

MIEMSS Presents Annual EMS Awards

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State EMS Medical Director's Award for Excellence in EMS

MIEMSS' State EMS Medical Director's Award for Excellence in EMS was awarded to **Terry Jodrie, MD, FACEP, NRP**, for his 23-year service to the citizens and providers of Maryland as Associate Medical Director and Medical Director for Prince George's County. In his service to Prince George's County, Dr. Jodrie pioneered the establishment of one of the most comprehensive ALS provider credentialing programs in Maryland, enabling new providers to develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities to provide high-level, quality care. Dr. Jodrie also held various roles throughout the state, including positions on statewide committees to enhance EMS and presenting at EMS conferences throughout the years. His desire to improve EMS service in disadvantaged regions led him to developing countries throughout the world, where he passed on his expertise in high-quality EMS systems of care. Dr. Jodrie has provided an extraordinary level of compassion, professionalism, and leadership to all providers in Maryland and around the world.

Right Care When It Counts Awards

This year, four young Marylanders and one parent each received a Right Care When It Counts award.

Bianca Addvinola, 15 years old, **Faith Pillow**, 15 years old, and her mother **Carolyn Pillow** from Anne Arundel County each received a "Right Care" award for an incredible act of heroism. On February 10, Bianca was riding her bus to school when the driver seemingly had a medical emergency and drove off the road. Bianca dashed up to the front of the bus, discovered the driver was unconscious, and then called 9-1-1 for help. Carolyn Pillow and her daughter Faith were at home when they noticed a bus had traveled off the road in front of their house. They went out to investigate, and were told by Bianca that the bus driver was unconscious. Unable to open the bus door, which was pinned against a fence post, Faith climbed into the bus through a window and unlocked the emergency exit. Carolyn then climbed on to the bus, realized the driver was in cardiac arrest, and moved her to the floor to begin CPR. The two girls assisted and encouraged Carolyn until emergency crews arrived and took over CPR.

Anasia Clayton, 8 years old, from Charles County called 9-1-1 after recognizing that her 36-year-old mother was having a

stroke on August 16. She specifically told the dispatcher, "My mother is having a stroke," providing critical information during the call that helped EMS be prepared to treat her. Emergency crews soon arrived and transported her mother to Charles Regional Medical Center for treatment. Anasia's mother was eventually transported to Georgetown Hospital in Washington, DC, and upon her release, did not suffer any long-term damage from the stroke.

On February 28, **Jenna-Charlize A. Vilorio**, 7 years old, from Montgomery County was working on a school project at home. She went into another room to get supplies, and found her father lying unconscious on the floor. Her mother was at work, and recognizing that her father needed

immediate medical assistance, she put into practice the training her mom had taught her since she was three years old. She called 9-1-1, and the dispatcher helped Jenna use a breathing diagnostic to monitor her dad while help was on the way. Jenna also made sure the door was unlocked, so that the EMS crew could help her dad as soon as they arrived.

MIEMSS deeply appreciates the heroism, commitment, and service of each of these awardees. These citizens, providers, programs, and facilities epitomize those values that make EMS systems in Maryland among the best in the world. Congratulations to all award winners, and a sincere thank you to all EMS providers for their service to the citizens of Maryland.



From left, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald DeVries, Jr., Esq., Maryland EMS for Children Director Cynthia Wright-Johnson, Right Care When It Counts award recipients Bianca Addvinola, Carolyn Pillow, and Faith Pillow, Acting Co-Executive Director Richard Alcorta, MD, and Governor's Office of Homeland Security Director Walter (Pete) Landon.



From left, MIEMSS Acting Co-Executive Director Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA, Maryland EMS Board Chair Donald DeVries, Jr., Esq., Maryland EMS for Children Director Cynthia Wright-Johnson, Right Care When It Counts award recipient Jenna-Charlize A. Vilorio, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services Division Chief William A. Hinde, Acting Co-Executive Director Richard Alcorta, MD, and Governor's Office of Homeland Security Director Walter (Pete) Landon.