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Home Fire Prevention Techniques Courtesy of The State Fire Marshal



As winter descends and the temperatures get colder, many Marylanders are looking for ways to stay warm. State Fire Marshal Brian S. Geraci offers Marylanders a valuable fire prevention safety checklist to help stop fires before they occur inside the home. Address any items on this list promptly to ensure your family's safety during the upcoming winter months.

- Install and maintain smoke alarms on every level of your home. Test and vacuum monthly. Change batteries every year. Replace smoke alarms every ten years.
- Keep bedroom doors closed when sleeping. If a fire occurs elsewhere in the home, the closed door will provide additional time to escape by blocking heat, smoke, and toxic gases.
- If smoking materials are used, use a deep ashtray and smoke outdoors. Always ensure smoking materials are completely extinguished when finished.
- Keep all matches and lighters out of reach of children. Instruct children to alert an adult if they locate matches or lighters and not to touch them.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas. Extinguish candles when you leave a room. Keep children and pets away from burning candles. Consider using

battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell, and feel like the real thing.

- Replace frayed, cracked, or otherwise damaged electrical cords.
- Limit use of extension cords and don't overload electrical circuits.
- Never run electrical cords under carpet or rugs.
- Keep the stovetop clean and remove any combustible items on or near the stove area.
- Never leave cooking food unattended. Turn off the stove if you need to leave the room.
- Have chimneys cleaned and inspected before use.
- Never use an accelerant in a fireplace or woodstove.
- Burn only seasoned, dry wood to help prevent creosote build-up in chimneys and woodstoves.
- Keep combustibles three feet away from all heating appliances, woodstoves, and fireplaces.
- Portable space heaters must be plugged directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord or multiple plug power strips, as they may overheat and cause a fire.
- Have your furnace checked and cleaned for proper operation.
- Check the clothes dryer exhaust duct and ensure lint build-up is removed. Replace the duct with non-combustible ducting where applicable.
- Vacuum bathroom exhaust fans to eliminate dust build-up on the motor and fan blades.
- Keep flammable liquids in tightly sealed containers and store away from sources of heat.
- Plan and practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year. Know two ways out of every room. Have a predetermined meeting location outside. Get out and stay out!

- If a fire occurs inside your home, close doors as you escape, if safe to do so, to help contain the fire.

A law became effective on July 1, 2013, involving "battery only" smoke alarms used in Maryland residential properties. When these "battery only" smoke alarms have reached their 10-year life span, they need to be replaced with new, long-life sealed lithium

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Fire Rescue Organizational Guidance Seminar Held in Ocean City

The Maryland Fire Chiefs Association and the Maryland State Firemen's Association Recruitment and Retention Committee recently sponsored a Fire Rescue Organizational Guidance (FROG) seminar in Ocean City. Students from around the state attended this well-received two-day course.

Seminar participants worked together to develop solutions to common leadership challenges through scenario role play and discussions. Topics included analyzing and understanding fire department personnel, processes, and culture. Participants were able to customize practical guidelines that could be implemented at their home stations.

Information on 2017 seminars occurring across Maryland will be announced soon.



New MIEMSS Licensure System Update

We continue to encourage all providers and administrators to access the system to assure their contact information is correct if they have not already done so, or whenever there is a change in their status (eg, new mail delivery address, new email address, name changes). Email notification from the MIEMSS Licensure System is the primary method of contact; therefore, all providers and administrators must assure that this demographic item in particular is updated as necessary.

A great deal of activity has taken place since the new MIEMSS Licensure System has been open to providers and administrators. Nearly all system applications are now available to providers and administrators, including:

- Initial provider application (for new providers/students or for current providers to upgrade provider level)
- Renewal application for current providers
- Change of information (eg, address)
- Extension request
- Reciprocity application for providers new to Maryland
- Reinstatement application for lapsed providers
- Request to surrender licensure or certification
- Replacement card request
- Course request application for administrators

MIEMSS is in the process of enabling access to service/affiliation personnel records to designated administrators. Once that process is complete, Affiliation Request applications will be available on the MIEMSS Licensure System. We project the process to be completed and the application to be available to current and new providers by the end of January 2017. Additional applications that will be available soon are ePINS Request and Affiliation Drop Request.

The MIEMSS Licensure System can be accessed by visiting clicking on the Provider Login button on the www.miemss.org homepage or directly at www.miemsslicense.com. Should you need additional assistance or have any questions, please contact Licensure Support at 410-706-7381 or Licensure-Support@miemss.org.



Fire service leaders gathered on December 10 and 11, 2016, to discuss challenges and learn how to implement leadership guidelines at this year's FROG seminar in Ocean City. Photos courtesy of Joseph Chornock.



SAVE THE DATE!

15th Annual Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar

Date: March 10–11, 2017

Location: Rocky Gap Casino Resort,
Flintstone, Md.

*Look for the brochure and website
coming soon!*

2017 EMS Education Symposium: “Education From a New Perspective”

This year’s EMS education symposium will be held at the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Service’s Training Academy, 2200 Scott Wheeler Drive in Marriottsville, on Thursday, January 12, 2017, from 8:00 AM until 3:30 PM. The keynote speaker will be David Page, Director of Prehospital Care Research at UCLA and a paramedic with Allina Health EMS, who will be discussing the use of fun and engaging activities that enhance the learning experience in a flipped classroom (in which some lecture material is read or viewed by the student at home, prior to meeting in the classroom). Peter Fiackos, MIEMSS’ Education Manager, will discuss the application of instructional design concepts to current quality assurance trends observed around the state. This will lead into a group learning event that will encourage the sharing and application of ideas and experience.

Registration is now available on MIEMSS’ Licensure System; enrollment is limited to the first 100 participants and closes on January 10, 2017. Go to www.miemsslicense.com and sign into your account. Select the training tab and the symposium will be listed as a conference. Select it and then click the register button.

2017 Police, Fire and EMS, and Military Polar Bear Plunge



Be a part of the 21st Annual Maryland State Police (MSP) Polar Bear Plunge where, for just \$75 in pledges, plungers take a quick dip in the Chesapeake Bay to raise funds for Special Olympics Maryland, the state’s largest year-round organization devoted to sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The MSP Polar Bear Plunge supports 7,311 athletes around Maryland through its fundraising efforts.

Police, fire and EMS, and military personnel are invited to participate in a special Plunge on Friday, January 27, 2017, a day earlier than the public Plunge. The event will be held at Sandy Point State Park, 1100 E. College Parkway in Annapolis. Registration opens at 11:00 am, and the Plunge begins at 12:00 pm. Please go to www.plungemd-fireems.com to register.

A Message From the State Fire Marshal

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is pleased to share with you our newer, better way to collect data concerning burn injuries, fire fatalities, arson tips, smoke alarm/fire sprinkler activations, and fire safety inspection requests.

We have created our very own blog (mdosfm.wixsite.com/blog) to help expedite the electronic collection of data, and provide a secure and easy-to-use format to generate spreadsheets within the system automatically. We ask that you discontinue your current adopted practice for sharing this important information and begin using the new, secure blog site.

Please feel free to review the site, bookmark the blog page, and share this information with anyone else who would fill out these fire/burn reports.

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battery smoke alarms with silence/hush button features. The silence/hush button feature temporarily disables the alarm so the occupant can ventilate the space from mild smoke conditions typically created during some cooking operations. The use of these alarms eliminates the need to replace the batteries during the 10-year life of the alarm.

If your property is protected with 120-volt electric smoke alarms, they also should be replaced every 10 years with new 120-volt smoke alarms with battery back-up to ensure proper and timely operation in the event of a fire.

2017 EMS and Prevention Educational Conferences

Winterfest EMS Conference 2017

January 27–30, 2017

Tilghman Island, Maryland

Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar

March 10, 2017 (Pre-conference)

March 11, 2017 (Full Conference)

Rocky Gap Conference Center
Flintstone, Maryland

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar

March 25, 2017

MFRI Headquarters
College Park, Maryland

EMS Care 2017

April 26–30, 2017

Ocean City, Maryland

Point/Counterpoint 2017

May 11–12, 2017

Baltimore, Maryland

Emergency Services Support the Third Annual Across the Bay 10K

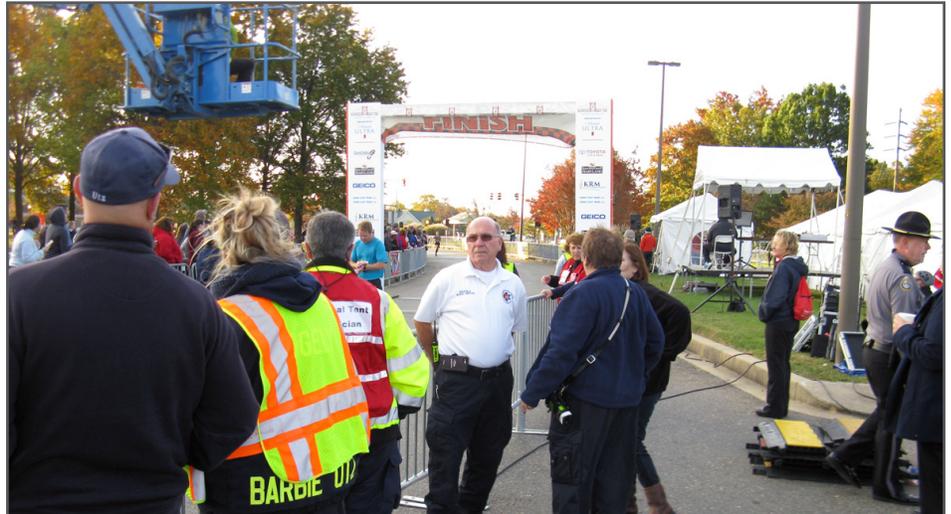
On Sunday, November 6, 2016, nearly 21,000 participants crossed the Chesapeake Bay Bridge for the third annual Across the Bay 10K race. There were multiple agencies and organizations that made this a safe and successful event. EMS professionals from eight counties were on hand to support the event. The primary agencies providing assistance were Anne Arundel Fire Department, Caroline County Department of Emergency Services (DES), Cecil County DES, Charles County DES, Queen Anne's County (QAC) DES, Talbot County DES, Ocean Pines VFD, Queenstown VFD, Kent Island VFD, Sudlersville VFC, and Crumpton VFD.

The QAC DES led the coordination of the medical component of the race. They were supported by QAC Public Schools, QAC Department of Social Services, QAC Department of Health, Anne Arundel Medical Center, Shore Health – University of Maryland Shore Regional Health, and Anne Arundel Alarmers Food Services. State support was furnished by representatives from both MIEMSS and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency. Law enforcement staffing included the Maryland State Police, Maryland Transportation Authority Police, QAC Office of the Sheriff, and Anne Arundel County Police. There were multiple representatives from various federal agencies as well.

MIEMSS Welcomes New Staff

We have got a lot of personnel updates at MIEMSS, including a cadre of terrific new employees!

We would like to congratulate the new Director of the State of Office of Commercial Ambulance Licensing and Regulation (SOCALR), former Region III Administrator Lisa Chervon. Licensing Specialist Brittany Spies is new to SOCALR. She is a CRT, and former EMT-I, with nine years of experience and currently volunteers at the Community Fire Company of Perryville. Ambulance Inspector Steven Hoffman has also joined the SOCALR team. Steve is a full-time firefighter/paramedic in Howard County with more than 15 years' experience. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Medical Services and a Master's Degree in Policy Sciences from the University of Maryland Baltimore County, where he also teaches EMT



Public safety and EMS personnel stand by and ready to assist at the finish line at the third annual Across the Bay race (top). Assistant Chief Scott Wheatley of the Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services debriefs the emergency response team members following this year's event (bottom). Photos courtesy of Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services.

class. SOCALR's Administrative Aide Kelly Hawkins also recently came on board. Kelly has a background in paralegal work and is an experienced aide.

We are also pleased to announce that former Region V Administrator Jonathan Bratt is now the Director of Regional Programs.

Several new staff members have joined Regional Programs. Region II Administrator Andrew Naumann, NRP, hails from Wicomico County, but has also served in various emergency management capacities in western states as well as Ohio and Indiana. Since 2007 he has served as an Emergency Management and CBRN Specialist (dealing with weapons of mass destruction) in the Air National

Guard. Region V Associate Administrator David Goroff is also new to MIEMSS. David recently held a position at Booz Allen Hamilton, working on public safety emergency communications projects for the Department of Homeland Security. He has been an EMS provider for more than six years and has a Master's Degree in Emergency Management from George Washington University.

Former Region II Administrator David Stamey is now in that position for Region V and acting Region III Administrator Jeffery Huggins has moved into the position vacated by Lisa Chervon.

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Upcoming Pediatric Education Opportunities



January 27, 2017 (8 AM to 5 PM)

PEPP-3 Hybrid Course

EMSC Preconference at Winterfest Conference 2017 on Tilghman Island
REGISTRATION through Winterfest Conference:
<http://bit.ly/2gEX63m>

February 18, 2017 (8 AM to 5 PM)

PEPP-3 Hybrid Course

EMS continuing education approved by MIEMSS
Location: Lexington Park VRS, Md.
REGISTRATION ONLINE: <http://bit.ly/2hgnxwU>

March 10, 2017 (8 AM to 5 PM)

Pediatric Vascular Access Course

EMS and RN continuing education approved
EMSC Preconference at Miltenberger Conference 2017 at Allegany College of Maryland
REGISTRATION will be through the conference; watch for conference brochure coming soon
For more information, email pepp@miemss.org

MIEMSS Welcomes New Staff

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Olufela A. Ayodele has been hired as the newest computer network specialist for Communications Engineering Services. Olufela has over seven years' experience and is a Certified Network Engineer and has an Industry Certification in Cisco. He is currently working toward becoming a Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert.

In other departments, Data Processing Programmer Analyst Teferra Alemayehu has joined MIEMSS and Dr. Jennifer F. Anders has been appointed as a new Associate State Medical Director for Pediatrics and is a member of the Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC), serving as the representative of the Maryland Academy of Pediatrics, Maryland Chapter.

It is also our pleasure to announce the return of EMS Education Manager Pete Fiackos to the Licensure and Certification Department.



Number of EMS Operational Programs participating: The final phase, Phase 7, was implemented on December 1, 2016. CARES is now statewide!

Total number of runsheets exported to CARES from January 1 to September 30, 2016: 2,311

This Month's CARES Tip

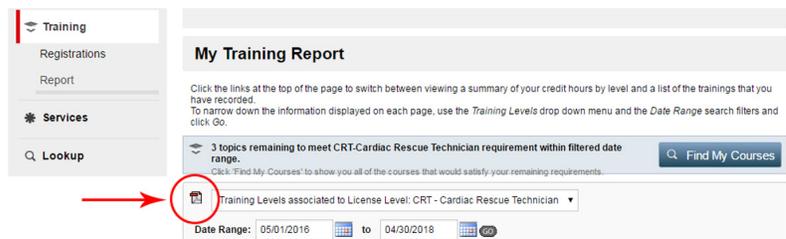
If a cardiac arrest occurs before the arrival of EMS, it is considered to be witnessed if it was either **seen or heard** by a layperson. If the layperson hears a "thud" coming from another room, goes immediately into that room, and sees that the patient is unresponsive/unconscious, then the arrest should be considered witnessed. If the arrest occurs after the arrival of EMS, a first responder or provider must be at the patient's side for the arrest to be considered witnessed. If the arrest was neither seen nor heard, it is considered unwitnessed.

If you are the provider filling out the Cardiac Arrest-CARES tab on the PCR, please check with any first responders/providers who were on the scene to see if the arrest was indeed witnessed and who it was witnessed by, so that you can fill out the data element "Arrest Witnessed? (CARES-19)" accordingly.



Q: I am due to renew my certification, but I cannot recall if I have completed all the required continuing education. How can I find out?

A: The best way to keep track of your certification and your continuing education on file at MIEMSS is to access the MIEMSS Licensure System. You may do so through the MIEMSS homepage and clicking the Provider Login button, or directly at www.miemsslicense.com. After logging in, select the Training button, and then select Report. The system will default to your provider level and current certification cycle date range. The courses taken during that cycle will be displayed by selecting the PDF icon (next to your provider level—see below).



You can change the record displayed by changing the date ranges and the level to All Training Levels. You can also print the PDF document. If you have questions about your certification or continuing education, please contact the Office of Licensure and Certification at 800-762-7157.

Staged Incident Demonstrates Importance of Move Over Law

On December 1, 2016, more than 15 agencies and 150 personnel from across Maryland gathered on a section of Dorsey Run Road in Howard County to stage a mock incident as a training exercise. The simulation included an overturned tractor trailer leaking hazardous materials.

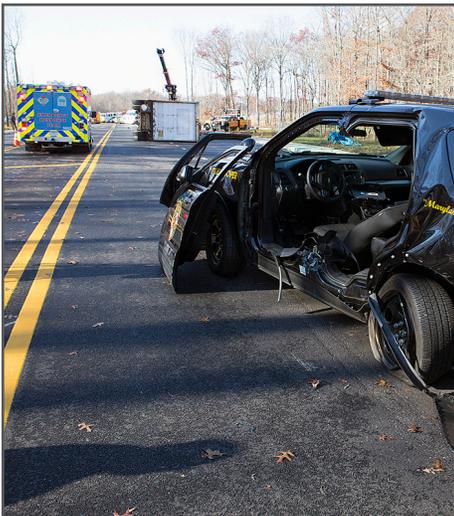
On Maryland highways, it takes police or state highway personnel an average of 12 minutes to arrive at an incident and approximately 23 minutes to reopen the travel lanes. Keeping traffic moving and quickly clearing incidents is dangerous for highway personnel, police, fire and rescue,

and hazmat crews. Dozens of first responders are injured on highways every year. “The men and women of the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) work every day to clear incidents from some of the busiest roads in the country. Even with the Move Over law in place, first responders continue to be struck by drivers not paying attention,” said SHA Administrator Gregory Johnson, PE. “We must all give full attention to driving. Anything less can literally be a life or death decision.”

The mock incident on Dorsey Road highlighted the importance of attentive driving and the Move Over law. “The clear purpose behind Maryland’s Move Over law is to save the lives of our police officers, emergency service providers, and our tow service operators while working the scene of an incident,” said Captain Dan Pickett, Troop Commander for the Maryland State Police Washington Metro Troop. “If moving to another lane is not possible, the law requires drivers to slow down to a reasonable speed. This law provides an extra barrier of safety necessary for all emergency personnel to focus on assisting people at the scene.”

In the event your vehicle become disabled or you are involved in a crash:

- Move your vehicle as far off the road as possible.
- Call #77 on Maryland interstates to reach the nearest State Police barrack, or 9-1-1 in the event of a crash that involves any injury.
- If your vehicle is disabled, stay in the vehicle and remain buckled once you are safely off the road.
- Do not under, any circumstances, become a pedestrian and put yourself in danger.
- Always place children in the proper child safety seats.
- As a reminder, always *Move Over* into the next lane or slow down when passing emergency responders and tow trucks on the shoulder. It is Maryland law.



Top photo: Chief John Butler of the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, along with representatives from the State Highway Administration and the law enforcement community, address those gathered for the Move Over demonstration. Bottom photos: the mock crash staged a collision among a passenger vehicle, state trooper vehicle, and a tractor trailer. Drivers are reminded to move over and slow down for all emergency personnel on Maryland roads!

Safe Holiday Decorating

According to Project Holiday from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), more than 800 fires a year begin with decorations and another 200 start with holiday trees.

Be fire smart as you deck the halls for a festive holiday season with these NFPA tips:

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Use indoor and outdoor lights appropriately. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for the maximum number of light strands you can connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights, so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

Following these holiday tree safety tips, courtesy of www.fireadvocates.org, can help keep your festivities safe and enjoyable:

- When you purchase a live tree, make sure it is fresh. Needles should be green and springy to the touch.
- Cut 1 to 2 inches off the bottom of the trunk before placing the tree in the stand. A fresh cut allows the tree to absorb water. Place the tree in water right away.
- Fill the tree stand with water every day.
- Make sure the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat source, like floor vents, fireplaces, radiators, candles, or lamps.
- Make sure your tree is not blocking an exit.
- Always turn the tree lights off or unplug them before going to bed or leaving your home.
- Use lights that are approved by a national testing organization like UL.
- Remove your tree immediately after the holidays, even if you think it is not dry.

**The Maryland State Firemen's Association
and the
Maryland Department of Transportation
remind you to...**

**Make Sure
We All Go Home!**

Don't become another "struck-by" statistic.

- Never turn your back on traffic!
- Be seen – wear your high-visibility clothing!
- Distance is your friend – always keep sufficient space between vehicles while responding to and after arriving on the scene.

Be sure all of your responders get the Traffic Incident Management Responder Training.



This safety message brought to you by The Maryland State Firemen's Association – Safety Committee and the Maryland Department of Transportation.

**ROADWAY EMERGENCIES ARE A
DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT**



**MSFA
FREE PHYSICALS
FOR NEW
VOLUNTEERS**

FREE OF CHARGE - Firefighter physicals for **NEW** members (those who've joined your department within the past year) – Physicals do not apply for members who have been in the department for more than 1 year.

The free physicals are offered to only those counties or cities that currently **DO NOT** offer free physicals.

Take advantage of offer and remember:

- A physically fit-for-duty firefighter could save not only the patient, but your crew as well.

Visit MSFA.org or mdvolunteer.org or contact

Elaine Custead: e_custead@msn.com or

Captain John Fisher at 443-880-4394

for more information



Winterfest EMS 2017

January 26 – 29, 2017

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 26 at 5:30 pm & January 27 at 8:00 am

Location: Tilghman Island Fire Department

Fee: \$75 (Registration is required.)

For EMTs; complete all your recertification needs with us at WINTERFEST EMS 2017. The 12-hour skills class is available as a preconference; followed by 12 hours of continuing education at the two-day conference, you can meet the recertification requirements. **Space is limited. Register early!**

Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals 3rd Edition (PEPP-3) Hybrid Course (ALS & BLS)

Date: January 27 at 8:00 am

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

Fee: \$50 (Registration is required.)

The PEPP-3 Hybrid Course is designed by the American Academy of Pediatrics specifically for both ALS and BLS providers with a focus on assessment and management of ill or injured children. PEPP features case-based lectures, live-action video, hands-on skills stations, and small group scenarios. Additional scenarios and special equipment has been added by Maryland EMS for Children faculty to correlate with EMS Scope of Practice in Maryland. **Participants will complete 6.5 hours of online learning prior to attending the one-day, on-site portion.** Participants will qualify to receive an AAP course completion card by participating in both the online and on-site portions of the course and successfully completing a written test.

Required – Online learning must be completed prior to attending the course. Textbook will be mailed with online access code after payment has been received.

Winterfest EMS 2017

Saturday – January 28, 2017

EMS and Nursing (Pending*) CEUs Available

0730–0800	Registration	1300–1430	Motor Vehicles + Children = Car Seats Required (1.5 T) Maryland Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) We know that seat belts and car seats save lives when used appropriately, and that children are at the highest risk for death and permanent disability when they are unrestrained in motor vehicles. In fact, one-third of the pediatric deaths from MVCs occur when children are unrestrained. There are predictable injury patterns when children are ejected, car seats are misused, booster seats are forgotten and seat belts don't fit. The Maryland EMSC faculty will present the data, the cases, and the treatment priorities in caring for infants, children, and teens.
0800–0830	Welcome	1430–1500	BREAK
0830–1000	How Can You Laugh at That? A Closer Look at the Use of Humor in Emergency Care (1.5 M) Terry Foster, RN, MSN, FAEN, CCRN, CPEN, TCRN, CEN (Have you seen him on Untold Stories of the ER?)  This fun and enlightening talk will focus on the very "different" sense of humor shared by emergency services providers. Often used as a coping mechanism, this speaker will explain the appropriate uses of our type of humor. Our humor invokes a positive attitude and unites us, no matter what your area or era.	1500–1630	Thoracic Trauma: Pearls and Pitfalls (1.5 T) Brandon Bruns, MD <i>R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center</i> Trauma care is a continuum. Management strategies begin with prehospital management and continue in the trauma center. This care is evolving due to new prehospital and operative techniques, some of which are controversial. This seminar will look at where we are and where we are going.
1000–1030	BREAK WITH VENDORS		
1030–1200	What's New in Cardiac Care? (1.5 M) Jeffrey Etherton, MD, FACC <i>UM Community Medical Group – Cardiology</i> Cardiac care is rapidly changing and it starts with early recognition. Emergency services is a portal to health care. What are some of the new changes and what impact do they have in our approach to patient care?		
1200–1300	LUNCH WITH VENDORS		

* This activity has been submitted to Maryland Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. Maryland Nurses Association is an approved provider of continuing nursing education, which is an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation..

1630 **CONFERENCE ENDS FOR THE DAY**

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



Winterfest EMS 2017

Sunday – January 29, 2017

0845–0900 Opening (Location: GYM)

0900–1015 **Opioids: Local, State, and National Emergency (1.5 M)**

Maryland Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford (Invited)
Tom Chiccone, MD, Region IV EMS Medical Director
Joe Gamble, Sheriff, Talbot County Sheriff Dept.
Other content experts invited

The abuse and addiction to opioids such as heroin, morphine, and prescription pain relievers is a dangerous and life-threatening problem that affects everyone—abuser, family, emergency services, and the community. A panel will address patient care and behavioral health issues and the impact on the family and community.

1015–1030 **BREAK**

1030–1200 **Your Patient is also Pregnant – Now What?! (1.5 T)**

Lynn Gerber Smith, RN, MS

This was going to be just another medical or trauma patient, but upon arrival you discover your patient is pregnant. Utilizing case studies, we will explore the assessment and care of the pregnant patient.

1300–1430 **What's Hot and What's Not – Pediatric Burns (1.5 T)**

Dylan Stewart, MD, FACS

Pediatric Trauma Program Director
Pediatric Burn Program Director
The Johns Hopkins Hospital

Airway management, initial fluid resuscitation, pain management, and temperature control are all key in EMS assessment and transport. When we focus on the mechanism of the burn injury and assess any associated trauma, establish and maintain a patent airway, and initiate fluid resuscitation, our patients stand a good chance of surviving. EMS providers also need to include good initial burn wound management and aggressive pain management as part of their care.

1430–1600 **The Bizarre and the Spectacular: Unique Cases in Emergency Care (1.5 M)**

Terry Foster, RN, MSN, FAEN, CCRN, CPEN, TCRN, CEN

Some of the most unique cases that have been seen in emergency services will be presented, including unusual types of patient history, mechanism of injury, clinical presentation, and other “contributing factors” that make an interesting case.

1600 **Closing**

1200–1300 **LUNCH**

Sunday Fire Class Option

0900–1545 **Water Awareness, Survival, and Rescue for First Responders (6 L)** - This course literally immerses the students in practical exercises that are designed to enhance their safety, survival, and rescue capabilities in the aquatic environment. A variety of scenario-based evolutions are performed in a controlled water environment that challenge the students to put newly-learned techniques and tactics into practice. This training is designed to be presented in a blended format that includes brief lecture, demonstration, and hands-on elements. In-water training will be conducted in a controlled environment (swimming pool) with a ratio of instructors/safety personnel to students that maximizes participant safety and enhances the training/educational experience.

Student Requirements and Equipment:

- Basic swimming skills preferred but not required – student should be able to float or tread water for brief periods.
- Bathing attire (bathing suit, board shorts, rash guard)
- Towel
- Change of dry clothes

Nursing CEUs not available for this session.

Location: MEBA Engineering School, 27050 St. Michael's Road, Easton, Md. (Shuttle available)



Winterfest EMS 2017

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 registration until January 13, 2017, or until the conference is filled—whichever 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. All students must be paid in full prior to January 28, 2017. 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 13, 2017. Cancellation after January 13, 2017, 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 25. 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 confirmation, call TCDES at (410) 820-8311, email us at 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 (PEPP-3 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 2017

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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

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2-Day Registration Fee is \$125!

Preconferences

(Select Only One):

_____ EMT Skills Refresher \$75

_____ Pediatric Preconference \$50

EMS and Nursing Conference Fees:

_____ Saturday, \$85.00 (general session only)

_____ Sunday, \$85.00 (choose track below)

_____ Both days, \$125.00 (choose Sunday track below)

If attending Sunday, select one track:

_____ General Session

_____ Fire (Location: MEBA Engineering School,
27050 St. Michaels Road, Easton, Md. 21601;

Shuttle will be available from Tilghman Elementary School)

If a selection is not made, attendees will be signed up for general sessions.

Dinner at Harrison's Chesapeake House, Tilghman Island, Md.

Rates are per person and DO NOT include gratuity.

_____ Friday Night Dinner Only, \$35 (Oyster Buffet OR Menu Item)

_____ Saturday Night Dinner Only, \$35 (Menu Item Only, No Buffet Available)

_____ 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 13, 2017**. 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 at (410) 820-8311 or winterfest@talbotdes.org.

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