

EMS Recognizes Children for Giving ‘Right Care When It Counts’

On May 17, MIEMSS honored eight children and youths; each had assisted in providing a lifesaving service to someone in his/her community. Their actions had ensured that people in Maryland had received the "right care when it counts." First Lady Kendel S. Ehrlich assisted with



Dr. Robert R. Bass (Executive Director, MIEMSS), Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq. (Chair, Maryland EMS Board), and First Lady Kendel S. Ehrlich with the proclamation for EMS for Children Day in Maryland. This is a special day during EMS Week (this year May 19) that recognizes the unique needs of children and families during sudden illness and injury.

the ceremony, joining MIEMSS Executive Director Dr. Robert R. Bass, Maryland EMS Board Chairman Donald L. DeVries, Jr., and Cyndy Wright-Johnson who directs the EMS for Children program at MIEMSS. Many EMS dignitaries, providers, families, and friends also attended the ceremony held at the State House in Annapolis.

The following received special certificates for "giving the right care when it counts":

Kelvin Amaya (Baltimore City). The Baltimore City Fire Department was conducting a "sweep" installation of smoke detectors after a fatal fire. Seven-year-old Kelvin assisted the fire department by translating not only for his family but for others in their building, enabling many smoke detectors to be placed. Kelvin knew about the importance of prevention from the Inspector Detector Fire Program conducted at General Wolfe Elementary School.

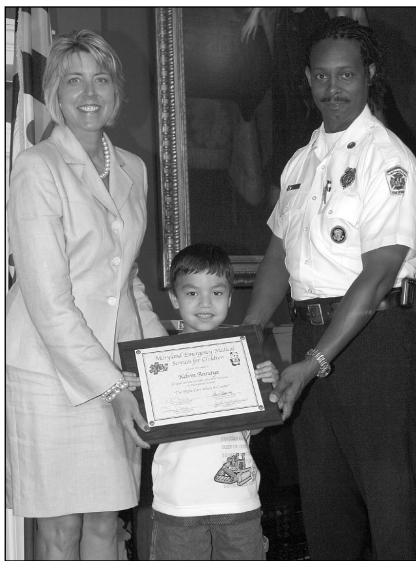
William Aquero (Frederick County). In October 2003, William, who is 11 years old, was watching TV with his older brother, who had a known cardiac problem. His brother

fell and William performed CPR as he had been taught at Boy Scouts only two weeks earlier. Adult family members dialed 9-1-1 and EMS responded. William's brother was transferred to Children's National Medical Center where he later received a heart transplant in March 2004.

Kalin Rhinehart and Londyn Beechum (Prince George's County). Nine-year-old Kalin and 10-year-old Londyn, students at Tulip Grove Elementary, were the leaders in a student-written Safety Public Service Announcement completed during the after-school program at their school. Tulip Grove received an EMS-for-Children Injury Prevention Special Project award in 2003.

Michaela Warsaw (Garrett County). On June 11, Michaela, who is 9 years old, went looking for her Dad (Bruce Warsaw) on their farm. She found him with severe injuries and remembered what she had learned at Yough Glades Elementary School. She went to a neighbor's home to dial 9-1-1. When EMS arrived, Michaela took them to where her father was lying.

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EMS-C Award: The Right Care When It Counts. First Lady Kendel S. Ehrlich, Kelvin Amaya, and Lt. Eugene Jones (Baltimore City Fire Department).



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Steven Widmann (Prince George’s County). Fourteen-year-old Steven had taken first aid and CPR, as well as earned his Boy Scout First Aid and Lifesaving Merit badges. These came in handy on March 19, 2004 when he was with his mom in a car and they came upon a motor vehicle crash. Steve helped his mom by getting the first-aid kit and then

holding C-spine traction while his mom (a paramedic) cared for the patient and talked with EMS.

Dillon Williams (Baltimore County). Six-year-old Dillon provided his dad with the birthing instructions (given by an Emergency Medical Dispatcher on the phone) for the delivery of his new brother who was born at home. Dillon met EMS at the door and took them to his parents and new baby brother.

Rebecca Woods (Prince George’s County). During the Fall of 2003, Rebecca, who is four years old, participated in the RISK WATCH® program at Chapel Forge special education center, learning how to keep herself and her family safe. She can demonstrate how to get out of the house, “get low and go,” and “stop, drop, and roll.” She also knows how to evacuate a bus and where the danger zones are located.



EMS-C Award: The Right Care When It Counts. Kalin Rhinehart and Londyn Beechum with their after-school care director Mrs. Anissa Logan.



EMS-C Award: The Right Care When It Counts. First Lady Kendel S. Ehrlich, Michaela Warsaw, Paramedic Danny Moon, and Bruce Warsaw (Michaela’s father).



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