award

Leon W. Hayes Award for Excellence in EMS

EMS Provider of the Year

Maryland EMS-C Award

EMD Provider of the Year

Maryland EMS-G Award

***** PLEASE NOTE:** *If there is more than one nominee associated with the same incident or activity, please DO NOT duplicate this form but rather list names, affiliation and contact information on an attached separated sheet of paper.*

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 6th, 2012.

Mail to: Jim Brown, MIEMSS, 653 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21201-1536

or FAX to: Jim Brown, 410-706-3485.

Please submit questions regarding the nomination process to info@miemss.org



The Right Care When It Counts Maryland EMSC 2012 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 January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 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 2012.

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

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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): (H) _____ (W) _____ (cell) _____
 Email: _____

Alternative contact person: _____
 Best method to reach this person: _____
 Primary language spoken at home: _____

Description of event/ incident and the action taken

- PLEASE indicate if you have spoken with the family about this nomination
- PLEASE include any printed materials about this nomination and if the child/youth has been recognized locally

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MSFA Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Survey

The MSFA Recruitment and Retention Committee is asking for your assistance by completing and submitting an on-line survey regarding your companies recruitment and retention efforts. The outcome will be used to assist emergency services departments statewide. It is our collective quest to strengthen our volunteer ranks with new members while also expanding means to encourage those with years of dedicated service to remain a part of our force. Completed surveys must be received no later than April 15, 2012.

The person completing the survey should provide their name and contact information should there be a need to follow-up with a question. The person should be an individual at a senior level who has knowledge of all aspects of your company – operational, administrative and support activities – that allow you to operate day in and day out.

The individual questions with an asterisk “*” must be addressed in order to submit the survey electronically. For those without

Internet access, the Committee will accept a hand written, mailed-in response. Your department is welcome to offer further insights on your successes and/or challenges regarding recruitment and retention, as well as any unique thoughts that you feel may help others across the State. Supporting the MSFA in this effort is the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) and the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI). Their help is much appreciated and the committee greatly appreciates your help, too!

To take the MSFA Recruitment & Retention Survey Please go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/MSFA-RR-Survey>. Please take the 10 minutes estimated to complete and return this valuable information about your organization. Return completed surveys electronically (preferred) or by regular mail to: Joseph S. Chornock, Chair, MSFA R&R Committee, c/o Germantown Volunteer Fire Department, 20001 Crystal Rock Drive, Germantown, MD 20874.

electronic Maryland EMS Data System (eMEDS)

electronic Maryland EMS Data System (eMEDS), the State electronic EMS data collection program, implementation continues statewide, for both public safety and commercial services. Region I has successfully moved from eMAIS to eMEDS. Washington County in Region II has also switched to eMEDS. All of Region III will be migrating to eMEDS, with Anne Arundel County and Baltimore County going live in mid to late February. Several Commercial Services have begun the implementation process, with Maryland ExpressCare and the Erickson Communities currently live. Several Federal Operational Programs have also started to migrate over to eMEDS, Aberdeen Proving Ground, and NSA Bethesda Naval District, with Camp David and Fort Detrick in the planning stages. MIEMSS continues to validate data imports from third party vendors, and has successfully imported data into eMEDS from a third party vendor. CAD linkages have now been established in two counties, with several in the process for implementation. Howard County is in testing phase right now, and Prince George’s County plans to migrate over in March 2012, along with Kent, Calvert, and St. Mary’s Counties. MIEMSS will also be establishing a CAD linkage between the new

Maryland State Police Aviation Command (MSPAC) Flight Vector Software to enable EMS information to be imported directly into MSP Aviation eMEDS.



Baltimore City FF/PM Sawn Martin works on his electronic Patient Care Report in the Trauma Resuscitation Unit at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.

EMS Calendar

February 28 – March 3, 2012

EMS Today

Baltimore Convention Center,
Baltimore, MD

March 10, 2012

Advanced Burn Life Support Provider Course

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center,
4940 Eastern Avenue,
Baltimore, MD 21224

The Advanced Burn Life Support Provider Course is an eight-hour course for physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, therapists and paramedics. Course registration may be accessed by going to www.ameriburn.org, and clicking on ABLS Advanced Burn Life Support Courses.

Please contact Carrie Cox or Yvette Wilson 410-550-1198 or ywilson1@jhmi.edu for any questions.

March 16 and 17, 2012

The Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar

Rocky Gap Lodge and Golf Resort,
Flintstone, MD

March 24, 2012

MSFA Recruitment and Retention Seminar - Building Leadership for Organizational Success

Odenton Volunteer Fire Company,
1425 Annapolis Road, Odenton, MD 21113
Breakfast and Lunch will be provided
<http://www.mfri.org/cgi-bin/seminars.cgi>

March 31, 2012

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar

MFRI, College Park, MD

April 12 -15, 2012

EMS Care 2012 at the Beach

Ocean City, MD

April 18 – 20, 2012

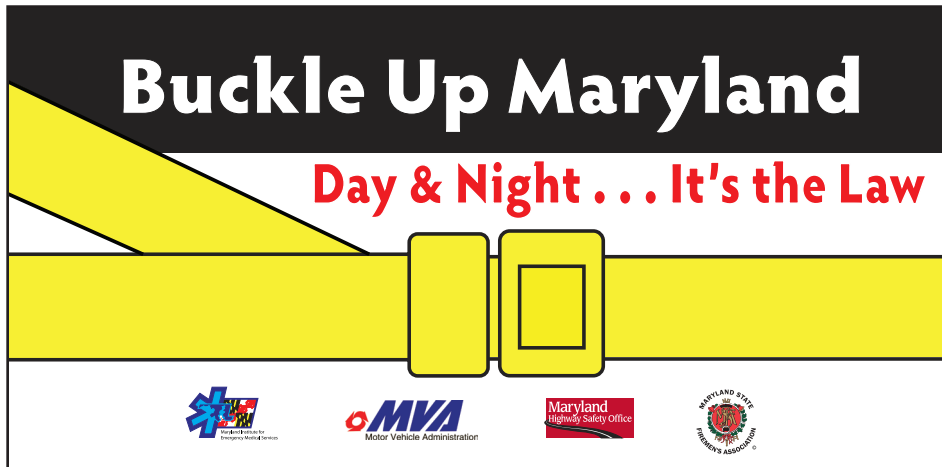
NAVIGATOR 2012

National Academics of Emergency Dispatch Conference
Baltimore, MD.

www.navigatorconference.org/799

“Buckle Up Maryland – Day & Night. It is the Law” Campaign for Emergency Services Providers

To ensure the safe driving practices of all our emergency services providers, we encourage you to distribute this message to everyone in your department in the continued effort to Buckle Up every ride, every time. Join the 35 departments in Maryland that already have 100% compliance with the National Seat Belt Pledge. More information and the application can be found at: www.trainingdivision.com/seatbeltpledge.asp



MIEMSS Region II Office Moves

The MIEMSS Region II Office has recently moved to a new location.

**The address is:
MIEMSS Region II Office,
44 N. Potomac Street, Suite 103,
Hagerstown, MD 21740.**

They will eventually be located in Suite 200 beginning in March. The Office may be reached at 301-791-2366 or 301-791-8958.

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