



Maryland RISK WATCH® Team

December Update 2021 to Executive Committee & Fire/Injury Prevention Life Safety Committee



Maryland Risk Watch Team: 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. During the past 18 months, the work of both Risk Watch and Safe Kids Maryland have been through social media outreach and distance education due to the CoVID19 Pandemic. Summer 2021 community outreach slowly returned to in person safety education and distribution of safety tools (helmets, car seats, Escape planning document).

Maryland Safe Kids Updates: Please email safekidsmd@miemss.org to join the email notification. 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. Buckle Up 2021 Grant:** Car seat information and seat checks for families are conducted virtually and in person as summer 2021. Spring will again include public awareness of the dangers of heatstroke in vehicles continues. (Maryland has 6 displays)
- 2. Child Passenger Safety Grant from Maryland Highway Safety Office** is in the 21st year of funding and continues to reach out to healthcare professionals with educational material and training. New Steps for CPS poster are available through the EMSC CPS project office. Contact cps@miemss.org to receive copies.
- 3. Bike Helmet Safety Grant from Maryland Highway Safety Office:** Maryland EMSC has received a fifth year of funding for bike helmets and bike safety education. Posters and handouts are available; copies are available upon request from bikesafety@miemss.org.

Safe Sleep Project:

Winfield Community Volunteer Fire Department piloted the safe sleep display at their open house in October with positive feedback from families. Maryland EMS for Children's State Partnership grant funding to create a set of family educational displays on infant safe sleep in partnership with Safe Kids, Risk Watch, and state Child Fatality Review Team. Each kit will include a portable crib, standardized tabletop display, infant doll and printed material from NICDDH and Maryland Safe Sleep campaign. This project is one of the Family Advisory Committee initiatives that will become part of "Steps to Safety" at the MSFA Convention Risk Watch/ Safe Kids room.

We will be proposing a workshop on Safe Sleep and the incidence of SUID in Maryland for convention. Please send topics of interest to riskwatch@msfa.org.

2022 Annual Stars of Life and Right Care When It Counts Awards nominations are open and the forms (in SmartSheet online) are located on the "Documents" page of the MIEMSS website. Peers or a member of the public may make nominations. A statewide committee of career, volunteer, and commercial EMS clinicians reviews all nominations. Please nominate children and youth (Right Care) and adults (Stars of Life) for events that occurred between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. Nominations for the 2022 Awards will be accepted on a rolling basis with a final **DUE DATE of Friday, March 25, 2022.** (<http://www.miemss.org/home/documents>). The description of the awards criteria are included at the end of this report.



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2022 MSFA Convention:

2022 Steps to Safety planning has started with the shared goal of being in person in Ocean City. In addition to the interactive safety stations (see proposed list below), training will be available for those volunteering to be a Mascot (Traumaroo, Walker the Panda, Sparky the Fire Dog). Convention Room 213 remains an ideal location and we will work with the Convention Committee in planning. Saturday is focused on Set Up by a core team of adult injury prevention experts – others are welcome to join. 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).

Proposed Content for Stations: Leaders from the injury prevention community continue to provide consistent adult mentors at each display table/ activity.

-  9-1-1: Make the Right Call (traditionally staffed by Cecil County DES)
-  Fire Safety: EDITH, Close Your Door, home safety
-  Child Passenger Safety- EMSC CPS Grant (MSHO)
-  Bike Safety Grant to EMSC (MHSO)
-  Injury risk prevention (Topic to be determined) Tidal Health Trauma Center
-  Medication Safety - Safe Kids Maryland – Cyndy Wright Johnson
-  Safe Sleep for Infants (EMSC Family Advisory Network/ Safe Kids)
-  Family Disaster Kits (we will work with MDEM to ensure we do not duplicate)
-  Other topic suggestions with volunteer adult leaders welcome

The Maryland RISK WATCH team has four goals during the in person Convention. We will work this summer to create 3D online educational opportunities.

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 (twens, 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.

2022 Educational Opportunities:

April 2, 2022 (Saturday) Public Educator and Life Safety Seminar @ Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute headquarters in College Park Maryland. Brochure & Registration will be online at www.mfri.org under seminars

September 27, 2022 (Tuesday) Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference Brochure & Registration will be online at - <https://www.fabscom.org/malisc-info-and-registration>

EMS for Children Online Training posted on MIEMSS YouTube channel:

1. MIEMSS EMS for Children CPS Project hosted two webinars this spring that are posted. Both CPS Technician and EMS continuing education were available for both webinars.
2. Training video on how to use both types of Outdoor Temperature displays is also posted on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/MarylandEMS> (under Public Health and Safety channel)
3. Child Passenger Safety PSAs series of 5 messages
4. Bicycle Safety PSAs: Helmet Safety, Riding Safety, Bike Safety Resources
5. PSAs: Learn CPR, Driver safety, 10 Right Care Steps, What to Expect When You call 9-1-1



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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 if you would like to be one of your county's contact.

County	Contact	Lead Agency
Allegany County	Elizabeth Wooster RN PhD (SK & RW & ATS)	UPMC Western Maryland
Baltimore City	Karen Hardingham RN – Safe Kids	UMMS Children's Hospital
Carroll County	Maggie Rauser – Safe Kids Lisa Wilson (RW @ Winfield VFD)	County Health Department
Calvert County	Sterling Myers (RW)	St Leonard VFD
Cecil County	Angela Puskarich (SK) Holly Trego (RW)	Dept. of Emergency Services
Charles County	Lori Cherry (Safe Kids)	Dept. of Emergency Services
Frederick County	Jessica Dayal - Safe Kids RW contact needed	County Health Department
Garrett County	Diane Lee (SK&RW)	County Health Department
Howard County	Terri Taylor – Safe Kids RW contact needed	County Fire & Rescue
Johns Hopkins Pediatric ED	Mary Ellen Wilson RN EMSC FAN Council Co-Chair	Johns Hopkins Children's Center
Johns Hopkins Pediatric Trauma	Pediatric Trauma & Pediatric Burn team (ATS)	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 (SK & RW)	Fire & EMS Department
Prince George's County	Teresa Ann Crisman (SK & RW)	PGCVFRA
Queen Anne's County	Mary Alice Vanhoy (SK & RW)	United Communities Fire Dept.
Rock Hall (Kent County)	Andrea Joyner RN Health Department	Health Department
Tilghman Island (Talbot County)	School Library	County Schools
Washington County	Kelly Llewellyn RN (SK & RW & ATS)	Meritus Trauma Center
Wicomico County	Kari Cheezum RN (SK & RW & ATS)	Tidalhealth Peninsula Regional Trauma Center
<i>More are welcome to join</i>		



MARYLAND STARS OF LIFE AWARDS

Each year, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) celebrates EMS Week by honoring men and women across Maryland who have contributed to the EMS system. The eight categories for awards relate to specific incidents occurring from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. For further information, call 410-706-3994, or email awards@miemss.org.

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 under extreme circumstances by EMS personnel.

MARYLAND EMS CITIZEN AWARD

This award is intended for citizen rescuers who have demonstrated quick thinking, fast action, and heroism.

EMS CLINICIAN OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes a clinician 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 CLINICIAN OF THE YEAR

This award is given for extraordinary efforts in assisting the public through dispatch in this vital portion of the Chain of Survival.

OUTSTANDING EMS PROGRAM

This award recognizes 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 to 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 to an individual or program that has demonstrated ongoing dedication and commitment to improving the EMS care of the elderly in Maryland.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2022 are DUE by FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022.
SUBMIT THROUGH THE ONLINE LINK: <http://www.miemss.org/home/documents>



The Right Care When It Maryland EMSC 2022 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, 2021, through December 31, 2021, 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 2022.

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

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