

# Maryland EMS News

For All Emergency Medical Care Providers

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## Maryland EMS Board Policy

The EMS Board has adopted a policy that will support recruitment and retention of EMS providers as Maryland transitions to emergency medical technician (EMT) testing through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT).

The policy allows EMT applicants who: successfully completed, between October 1, 2014, and September 15, 2015, an EMT course approved by the EMS Board, are eligible for state certification, and passed the practical examination for EMT certification but have not yet passed the NREMT written certification examination, to obtain an emergency medical responder (EMR)

certificate and practice at the EMR level. Those applicants can still continue with the NREMT testing process, and upon successful completion of NREMT testing, be certified as EMTs. The policy was adopted at a special open meeting of the EMS Board on December 17, 2015. As of December 31, 2015, 654 EMR cards were issued by the MIEMSS Office of Licensing and Certification.

As outlined in the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, an EMT course covers the content of an EMR course and provides additional content, including field and clinical experience. The EMS Board has determined that an applicant

who has successfully completed an EMS Board approved EMT course during this time period and has passed the EMT state practical exam, has demonstrated competency in the skills necessary to function at the EMR level.

An EMR may perform the essential life-saving skills specified for an EMR certified provider set forth in the Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers. However, Education Article § 13-516 of the Maryland Code provides that an EMR may not be the primary EMS provider during transport.

EMT applicants who are issued EMR certification under this policy and who desire to continue to pursue EMT certification remain eligible to participate in a NREMT Test Prep Course and remain eligible for state payment of subsequent NREMT EMT testing.

## CARES in Maryland

The Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) Education and Training Session took place on October 8, 2015, at the James N. Robey Public Service Training Center in Howard County. Presentations about CARES and the EMS/Hospital data collection pilot were given by MIEMSS, Howard County EMS, Howard County General Hospital – Johns Hopkins Medicine, and Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. Training for EMS and Hospital CARES coordinators on data access and reporting rounded out the day’s curriculum. The event had many attendees representing both EMS agencies and hospital services from across the state. Both the CARES system overview and the training on the MyCares website were very successful. The power point presentations are available on the MIEMSS website under “What’s New.”

The Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival is a confidential nationwide registry currently utilized in 36 states, with the participation of more than 800 EMS agencies and more than 1,300 hospitals, with charting, mapping, and graphing capabilities. The CARES registry helps EMS administrators, hospital leadership and community leaders determine a number of factors:

- Who is affected in my community?
- When and where are cardiac events happening?
- What parts of the system are working well?
- What parts of the system could work better?
- How can we improve emergency cardiac treatment?

The pilot test phase with Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services and Howard County General Hospital – Johns Hopkins Medicine is now nearing completion. The pilot has been very successful, demonstrating CARES element integration into eMEDS®, ease of EMS provider use, improved eMEDS® page layout, EMS and hospital CARES coordinator information exchange, and editing.

CARES data elements have been integrated into eMEDS® statewide since December 1, 2015. The updated and consolidated Cardiac Arrest tab on the run form allows EMS providers to readily enter comprehensive prehospital cardiac arrest information (all EMS providers would have previously reviewed this new information about CARES and eMEDS® as part of

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## Maryland State Police Win 2015 National Awards for Traffic Safety Efforts

The International Association of Chiefs of Police, in cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the National Sheriff's Association, the Governor's Highway Safety Association, and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, recently presented the Maryland State Police with three top national awards in recognition for outstanding traffic safety efforts aimed at reducing crashes and injuries. The Maryland State Police won first place in the 2015 National Law Enforcement Challenge for state police or highway patrol departments that have between 500 and 1,500 sworn members. A Special Category Award was also presented to the Maryland State Police for commercial vehicle safety efforts by state police agencies. A third honor, the Clayton J. Hall Memorial Award, was received for submitting the most comprehensive traffic safety program out of more than 200 law enforcement agencies participating in the national competition.

Impaired driving enforcement remains a priority for the Maryland State Police. The use of the State Police Impaired Driving Reduction Effort, or SPIDRE Team, has been a major advancement in this effort. So far this year, troopers have arrested more than 5,800 impaired drivers.

The Maryland State Police instituted the Reducing Crime and Crashes initiative, which requires each patrol trooper to spend a portion of their duty day focusing on enforcement in an identified 'hot spot' for crime or where traffic crashes are most prevalent in their area of responsibility. This program has been especially effective in efforts aimed at reducing speeding and aggressive driving.

Seat belt and child safety seat laws have helped Maryland reduce traffic fatalities to record lows. Both education about and enforcement of occupant protection laws are a focus of the Maryland State Police. Last year, State Police launched an effort to train more troopers as child safety seat technicians

and increased opportunities around the state for parents to learn how to properly install a safety seat and buckle up their children.

The focus of Maryland State Police efforts was in coordination with and support of Maryland's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Traffic safety is the responsibility of everyone who drives on Maryland roads.

## CARES in Maryland

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the mandatory 2015 protocol update). The prehospital information can then be directly exported by MIEMSS to the CARES registry the first time it is entered, saving time for the provider. Maryland hospitals that receive patients and have on-going care in the emergency department will then enter outcome data into the CARES record.

Using a single eMEDS® patient care record for CARES submission makes Maryland one of the first states to incorporate this process within their ePCR documentation. Further information about CARES can be found on [www.mycares.net](http://www.mycares.net).

## “Fill the Fire Truck” Food Drive Took Place in Charles County this Holiday Season

The Charles County Department of Emergency Services in partnership with the Charles County Volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services Association organized a “Fill the Fire Truck” Food Drive this holiday season. They accepted donations of canned goods and other non-perishable food items on behalf of the Southern Maryland Food Bank.



Members of Charles County Department of Emergency Services load donations into one of their vehicles during the holiday food drive. Photo courtesy of John Filer.

## Peer Support Course for Responders Held

During the week of November 16–20, 2015, MIEMSS, the Maryland Emergency Response (ERS) Program, and the Prince George's County Police Department held a 5-day peer support course. The course provided law enforcement officers with in depth training on how to support their fellow officers during stressful situations, both on and off the job. Officers from the following departments were represented: Anne Arundel County Police, Arlington County (Virginia) Police, Montgomery County Police, Prince George's County Department of Corrections, Prince George's County Police, Rockville Police, and US Park Service Police.

The course was funded through federal Urban Area Security initiative funds provided by the Maryland ERS Program. MIEMSS support for this course was provided as part of the agency's ongoing effort to promote critical incident stress management and peer support for Maryland response personnel.

# Emergency Services Support for the Second Annual Across the Bay 10K

On Sunday, November 8, 2015, over 21,000 participants crossed the Chesapeake Bay Bridge for the second annual Across the Bay 10K race. There were multiple agencies and organizations that made this a safe and successful event. Over 100 law enforcement officers from at least ten agencies came together to keep the crowds safe and traffic flowing. Over 65 EMS professionals from eight counties were on hand to support the event. The primary agencies providing assistance were Charles County, Talbot County, Caroline County, Dorchester County, Worcester County, Preston VFD, Goodwill VFC, Kent Island VFD, Sudlersville VFC, Queenstown VFD, Ocean Pines VFD, Kent Queen Anne's Rescue Squad, Anne Arundel FD, Annapolis City FD, Anne Arundel Alarmers, and Queen Anne's County DES.

Emergency responders from multiple departments worked together when a 73-year-old participant collapsed on the bridge from a sudden cardiac arrest in sight of Dorchester County Paramedic 600. The paramedics from Dorchester, along with the help of EMS providers from Preston and Charles County, an MTA Officer, and numerous bystanders sprung to action. They were able to revive and transport the patient to the hospital. The patient has been released from the hospital and is expected to have a full recovery.



Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services (DES) staff regroup after the race to discuss the successful event. Pictured from left to right are Ed Stoner, Communications Chief, Queen Anne's County DES; Joseph A. Ciotola, Jr., MD, Health Officer, Queen Anne's County; and Scott Haas, Director, Queen Anne's County DES. Photo courtesy of Queen Anne's DES.

"Without the assistance of our public safety partners, this event would not have been a glowing success," said Scott Haas,

Director of Emergency Services for Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services. "We are indebted to them for their help."

## New Office for Region I

Please note the new mailing address:

MIEMSS Region I Office  
P.O. Box 113  
16 Broadway, Suite D  
Frostburg, MD 21532

Other contact information has remained the same:

Dwayne Kitis, Administrator  
dkitis@miemss.org  
Phone: 301-895-5934  
Fax: 301-895-3618

## MIEMSS Welcomes New Staff

Nathan Durham is a new EMRC/SYSCOM operator at MIEMSS. Nathan worked in Harford County as an Electronics Services Technician and at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) prior to that. At MEMA, over a 10-year stint, he worked in the Maryland Joint Operations Center as a Watch Officer, then was promoted to Watch Supervisor and promoted again to the agency's Telecommunications Specialist.



Nathan Durham



Adeyinka Matti

Adeyinka Matti joins MIEMSS as the new Fiscal Administrator. Adeyinka previously worked for Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as the Deputy Chief for General Accounting Division as well as the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System as an accountant. She has dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Accounting and Information Systems from the R.H Smith Business School, University of Maryland, College Park, and also holds a Master Degree in Business Administration from Morgan State University.

# Maryland Remembers Memorial Program

In its twelfth year, the Maryland Remembers Memorial program was held on November 7, 2015, in the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis. The annual ceremony honors the lives of those lost to impaired driving crashes on Maryland roads. Each year, more than 170 people die in impaired driving related crashes throughout the state. The Maryland Remembers event serves as a powerful deterrent to anyone tempted to get behind the wheel after drinking. It is an opportunity for victims' families and friends, elected officials, law enforcement officers, and other highway safety stakeholders to pay solemn tribute to those killed by drunk drivers. This is also a time to affirm the state's commitment to highway safety, specifically acknowledging the tragic loss of family and friends to impaired driving.



Colonel William M. Palozzi, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, addresses the attendees at the 12th Annual Maryland Remembers ceremony.

## Maryland State Police Plunge in January to Benefit Special Olympics

The Fire/EMS Plunge will take place at Sandy Point State Park on January 29, 2016, at 12:30 pm, a day earlier than the annual Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge for the public. Maryland Fire and EMS personnel, as well as their family members, may register for the special Plunge. You will be able to park close to the beach and enjoy some good time fun with fellow firefighters, EMS personnel, family, and friends. The 2016 MSP Polar Bear Plunge for the public will take place on January 30.

This year marks the 20th Annual MSP Polar Bear Plunge to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics Maryland. The MSP Polar Bear Plunge is the largest in the country.

How to participate:

- Go to: [www.plungemd.com](http://www.plungemd.com)
- Click the "register here" at the top of the Plunge homepage
- Read and agree to the event waiver
- **START A TEAM** (If your team is not registered yet)
  - Select new team under group "Fire/EMS Plunge"
  - Follow on-screen instructions
- **JOIN A TEAM** (If your team is already registered)
  - Select "join a team"
  - Select group "Fire/EMS Plunge"
  - Follow on-screen instructions



## Miltenberger Emergency Services Conference

March 11-12, 2016

Rocky Gap, Flintstone, MD

*Presented by*

- The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
- The Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
- The Region I Emergency Services Education Council
- Garrett College
- Allegany College of Maryland

*Details coming soon!*

# Safe Driving Habits with Tween and Teen Passengers

“Ding.” You glance away from the road to your phone, wondering if the text is from your boss about the latest crisis. A closer look tells you that it is the dentist’s office reminding of your daughter’s appointment. You quickly type “confirm” and hit “send” and then start to slow down for the red light ahead. You glance toward the passenger seat and see your 14-year-old son watching you intently before he returns to his cell phone.

Sound familiar? A new survey reveals that two out of three parents text while driving their children in the car. Driving-Tests.org, a new online driver study guide, surveyed two thousand teens and found that they identified texting as the worst driving habit facing them today. But where do most of them learn to drive? More than 80% said that they learn to drive by observing their parents’ driving behavior.

Driving is one of the riskiest things that most people do in their life. In fact, motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for 4-24 year olds in the United States. Young drivers are particularly at risk: in 2013, 2,614 teen drivers were involved in fatal crashes; this is a rate that is three times the rate of drivers over age 20 (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration).

There are many ways that one’s crash risk can be reduced, and parents can and should take the lead in keeping their whole family safe. Use of seat belts and car seats is associated with a 50- 70% reduction in deaths due to motor vehicle crashes, and 2013 data show that approximately 90.7% of Marylanders do buckle up (Maryland State Highway Office). But studies also show that when parents don’t buckle up, their children are much less likely to be restrained by a car seat or seat belt. There are many things that can distract a driver and increase crash risk—

especially to a teen who is unfamiliar with the car, the roadway, and the tricky nuances of driving in traffic, but texting while driving is associated with a 23% greater risk for crashes. Statistics show that 15-19 year olds are the largest proportion of drivers of any age group having distracted-driving-involved fatal crashes.

As a parent you need to acknowledge that you are a significant role model for your children and steer them in the right direction. While you are driving, keep all distractions to a minimum, especially use of your phone. Obey the speed limit and all other traffic safety rules, and point out to your teen any potential driving issues to help the new or aspiring driver anticipate hazards. Parents who want help with coaching their teen drivers can look online at DriveItHome.org. This free resource includes driving lessons to use with your teen, a parent-teen safe driving agreement, and email reminders of safety tips.

## 2016 EMS & Prevention Educational Conferences

### Winterfest 2016

January 28–31, 2016  
Tilghman Island, Md.

### EMS Today Conference (JEMS)

February 25–27, 2016  
Baltimore, Md.

### Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar

March 19, 2016  
MFRI College Park, Md.

### Miltenberger Emergency Services Conference

March 11–12, 2016  
Rocky Gap, Flintstone, Md.

### EMS Care 2016

April 27–May 1, 2016  
Clarion Resort Fountainebleau Hotel,  
Ocean City, Md.

### MSFA Annual Convention

June 18–24, 2016  
Ocean City, Md.

## MIEMSS New Licensure System Will Launch Early 2016

MIEMSS is pleased to announce that a new, and more user-friendly, licensure system has been purchased and will be implemented in early 2016. Providers and other users will immediately notice that the new system is more streamlined and easier use. The new system was developed by ImageTrend, Inc., which is the same company that developed eMEDS®. MIEMSS Licensure and Certification staff have spent many weeks working with ImageTrend, Inc. to configure the product to meet Maryland’s needs.

The advantages of the new system are numerous. It will be a self-service product; users can log in and perform many of the functions that could previously only be accomplished by the Licensure and Certification staff in office. For example, providers will be able to submit and view their applications, including the status of the application, at any time. The system is entirely paperless, so users will no longer need to mail in required paperwork; even forms that need a signature can be processed electronically. This is an enormous advantage over the previous system in that application processing will be much more timely than our current system. The response time for certain functions will be much faster than that of the previous system. One application process that will notice the greatest improvement will be affiliation verifications. And the new system will also serve a wide range of customers, including current providers, teaching agencies, students, and jurisdictions.

The new licensure system will seamlessly integrate with eMEDS®. This means that specific data, such as provider certifications, that is collected in the new licensure system will be transferred automatically to eMEDS®. This will eliminate the need to manually maintain the eMEDS® staff list, as it is currently.

More information about the new system will be printed in our newsletter and will also be posted on our website, Facebook page, and Twitter pages. If you have any questions about the transition, please call the Office of Licensure and Certification at 410-706-3666 or 800-762-7157.



# Winterfest EMS 2016

January 28 – 31, 2016

Harrison's Chesapeake House - Tilghman Island, Maryland  
Join Us for a Fun and Relaxing Weekend of Quality Education

## Preconference

### EMT 12-Hour Skills Refresher

**Date:** January 28 at 5:30 pm & January 29 at 8:00 am

**Location:** Tilghman Island Fire Department **Fee:** \$70 (Registration is required.)

For EMTs; complete all your recertification needs with us at WINTERFEST EMS 2016. A 12-hour skills class is available as a preconference followed by 12 hours of continuing education, which, with careful choosing, can meet the 12-hour requirement. **Space is limited. Register early!**

### Responding to Emergencies – Children with Special Health Care Needs (7 M/A)

**Date:** January 29 at 8:00 am

**Location:** Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum – 213 North Talbot Street • St. Michaels, Maryland, 21663

**Fee:** \$40 (Registration is required.)

Caring for a child with technology-assisted care and special health care needs presents a challenge to most EMS providers. This workshop will offer BLS and ALS providers lectures and hands-on skill stations focused on the ABCs of "Technology-Assisted Care" for children and families in emergency situations. The skill stations include a series of check-off worksheets, which can be taken back to the station for local drills, that help increase psychomotor and problem solving experiences.

## Winterfest EMS 2016

Saturday – January 30, 2016

0730–0800 **Registration**

0800–0815 **Welcome**

0815–0930 **Maryland EMS: Future Directions**

(2 M/B)

**Kevin G. Seaman, MD, FACEP**  
Executive Director, MIEMSS

Maryland EMS is recognized as a system performing at a very high level. Recent developments allow our system to innovate and move forward. Other developments pose challenges. This fast-paced presentation will present some of these topics while allowing dialogue to occur with the conference attendees. Moving the needle on cardiovascular performance and mobile integrated healthcare changes are among the list of issues to be discussed.

0930–1000 **BREAK**

1000–1130 **Austere Medicine: From the Depths of Disasters to the Summit of Mountains**

(2 T/A)

**Christina Catlett, MD, FACEP**  
The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Associate Director of the Johns Hopkins Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response (CEPAR)

This session will cover the concept of "austere medicine," which includes the practice of medicine in the wilderness, underdeveloped nations, and disaster settings. Dr. Catlett will discuss the myths and realities of providing medical support in an austere environment. Dr. Catlett has been responsible for coordinating disaster planning and response and integrating those activities with federal, state, and local plans.

1130–1245 **LUNCH WITH VENDORS**

### SATURDAY: BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1300 – 1430; REPEAT 1500-1630

#### A. TCCC – What's In It for Me? (1.5 T/B)

**Raymond Fang, MD, FACS**

Director, US Air Force Center for Sustainment of Trauma and Readiness Skills (C-STARS) - Baltimore

**Dany Morriset, BS, NREMT-P, ATP**

Attendees will be given an overview of the Tactical Combat Critical Care (TCCC) Course, which introduces evidence-based, lifesaving techniques and strategies for providing trauma care on the battlefield. This session will give insight to the full two-day course being offered in Maryland by the Maryland Committee on Trauma in conjunction with the US Air Force's Center for the Sustainment of Trauma and Readiness Skills (C-STARS).

#### B. Mangled Extremities: Management of Complicated Orthopedic Injuries (1.5 T/A)

**George Ochenjele, MD**

Orthopedic Trauma Surgery Fellow, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center/University of Maryland

This session will explore the management of complex orthopedic injuries. We will explore field management and cases involving amputation, near amputation, crush injuries, and more.

#### C. Transporting Children Safely in Ambulances – Tools, Techniques, and Training (1.5 M/L)

**Maryland EMSC**

NHTSA released a document in 2012 with specific guidelines on the five situations frequently faced by EMS providers when transporting infants, children, and youth. In the past two years many new devices have been released—only some of which have been tested. This session will include a review of the principles, demonstration of the proper ways to secure devices to a stretcher, and the future testing needed for evidence-based practice.

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# Winterfest EMS 2016

Saturday – January 30, 2016

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## D. Rhabdomyolysis: It's Not Just for Athletes (1.5 M/A)

**Mary Alice Vanhoy, MSN, RN, CEN, CPEN, NRP, FAEN**  
*UM Shore Emergency Center*

Muscle abuse—yes, crush injuries—yes, but there are many more reasons for rhabdomyolysis. Can you list other reasons? After this, you will be able to list at least four more causes.

## E. Blood Goes Round and Round: Variations Are Not Good (1.5 T/A)

**David Timms, BS, NRP**  
**Kevin Pearl, MD**

*Talbot County Emergency Services*

Hypovolemia is the leading cause of death in the trauma patient. Early recognition of fluid loss with correct interventions can stop the deadly spiral.

## F. LVAD: What a Provider Needs to Know (1.5 M/A)

**Thomas Chiccone, MD**

*Talbot County EMS Medical Director*

A dizzying array of biotechnological advances confronts the prehospital provider every day. Few are as intimidating as LVADs. This talk will provide a universal approach to every LVAD patient encounter, and prepare the provider for this unique challenge.

1430–1500 **BREAK WITH VENDORS**

1300–1630 **DOUBLE BREAKOUT—DOES NOT REPEAT**

## G. Firefighter Down (3 T/L)

**Jim Payne**

*Captain, Baltimore City FD*

Firefighters are involved in dangerous situations on a daily basis. During this course attendees will discuss and perform various techniques that will assist in the safe removal of a downed firefighter. During the lecture and hands on practical, students will not only understand the importance of how techniques practiced in Firefighter Safety and Survival help when a “May Day” occurs, but will also learn how to treat various medical injuries that a firefighter may sustain during the incident. Students will become skilled at various techniques such as carries, drags, lifts, high point angle lifts, and below grade lifts.

1630 **CONFERENCE ENDS FOR THE DAY**

**Join Us Back at Harrison's for  
Dinner Services Starting at 1800**



Sunday – January 31, 2016

0830–0845 **Registration**

0845–0900 **Welcome**

0900–1015 **Case Studies in Burn Management (1.5 T/A)**

**Carrie Cox, MS, RN**

*Johns Hopkins Burn Center*

Burns and their associated injuries present the EMS provider with challenges. Using case studies, we will explore the management of the burn patient across the continuum of care.

1015–1030 **BREAK**

1030–1145 **2016: What's New in the Care Of Newly Born Infants (1.5 M/A)**  
**Maryland EMSC**

Babies are born every day—approximately 4 million a year nationwide and about 11% are premature. Most often, mother nature's plan works smoothly, but 10% of the time the baby will need some support during delivery and in the first few minutes and 1% will require neonatal resuscitation. The 2016 changes in the MIEMSS Protocols refocus the EMS care on the 90% that go well—what to do and what not to do and how to be gentle and patient. This presentation will also include key assessment findings to identify those few times intervention is needed (the when, how, and timing of ABCs for newly born infants).

1145–1245 **LUNCH**

1300–1415 **Mobile Integrated Healthcare: A Team Approach (1.5 M/B)**

**Queen Anne's Emergency Services**

*Queen Anne's Health Department*

The intersection of health care, public health, and public safety is a new health care delivery model. There are many models, but on the Eastern Shore, the Queen Anne's County team has developed an integrated program to help those in the community.

1415–1430 **BREAK**

1430–1545 **Ophthalmology in the EMS Setting (1.5 T/A)**

**Chimene Richa, MD**

*University of Maryland Medical System*

This course reviews the basic bedside eye exam and concerning findings that indicate emergent disease. The ocular exam can indicate more severe disease processes, requiring higher levels of care or transport to specialty centers. For example, abnormal pupils and/or eye muscle movement difficulties can indicate intracranial pathology, such as a stroke. Globe rupture, orbital fracture, and ocular foreign body management will also be covered, as well as discussion of other ocular emergencies and their emergent management.

1545 **Program Evaluation**

**DRIVE CAREFULLY – THANKS FOR COMING – SEE YOU NEXT YEAR**



# Winterfest EMS 2016

## **Location:**

Winterfest EMS will be held on Tilghman Island with headquarters at Harrison's Chesapeake House. The weekend conference will be held at the Tilghman Elementary School, located at 21374 Foster Road.

## **Payment and Cancellation Policy:**

Preregistration is required. We will be accepting registrations until January 15, 2016, or until the conference is filled—which ever comes first. Walk-in registrations will not be allowed. In the event that payment is not readily available from the registrant's department, registration forms may be submitted with a letter of intent to pay on department letterhead. Otherwise payment of all fees must be included with preregistration. To qualify for the early registration discount, payment must be submitted with registration by January 1, 2016. All students must be paid in full prior to Winterfest, January 30, 2016. There is a \$25 fee for returned checks. Any student with an outstanding balance from any previous Winterfest will not be allowed to participate until their account is paid in full. All requests for cancellations must be made in writing to:

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

Refunds, excluding a \$10 processing fee, will be mailed for cancellations received before January 15, 2016. Cancellation after January 15, 2016, will result in forfeiture of your entire registration fee. Speakers and topics are subject to change.

## **Accommodations:**

### **WINTERFEST EMS WILL NOT BE TAKING ANY RESERVATIONS.**

All reservations must be made by the student. Please contact any hotel directly to reserve and pay for your room. Ask for the **Winterfest** rate from the suggested local lodging:

Harrison's Chesapeake House, (410) 886-2121  
Tilghman Island Inn, (410) 886-2141  
Lowe's Wharf, (410) 745-6684

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

Breakfast will be served starting at 6:30 Saturday and 7:00 Sunday; Gratuity not included.

## **Weather Cancellation:**

The Conference Planning Committee will make a decision about cancellation of Winterfest EMS due to severe weather by 12 Noon on January 27. Call Talbot County DES at (410) 820-8311 for details. Written requests for refunds will be accepted within 30 days of cancellation.

## **Information:**

For additional information or registration confirmations, call TCDES at (410) 820-8311, email us at [winterfest@talbotdes.org](mailto:winterfest@talbotdes.org), or contact us through Facebook. 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 will be on the left on Chesapeake House Drive, just past the school.

### **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.

### **To the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (Children with Special Health Care Needs Preconference Location):**

213 North Talbot Street, Saint Michaels, MD 21663

Follow directions above to St. Michaels Road, Route 33. Once on St. Michaels Road, travel approximately 9.5 miles in to Saint Michaels. Turn right in to the entrance for the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and follow signs to Museum parking. The class will be held in the Van Lennep Auditorium in the Steamboat Building.



# Winterfest EMS 2016

## Winterfest EMS 2016 Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification/Licensure (Circle): EMR EMD EMT CRT Paramedic LPN RN NP PA MD

### NEW FOR 2016 – EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

Save \$15 on the 2-Day registration fee.

Registration and payment must be received by January 1, 2016, to receive discount.

#### PRECONFERENCES

(Select Only One):

- \_\_\_\_\_ EMT Skills Refresher \$70
- \_\_\_\_\_ Children With Special Health Care Needs \$40

#### CONFERENCE FEES:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, \$85.00 (choose breakout(s) below)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, \$85.00 (general session only)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Both Days, \$150.00 (choose breakout(s) below)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Early Registration, \$135.00  
2-Day Conference only  
(choose breakout(s) below)

#### SATURDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS (choose one for each session OR double breakout):

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

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

Rates are per person and DO NOT include gratuity.

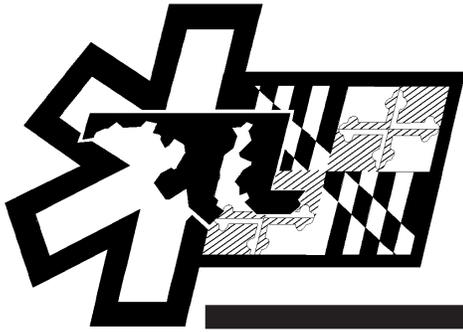
- \_\_\_ Friday Night Dinner Only, \$35
- \_\_\_ Saturday Night Dinner Only, \$35
- \_\_\_ Friday and Saturday, \$65 (rate only available for 2-night package)



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

Make checks payable to **Winterfest EMS**. Reservations are due by **January 15, 2016**. 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. Call or email us with any questions or confirmation requests (410) 820-8311 or [winterfest@talbotdes.org](mailto:winterfest@talbotdes.org)

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# 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 or email [awards@miemss.org](mailto:awards@miemss.org).

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, 2015, through December 31, 2015. 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, and 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 LIFETIME EXCELLENCE IN EMS**

This award is given to an individual who has devoted a lifetime of dedication to excellence in patient care, compassion and respect for each patient, and commitment to continuous improvement of the Maryland EMS system through his/her professional and personal life.

## **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.

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# MARYLAND'S STARS OF LIFE AWARDS 2016 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 a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form.*

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

If applicable, please submit additional documentation such as newspaper articles, video footage, audio recordings, 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 FRIDAY April 1, 2016**

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FAX to: 410-706-3485 (attn: Jim Brown) or scan and email to [awards@miemss.org](mailto:awards@miemss.org)

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# The Right Care When It Counts Maryland EMSC 2016 Program



The Maryland EMS for Children program is In Search Of children and youth in Maryland who have demonstrated Steps to Take in an Emergency or Ways to be Better Prepared for an emergency. Actions taking place January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, 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 2016. Questions? Email [awards@miemss.org](mailto:awards@miemss.org)

**Children and youth who have met one or more of the following criteria are eligible for Right Care Awards:**

1. Activates the Emergency Response System by calling 9-1-1 in an emergency
2. Calls the Poison Control Center in an emergency (1-800-222-1222)
3. Provides family emergency phone numbers, address, and contacts to emergency responders
4. Knows and practices an emergency plan at home
5. Applies knowledge learned in a first aid class
6. Performs CPR and/or uses an AED effectively
7. Knows his or her medical history (allergies, medications, special needs, etc.) and shares this information with emergency care providers
8. Participates in fire and injury prevention education in the community
9. Prepares, with his or her family, to respond to a disaster
10. Provides emergency assistance in the community

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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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