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Maryland BLS Pass Rates for NREMT Testing Surpasses National Average

MIEMSS is pleased to share some very encouraging news about NREMT testing for prospective Basic Life Support (BLS) providers in Maryland. Maryland adopted the EMS Agenda for the Future in 2012. As part of the Agenda, and to meet national education standards, MIEMSS began utilizing the NREMT cognitive exam for EMR and EMT state certification in 2014. Since adoption of NREMT testing for BLS providers, there have been significant efforts to ensure that individuals seeking EMS certification in BLS in Maryland are well-prepared and able to pass the national testing that leads to Maryland certification.

In 2015, the EMS Board convened a subcommittee of Board members, the Maryland State Firemen's Association, the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, other educators, and stakeholders, and charged the group with examining ways to improve testing and pass rates for Maryland students. Over an 18-month period, the subcommittee worked to identify areas and methods for improvement, implement needed changes, and monitor results. These efforts included providing financial support for NREMT test attempts, developing and disseminating a test preparation course, opening more test sites within Maryland, and working closely

with EMS educational programs. Students have also devoted significant efforts in order to be well-prepared for NREMT testing. Their determination and diligence has had impressive results: Maryland's NREMT BLS pass rate averages are now well above the national NREMT BLS pass rate averages, a direct result of this hard work and initiative. MIEMSS congratulates all those who have contributed to this success!



Alert from the Maryland Poison Center: Potent Synthetic Opioids

The Maryland Poison Center would like to alert all EMS providers to the possibility of potent synthetic opioids being involved in overdoses, after recently receiving two unconfirmed reports of U-47700 (a.k.a. "pink") exposures that occurred on Maryland's Eastern Shore. U-47700 is a synthetic opioid that is 7.5 times more potent than morphine. In addition, on the morning of January 27, 2017, EMS responded to seven drug overdoses in or near Westminster, Maryland. As a result, the Carroll County Health Department issued a "Community Overdose Alert." A synthetic opioid is suspected to be involved, but has not been confirmed.

Several synthetic opioids that are more potent than heroin (eg, fentanyl, furanyl fentanyl, carfentanil, parafluorobutyrfentanyl, U-47700) are being blamed for an increasing number of overdoses and deaths throughout the United States and in Maryland.^{1,2} They are being added to or sold as heroin or cocaine, or sold on the internet disguised as "research chemicals." These potent drugs have also been found in counterfeit tablets that look like prescription opioids or benzodiazepines.³ Clinical effects (ie, CNS and respiratory depression and miosis) are indistinguishable from other more "traditional" opioid intoxications (eg, oxycodone, methadone, and heroin); however, their high potency increases the likelihood of overdoses and serious adverse effects in users as well as first responders who are inadvertently exposed. Management of exposures includes supportive care and airway management if clinically indicated. Naloxone is expected to reverse the effects; it is unknown whether large doses (greater than 2 mg) are required to reverse respiratory depression. Typical urine drug screens do not test for illicit synthetic opioids.

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Upcoming Pediatric Education Opportunities

- March 25, 2017**
(8:30 AM to 3:30 PM)
Public Educator and Life Safety Seminar
EMS continuing education approved by MIEMSS
 Location: MFRI Headquarters, College Park, Maryland
 REGISTRATION: Available on-site, if space available
- April 27, 2017 (8 AM to 5 PM)**
When the Stork Dials 9-1-1 Workshop
Thursday Preconference at EMS Care Conference
EMS continuing education approved by MIEMSS
 Location: Ocean City, Maryland
 REGISTRATION: Available through the EMS Care Conference at bit.ly/EMSCare2017
- April 27–28, 2017 (8 AM to 5 PM)**
PALS Course (Taught by UMMS Upper Chesapeake Medical Center)
Two-Day Preconference at EMS Care Conference
EMS continuing education approved by MIEMSS
 Location: Ocean City, Maryland
 REGISTRATION: Available through the EMS Care Conference at bit.ly/EMSCare2017
- May 3, 2017 (time TBD)**
The S.T.A.B.L.E. Program
Wednesday Preconference at ENA by the Bay Conference
EMS continuing education approved by MIEMSS
 Location: Linthicum, Maryland
 REGISTRATION: Available soon through the ENA by the Bay Conference at www.mdna.org

For more information, email pepp@miemss.org

2017 EMS and Prevention Educational Conferences and Events

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| <p>April 23, 2017
 Statewide Volunteer Recruitment Day Open House
 Location: Statewide
 Information: www.mdvolunteer.org</p> <p>April 26–30, 2017
 Maryland EMS Care Conference
 Location: Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, Ocean City, Maryland
 REGISTRATION: bit.ly/EMSCare2017</p> <p>May 11–12, 2017
 Point/Counterpoint Acute Care Surgery Conference
 Location: Hilton Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland
 REGISTRATION: www.mdcot.org</p> <p>May 17, 2017
 Basic Disaster Life Support™ (BDLS)
 Location: Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, College Park, Maryland
 REGISTRATION: www.MFRL.org</p> | <p>May 19, 2017
 34th Annual Wilmer Nursing Conference
 Location: Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Baltimore, Maryland
 REGISTRATION: infosuite.welch.jhmi.edu/WNBSP/conference</p> <p>June 17–23, 2017
 MSFA Annual Conference and Convention
 Location: Roland E. Powell Convention Center, Ocean City, Maryland
 REGISTRATION: www.msfa.org/content/conventioninfo/</p> <p>September 26, 2017
 Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference
 Location: The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, Laurel, Maryland
 REGISTRATION: www.fabscom.org</p> |
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Licensure and Certification

TIDBIT

Q. I currently hold a Maryland CRT license and it is due to renew soon. Do I also need to renew my certification through NREMT?

A. No; if you currently hold a Maryland CRT license, you only need to re-certify with the state of Maryland. You have the option of renewing your license through the Maryland or NREMT process, as long as you are eligible during the NREMT I-99 transition period. The Maryland option mirrors the NREMT-Paramedic process of 60 hours of continuing education, but the NREMT option has not changed for I-99s. Keep in mind, however, that if you do not renew through the NREMT 72-hour process, you will be allowing your National Registry certification to lapse. CRTs must maintain at least a Maryland license to work as a CRT anywhere in the state. To renew your Maryland CRT license, complete the application at www.miemsslicense.com.

Maryland requires completing the NREMT exams for initial licensure. Therefore, if you allow your Maryland license to lapse, you will also need to complete the NREMT I-99 cognitive exam.

If you have any questions about renewing your CRT license, contact the Office of Licensure and Certification at 800-762-7157 or 410-706-3666.



CARES Corner

All public safety EMS Operational Programs are on board and exporting records to the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES). All Maryland acute care hospitals and Freestanding Emergency Medical Facilities are also participating in CARES data submission. Therefore, for Calendar Year 2017, all out-of-hospital medical cardiac arrest records will be exported to the CARES registry for Maryland.

Total number of runsheets exported to CARES from January 1 to December 31, 2016: 4,167

This Month's CARES Tip: Presumed Cardiac Arrest Etiology

If it is not known what caused the patient to go into cardiac arrest and there is no indication of drug use, trauma, or non-cardiac-related medical issues, such as end-stage cancer, enter "presumed cardiac arrest" for "Presumed Cardiac Arrest Etiology" (CARES-21).

Important Information for 2017 NREMT-Paramedic Renewal Cycle

Are you a Maryland paramedic who is due to renew your NREMT certification in 2017? (Remember, to maintain your Maryland paramedic license, you are required to maintain NREMT paramedic certification.) Here are a few quick tips for completing the online renewal process for this cycle.

When you begin your application for recertification with the NREMT, you will need to complete the National component. Unless you were specifically informed by your EMS Education Program that your paramedic refresher was conducted using the 2016 Model of the National Continued Competency Program, go ahead and select “NCCR 2012” in this field. Even if you took your paramedic refresher using the NREMT’s “Traditional Model,” select NCCR 2012 because the Traditional requirements are equal to the NCCR 2012 requirements for Maryland paramedics.

Choose National Core Competency Requirement (NCCR) Version Complete

The NREMT currently recognizes the 2012 or 2016 NCCR education plans. If you are unsure of which plan you completed, ask your training officer or view the [NCCP page](#).

NOTE: It is your responsibility to retain documentation of your education for three years.
Select the NCCR model you utilized.

Choose an NCCR model ▾

You will need to submit an attestation on the following page of the renewal application. Once you attest that you have fulfilled the educational requirements for the National component, the course topics will be automatically populated for you; you do not need to enter them individually!

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Select the NCCR model you utilized.

I used the 2012 NCCR Model ▾

National Complete

You have attested that you fulfilled the 2012 NCCR model requirements, and you will retain supporting documentation of your education for three years. If audited, you will provide the NREMT documentation of your 2012 NCCR model education.

NOTE: By selecting the 2012 NCCR model, you are not required to enter in individual topic area courses below. Proceed to the Local component section.

[Add Class](#)

[\[+ \] Show Details](#)

Then you can proceed to the Local and Individual components (but you will need to enter your courses individually for these two components).

For a step-by-step guide to recertifying your paramedic license with the NREMT, visit the MIEMSS website at <http://bit.ly/2nWXsmT>.

You are also welcome to contact the MIEMSS Office of Licensure and Certification at 410-706-3666 or 800-762-7157 if you have questions regarding your NREMT paramedic renewal.



Safe Kids Maryland and the EMS for Children's Family Advisory Network March Safety Message

Tip-Overs: Recognize and Prevent Them in the Home

This month's injury prevention focus is on furniture tip-overs and the steps families can take to prevent injury and death in young children. According to both Safe Kids Worldwide (www.safekids.org) and the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (www.cpsc.gov), a child is injured every 24 minutes when a heavy piece of furniture falls on them or an object is pulled off furniture. Often this furniture or object is a large TV. Both the newer flat screens and the older cathode ray tube (CRT) models cause injury when they land on a child.

Safe Kids campaign for home safety includes identifying "My High 5 Checklist" for childhood safety in and around the home. This month, the focus is on securing TVs, dressers, book cases, grandfather clocks, and other large pieces of furniture. This is an easy and inexpensive project to tackle, and usually can be completed in less than an hour. Almost 70% of the injuries and fatalities are caused by TVs—so let's start the discussion on how to prevent them from falling on children.

The infographics included here (see pages 7-8) explain the numbers. The message is simple: "Get on top of it before they do." In other words, secure the furniture BEFORE kids have an opportunity to climb it. Children

of all ages and sizes can be affected, but those at greatest risk are under 5 years of age.

The federal "Anchor It" campaign has posted a public service announcement (www.anchorit.gov), that demonstrates how quickly a child can be injured by falling furniture and how simple the installation of a commercial anchor can be. These anti-tip devices include brackets, braces, and wall straps, and are available at many retail and hardware stores. Safety recommendations include:

- Secure TV and heavy furniture to the wall. Find a wall stud, and it takes 5 minutes.
- Keep toys and remotes "off the top"—top of the TV, top of the dresser, top of the bookcase, etc.
- Place heavy toys and books on lower shelves.
- Install your TV on furniture with a low shelf (close the ground) and push it all the way to the back.
- Secure new flat screen TVs to the wall with brackets specifically for that use and certified for safety.

EMS professionals should also be aware of the injury patterns seen if furniture does fall on a child. The most frequent injuries are

bruises and abrasions that may not initially lead to a 9-1-1 call. The call may come in an hour later, or more, when the child complains of severe pain, or worse, is non-responsive. Children may have hidden injuries: internal organ injuries are seen in 15% of the cases, fractures in 14% of the cases, and lacerations in 14% of the cases. Body parts injured most often include head, legs, feet, and toes; arms, hands, and fingers are injured less often. Head injuries range from a scrape or bruise to major head trauma from crushing forces (sudden impact or, secondarily, asphyxia). Most of the fatalities from tip-overs are a result of head injuries.

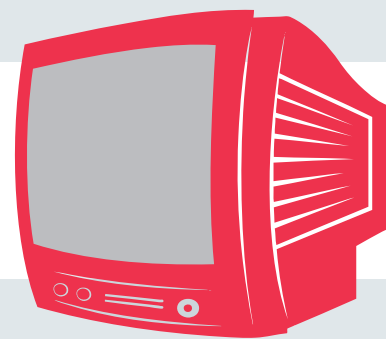
Remember, a TV that falls has the impact of 1,000 pounds or a 10-story fall to the ground. That is estimated to be 10 times more powerful than being hit in football by a lineman. Children are small and they do not wear padding or helmets when playing inside the house.

More information can be found at both the Safe Kids Worldwide and the Anchor It websites listed above.

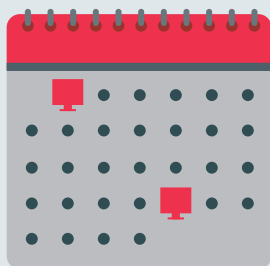


TV Tip-Overs

How kids are getting hurt and what to do about it.



Every 3 weeks a child dies from a television tip-over.*



Every hour, a child goes to the ER because of a TV tip-over.



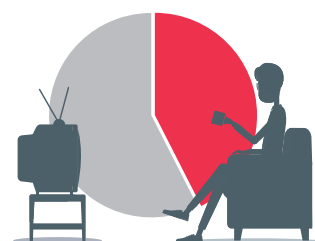
7 out of 10 kids injured by TV tip-overs are ages 5 and under.



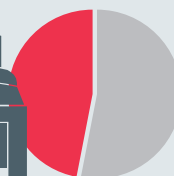
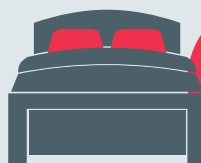
A 36" heavier, box-style CRT TV falling three feet creates the same momentum as a 1-year-old child falling 10 stories.



34% of households still have a CRT in the home.



34% of child fatalities from 2000-2013 due to TV tip-overs involved someone climbing on the furniture or TV.



From 2000-2013, 47% of child fatalities due to TV tip-overs occurred in a bedroom.

Safety Tips



Properly place your old TV. If you have a heavier, box-style TV, place it on a **low, stable piece of furniture** that is appropriate for the TV's size and weight.



Secure your flat-panel TV. Be sure your flat-panel TV is properly secured with a **wall mount that has a safety certification** by an independent laboratory (such as UL, CSA, ETL).



Recycle your TV. To find a location near your home that **safely and responsibly recycles** unwanted TVs, go to www.GreenerGadgets.org.

* Based on estimates from CPSC NEISS data for 2000-2013.



Anchor It!

Secure Furniture and TVs:
Protect Children



EVERY 24 MINUTES

a child is injured
from **tipped**
furniture and TVs.

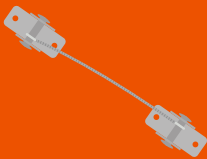
The **Anchor It!** campaign is the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's call to action to help ensure parents and caregivers learn about these dangers in the home and take simple, low-cost steps to prevent these tragedies.

CHILDREN LIKE TO CLIMB ON FURNITURE

For them, the **home is a playground**. However, many parents are not aware that **unsecured TVs and furniture** are **hidden hazards** lurking in **every room**.



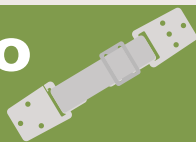
www.AnchorIt.gov



Secure Your TVs and Furniture!

- * Anchor TVs and furniture to prevent them from tipping.
- * Avoid keeping attractive items, such as toys and remotes, in places where kids might be tempted to climb and reach for them.
- * Store heavier items on lower shelves or in lower drawers.
- * Place TVs on a sturdy, low base and push the TV as far back as possible.
- * Recycle unused TVs; and if moving TVs to another location, anchor the TV to the wall.

What Needs to Be Secured?



Dressers



TVs

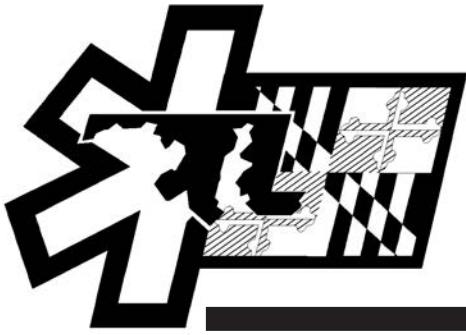


Large Furniture



For More Information:

www.AnchorIt.gov



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.

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, 2016, through December 31, 2016. 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.

MARYLAND'S STARS OF LIFE AWARDS 2017 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 7, 2017

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

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

You can complete and submit this form online at <http://www.miemss.org> under "What's New"



The Right Care When It Counts Maryland EMSC 2017 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, 2016, through December 31, 2016, 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

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

NOMINATIONS may be sent in at any time during the 2016 year.
DEADLINE: Must be received at MIEMSS by FRIDAY - April 7, 2017.
Mail to: Jim Brown, MIEMSS, 653 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21201-1536
FAX to: 410-706-3485 (attn: Jim Brown) or scan and email to awards@miemss.org



The Right Care When It Counts Maryland EMSC 2017 Program



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: _____

PLEASE indicate if you have spoken with the family about this nomination (RECOMMENDED) YES NO

Description of event/ incident and the action taken

- PLEASE include any printed materials about this nomination and if the child/youth has been recognized locally

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Maryland Life Safety Partners

Presents

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar – 2017

Date: Saturday March 25, 2017
Time: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Location: Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
4500 Campus Drive, College Park, MD 20742
(MFRI location has not changed, just the address)

Target Audience: Fire & Injury Prevention Coordinators and Safety Advocates

Registration:

Advanced registration closes **Friday March 17, 2017**. Registration is open to all interested persons, but will be limited to 100. Priority is given to Maryland residents. If space is available onsite registrations will be accepted.

There is a \$50-a-day fee for out-of-state participants. If you have any questions or need to cancel, please email seminars@mfri.org or call 301-226-9900 or 800-275-6374.

Please register on-line at www.mfri.org/seminars.

If you require special accommodations, please email your requirements to seminars@mfri.org or call 301-226-9900 or 800-275-6374.

This Seminar is supported in part by the MSFA Fire & Injury Prevention and Life Safety Committee and Maryland EMS for Children's State Partnership Grant from DHHS / HRSA/ MCHB / EMSC Program



Maryland Life Safety Partners

Presents

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Seminar – 2017

Saturday March 25, 2017

8:30 AM Registration & Slide presentation of Maryland Life Safety in Action

9:00 AM Welcome and State Updates

9:20 AM Flash Max: the story, the message, and logistics

[Mike Furman, Southern Maryland](#)

10:15 AM BREAK – visit displays

10:30 AM Safety for Senior Adults: fire safety, medication safety

[Jim Resnick, Montgomery County DFR](#)

11:15 AM Safety for Collectors – many too many things and animals

[Real life experiences in Maryland](#)

12:00 Noon Networking Lunch provided and Safety Displays

12:45 PM Sprinkler Committee Update & Side by Side Burn

[Richard Smith MSFA](#)

1:30 PM NFPA 1035: Public Educator Certification – reality and resources

[Mary Marchone USFA](#)

2:15 PM Afternoon Break Visit Displays

2:30 PM Fire & Injury Prevention and Life Safety Committees joint presentation/ meeting

[Teresa Ann Crisman & David Reid](#)

3:30 PM Evaluation and Safe Travels!



Basic Disaster Life Support™ 3.2 Course



The BDLS® course aims to improve the care and coordination of response for disasters and other public health emergencies by developing a common approach and language among multiple disciplines in the health care community. This course targets emergency medical services providers, nurses, physicians, hazardous materials personnel, public health personnel and other health care professionals simultaneously and offers a review of natural disasters, traumatic and explosive, nuclear and radiological, biological and chemical events. Information on the health care professional's role in public health and incident management systems, community mental health and special needs of vulnerable populations is also included in the BDLS course.

COURSE LOCATION

Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
4500 Campus Drive
College Park, Maryland 20742

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Visit www.MFRI.org to register.
Please register early, space is limited!

COURSE DATE

May 17, 2017

TIME:

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

**Open with no fee to all Maryland affiliated emergency services providers
Open to other personnel for a fee**

**Questions: Contact Chris Hyzer
Telephone 410-706-0881
chyzer@miemss.org**

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The R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center and the University of Maryland Baltimore County
(UMBC)**



**MSFA, MFRI & MD Fire Chief's Association
Presents**

Beyond Hoses & Helmets

**North East Fire Company
March 31 – April 1, 2017**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: If you are an up-and-coming administrative officer, company officer or chief officer, you need to be here!

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN: leadership techniques; recruitment and retention ideas; problem solving skills; training development; conflict resolution; principles of negotiations, and effective communication

WHY MUST I BE THERE: Because this course is taught by instructors with real life expertise and because the curricula was developed by nationally-recognized fire service leaders from volunteer and combination departments across the United States with technical support provided by the U.S. Fire Administration – you won't get a more thorough education anywhere..... **AND it's free-of-charge!!**

Register @ www.mfri.org/seminar



Beyond Hoses & Helmets is an absolute must for any volunteer or combination fire service leader! After 35 years in the volunteer fire service, I have had the opportunity to participate in many different leadership and motivational courses but BH&H ranks among the very best. If a fire chief has the desire to take his/her department to the next level, it will be the best 16 hours they could spend. I give it 5 stars! Fire Chief Spruce A. McRee, Brierfield (AL) Vol Fire & Rescue

***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.



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Winterfest EMS 2017 Conference



Maryland Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford presented during the “Opioids: Local, State, and National Emergency” session at the recent Winterfest EMS 2017 Conference. Following his presentation, the Lt. Governor presented Mary Alice Vanhoy, EMS Board member and Winterfest Planning Committee member, with a Governor’s Proclamation noting the 20th anniversary of the conference.



Members of the Winterfest Planning Committee receive a Proclamation from the Talbot County Council honoring the recent 20th anniversary of the Winterfest Program. The Proclamation is presented by Council Vice President Corey Pack (third from left). Photo courtesy of Captain Brian Micheliche (photographer).

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