



## Maryland RISK WATCH® Team July - September 2019



### Update to the MSFA Executive Committee and Fire and Injury Prevention & Life Safety Committee

**Maryland Risk Watch Team** extends a sincere **THANK YOU** to the MSFA and LAMSFA leadership and members for their support throughout the past seventeen years. The 2019 MSFA Convention was a very successful experience for the children and families, volunteers, and leaders. The day-to-day work of this team of volunteers recognizes the primary support given by the MSFA through the Fire & Injury Prevention and Life Safety Committee. In partnership with Safe Kids Maryland, resources are coordinated and teaching tools are mobilized to reach children and teens across the state through daytime, weekend and evening programming.

#### **2019 MSFA Convention:**

The 2019 Risk Watch / Safe Kids was a very successful with 3 full and one half days of interactive displays for all ages - children, youth and families. This year we estimate that we saw over 400 families (Risk Watch Goal 1 & 3- listed at the end of the report). The preschool and elementary age children completed most if not all of the stations and the “Steps to Safety” cards. The Scouts who participated took additional information home to finish Safety and First Aid achievement badges. In 2019, we piloted afternoon training sessions on Monday and Tuesday at 1pm and 2pm for member company personnel who wanted to learn the teaching points for all or some of the stations. Attendance was minimal and will likely not be repeated with dedicated blocks of time or staffing. Rather we will offer just in time training during the regular “Steps to Safety” hours as requested.

Mascot Training was provided each morning from Sunday through Tuesday for both Mascot volunteers and escort volunteers. EMS for Children Panda Bear “FAN” (family advisory network) and Trauma Roo Kangaroo (American Trauma Society) walked the entire convention center with Escorts inviting the children to come to the Risk Watch displays and handing out Safety Cards with messaging to come to “ROOM 213”. Sparky the Dog also joined the activities on Monday. Placing Mascot faces in the windows and having Mascots walk the convention areas with escorts has increased participation of both MSFA company members and the general public that come to see the vendors.

The committee recognizes that Room 213 will not exist next year and will work with the Convention Committee to identify a location that has protected space for educational activities, access on Saturday for set up, and Sunday for training sessions. Sunday’s activities focus on the adult injury prevention content experts preparing youth volunteers for the week’s activities (Risk Watch Goal 2). We will work on signage to continue to encourage the “just for a moment” access for adults who were going between other Convention activities and duties. Many of the adults visited each station and gathered materials for their own prevention activities back home (Risk Watch Goal 4).



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**Adult Content Experts:** Leaders from the injury prevention community continue to provide consistent adult mentors at each display table/ activity. THANK YOU TO ALL, we had support from:

- Cecil County DES – Holly Trego and Kay Trego (Singerly VFD)
- EMSC Family Advisory Network – Lisa Wilson (Winfield VFD)
- EMSC CPS Grant (MSHO) – Susanne Ogaitis- Jones and two youth volunteers
- EMSC State Partnership Grant – Cyndy Wright Johnson, Danielle Joy, Dr. Jennifer Anders
- EMSC Bike Safety Grant (MHOS) – Diane Lee
- Laurel VRS #49 – Jessie Johnson and Mandy Brown
- PRMC Trauma Center (American Trauma Society) – Kari Cheezum and team
- Safe Kids Maryland – Cyndy Wright Johnson

**Volunteers:** Response from the Junior & Miss Fire Prevention Ambassadors was excellent and both of this year’s MSFA Miss Fire Prevention and First Runner Up joined us. Twelve teens and adults volunteered as a mascot or escort during the four days Sunday through Wednesday. Certificates of appreciation have been mailed out to each volunteer and Thank You notes to those who volunteered from more than two days.

**Volunteer Numbers for 2019:**

<b>50</b>	Unique volunteers
<b>100</b>	Time slots (varied from 2 hours to 6 hours each)
<b>All 5 Days (Saturday – Wednesday)</b>	10 Adults, 2 youth and one three year old
3 different days	10 Adults and youth
2 different days	15 Adults and youth
1 day	15 Adults and youth

**Risk Watch Stations at 2019 MSFA Convention Stations are listed below along with the lead agency:**

1. Make the Right Call : 9-1-1 (Cecil County DES)
2. Close the Door (MSFA Fire Prevention Committee & Laurel VRS #49)
3. Medication Safety with focus on safe storage (Maryland EMSC & Safe Kids Maryland)
4. American Trauma Society (PRMC Trauma Center): Water Safety
5. Bike Helmet Safety and “Right Fit” (Maryland EMSC and Safe Kids Maryland)
6. Child Passengers Safety (MIEMSS EMSC CPS project/ Safe Kids Maryland)
7. Drowsy Driving Awareness (MIEMSS EMSC CPS & OP project)
8. Heat Stroke Prevention Outdoor Thermometer Display (MSFA & EMSC CPS Project)  
Outside display
9. Risk Watch and Safe Kids Resources for adults on how to replicate at station or country level
10. Photo booth with frames was available for pictures with Mascots



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The Maryland RISK WATCH team has four goals at Convention:

1. To provide young children and school age children hands on education experiences to be safer in their homes & communities through both psychomotor skills and new knowledge about high-risk injuries.
2. To provide young life safety advocates (tweens, teens and young adults) with a mentored experience and specific lesson plans to work with younger children and their families.
3. To empower parents and care providers with knowledge on both the risks and the prevention strategies to keep everyone safer in their home and community (infants through seniors).
4. To demonstrate interactive safety displays based upon evidence based and best practices for life safety advocates across Maryland's EMS, Fire & Rescue services.

**Maryland Safe Kids Updates:** Grants from Safe Kids Worldwide have been received for the following activities / risk area focuses. The majority of the grant award is in materials (banners, games, handouts, logo trinkets) but not monetary awards.

1. **Safe Kids Day** programming was incorporated into the MSFA Convention activities room and include banners and games.
2. **Medication Safety Grant** focused on safe storage and medication identification challenges.
3. **Water Safety Grant** (2018 funding) focuses on both pools and open water. Cecil County DES and Peninsula Regional Trauma Center are the lead communities. Displays including: PFDs in all sizes, Water Watcher tags and lanyards, pool safety printed materials and two tabletop fabric banners. A new pool safety tabletop game was piloted with positive feedback.

### **Prevention Save the Dates:**

**Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference – September 24, 2019** registration is online at FABSCOM website <https://www.fabscom.org/malsc-info-and-registration>

And at MFRI - <https://mfri.org/2019-mid-atlantic-life-safety-conference/>

**Public Educator Life Safety Seminar –March 21, 2020 (Saturday)** at MFRI QH in College Park. Save The Date flyers are available and posted on the MSFA Website calendar and MIEMSS EMSC conference calendar. Registration will be on the MFRI Website by late fall.

### **Safe Kid Maryland Coalition 2018 Meetings:**

**March 4, 2020 @ MIEMSS Room 212 from 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM**  
**MIEMSS Headquarters 653 West Pratt Street, Baltimore Maryland**

**September 2, 2020 @ MIEMSS Room 212 from 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM**  
**MIEMSS Headquarters 653 West Pratt Street, Baltimore Maryland**



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**Risk Watch Communities** with materials in schools, after school and community events are listed below. We would like to have a contact for Risk Watch and Safe Kids in each county to facilitate getting new information out and to share the camera-ready public safety messages from national organizations. Please email [riskwatch@msfa.org](mailto:riskwatch@msfa.org) if you would like to be one of your counties contact.

County	Contact	Lead Agency
Carroll County	Maggie Rauser (Safe Kids) Mary Ellen & Lisa Wilson (RW)	County Health Department Winfield Community VFD
Calvert County	<i>St Leonard VFD - need new contact</i>	
Cecil County	Holly Trego (RW and SK)	Department of Emergency Services
Frederick County	<i>RW contact needed</i> Jessica Dayal (Safe Kids)	<i>Needed</i> County Health Department
Garrett County	Diane Lee (RW and SK)	County Health Department
Howard County	<i>RW contact needed</i> Terri Taylor (Safe Kids)	<i>Needed (was Park &amp; Rec)</i> County Fire & Rescue
Johns Hopkins Pediatric ED	Mary Ellen Wilson RN EMSC FAN Council Chair	Johns Hopkins Children's Center
Montgomery County	Beth Anne Nessel (RW) Anthony Ramirez (SK)	County Fire & Rescue County Fire & Rescue
Prince George's County	Teresa Ann Crisman (RW and SK)	Fire & EMS Department
Prince George's County	Teresa Ann Crisman (RW and SK)	PGCVFRA
Queen Anne's County	Carrie & David Reid (RW & SK)	United Communities Fire Dept.
Rock Hall (Kent County)	Andrea Joyner RN (RW)	Health Department
Tilghman Island (Talbot County)	School Library	County Schools
Washington County	Kelly Llewellyn RN (RW & SK & ATS)	Meritus Trauma Center
Wicomico County	Kari Cheezum RN (RW & SK & ATS)	PRMC Trauma Center
<i>More are welcome to join</i>		