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MIEMSS Honors Maryland Youth, EMS Providers, and Citizens at Annual Awards Ceremony

In a two-part ceremony on May 22, 2012, MIEMSS honored children from across Maryland and also presented its annual Stars of Life Awards to honor EMS personnel, program, and citizens. Children whose actions ensured that people in Maryland receive “the right care when it counts” received awards during the first part of the ceremony. This year, a special award, Safe Kids Maryland for Bicycle Safety, was also presented to a Maryland youth. The second half of the event recognized Annual “Stars of Life,” individuals and groups nominated and selected by a statewide review committee for distinguished EMS service. Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley provided two Proclamations, one recognizing EMS Week, May 20 – 26, and a second naming May 23, 2012, as EMS for Children Day.

For the first part of the ceremony, MIEMSS honored Maryland youths with Right Care When it Counts and Safe Kids Maryland awards. The Right Care When it Counts program recognizes children and youths that took action to provide a life-saving service to someone in their community. Four young Marylanders, **Aaron Miller (Allegany County)**, **Zach Yucis (Cecil County)**, **Bryan Bell (Cecil County)**, and **Chyna (Campbell) Livingston (Prince George’s County)**, received this award. Another accolade, a Safe Kids Maryland award for Bicycle Safety, was awarded to **Noah Godlove (Allegany County)**.

First to receive awards were Aaron Miller and Noah Godlove. On April 7, 2011, 10-year-old Aaron called 9-1-1 using his brand new, and first-ever, cell phone after witnessing a frightening crash. Aaron and his friend Noah were bicycling at a local high school. Noah could not get his bicycle to stop, falling over a railing and down 12 feet into a cellar

with a concrete floor. Aaron stayed with his friend until help arrived. His quick thinking and compassion ensured that his friend would get the help he needed. Noah was wearing his bicycle safety helmet that morning—a decision that may have saved his life. Following this incident, the school installed a 12 foot fence around the railing so that no other children would risk an injury like Noah’s.

The next award to Zach Yucis, who was out of town traveling with his family, was accepted by Holly Trego of the Cecil County Department of Emergency Services. On February 8, 2011, 11-year-old Zach witnessed his stepfather have a seizure and called 9-1-1 for help. He was able to relay vital information to the call-taker to send emergency personnel to their home. For his quick action in helping his stepfather, Zach also received a Certificate of Commendation from the Cecil County Department of Emergency Services.

Bryan Bell, 13, was presented with the next award for making a 9-1-1 call to Cecil County EMS when his grandmother experienced a seizure on February 22, 2011. Bryan relayed vital information to the call-taker and help was immediately dispatched to the home. Bryan’s grandmother was present to support her young hero at the award ceremony. Bryan also received a Certificate of Commendation from the Cecil County Department of Emergency Services.

The final Right Care When it Counts Award was presented to Chyna (Campbell) Livingston. At 12 years old, Chyna took the right steps in a fire emergency. Chyna was at home on October 27, 2011, when the 7th-grader heard a fire alarm and screams for help. Looking out her balcony window, she saw that the apartment building behind her own was on fire. She noticed two women and a small child trapped on their 3rd-floor balcony. Having learned previously what to do in an emergency, Chyna called 9-1-1 and calmly described what was happening, providing all the required information needed to dispatch firefighters and medics to the scene. As instructed by 9-1-1, she yelled out to the trapped family that the fire department was on the way and for everyone to stay out of the building. Fire and rescue soon arrived and helped the family escape from their balcony using ladders. Because of Chyna’s quick thinking, the family was saved and no one else was injured in the fire.

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Pictured from left are Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director; Noah Godlove; Aaron Miller; Cynthia Wright Johnson, MIEMSS EMS for Children Director and Safe Kids Maryland State Coordinator; and Dr. Allen R. Walker, Associate State EMS Medical Director for Pediatrics. Noah received a Safe Kids Maryland Award for Bicycle Safety and Aaron received a Right Care When it Counts Award.

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For the next part of the ceremony, **EMS Stars of Life Awards** were presented beginning with the EMS Star of Life Award to rescuers from **Allegheny County**. This award went to **EMT-B Andy Brown** and **EMT-I Daniel Siemer** of Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department; **EMT-P Lori Moyer** and **EMT-B Justin Blacker** of Allegheny County EMS; **Sr. Trooper and EMT-P Robert Harsh** and **Trooper Al Sunday** of the Maryland State Police Aviation Command; and **Raymond Lehman**.

When Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department was alerted just after 6 AM on October 18, 2011, that a motor vehicle crash involving a young female pedestrian had occurred, Andy Brown and Daniel Siemer responded to the scene with BLS Unit 318. There, they found a bystander, Raymond Lehman, who had been on his way to work when he came upon the crash scene, controlling the patient's cervical spine and maintaining a patent airway while waiting for EMS.

The pedestrian had been struck by a motor vehicle traveling at 50 mph and was thrown over the guardrail and down a sloping embankment. Because the crash occurred in a rural area with poor lighting conditions along the road, Brown and Siemer quickly realized that they would have to light the scene to treat the patient using the fire engine on scene and hand-held flashlights. With Lehman helping provide lighting, the EMTs assessed the patient. She was conscious, but

not responding well to questions. Brown and Siemer discovered a large laceration on her head, bilateral fractures of both lower legs, and deformities of the left elbow and forearm. While performing this assessment, the young woman developed seizure-like activity. The EMTs applied a cervical collar to the patient and, with Lehman's assistance, log-rolled her onto a long board, then transported her up the bank, over the guardrail, and onto a cot.

While moving the patient to the ambulance, Allegheny County EMS personnel, Lori Moyer and Justin Blacker, arrived on the

scene. Due to the severity of the patient's condition it was decided to evacuate her by helicopter for further care. EMS transported the young woman to the helipad at Oldtown Volunteer Fire Department where Maryland State Police Aviation Trooper 5, manned by Sr. Trooper Robert Harsh and Trooper Al Sunday, had arrived to fly her to the Western Maryland Health System trauma center in Cumberland.

Andy Brown and Dan Siemer performed exceptional care given

the patient's condition on their arrival and the adverse conditions under which they had to work. Lori Moyer and Justin Blacker provided much appreciated "helping hands" in the care of this patient. Troopers Robert Harsh and Al Sunday contributed to the success of this rescue. Raymond Lehman went above and beyond what an average citizen would have done after coming up on the scene of such a traumatic crash. He provided support and stabilization to a severely injured patient and voluntarily stayed at the scene to assist in any

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Bryan Bell received a Right Care When it Counts award for a life-saving call to 9-1-1. Pictured from left to right are Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director; Bryan Bell; Jo Ann Howell, Bryan's grandmother; Holly Trego, Cecil County Department of Emergency Services; Cynthia Wright Johnson, MIEMSS EMS for Children Director; and Dr. Allen R. Walker, Associate State EMS Medical Director for Pediatrics.



Holly Trego, Cecil County Department of Emergency Services, center left, accepts the Right Care When it Counts Award for Zach Yucis, who was traveling with his family on May 22. Ms. Trego is joined by Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director, left; Cynthia Wright Johnson, MIEMSS EMS for Children Director, center right; and Dr. Allen R. Walker, Associate State EMS Medical Director for Pediatrics, right.



Chyna (Campbell) Livingston was 12 years old when she made a life-saving call to 9-1-1. She accepts her award from (left to right) Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director; Teresa Ann Crisman, Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department; Cynthia Wright Johnson, MIEMSS EMS for Children Director; and Dr. Allen R. Walker, Associate State EMS Medical Director for Pediatrics.