



# Maryland EMS News

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## MIEMSS Dedicates New Building To John Murphy, Conference Center to Richey Adams

On January 12, 1999, MIEMSS celebrated the official opening of its new central office at 653 West Pratt Street by dedicating the state building to John M. Murphy, Administrative Director of the agency. The Conference Center in the new MIEMSS building was dedicated to the memory of Richey D. Adams, a former member of the Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC), who died in 1996.

Mr. Murphy has worked for the state since 1972, and has worked in EMS since 1983. A pharmacist, he was the Chief Operating Officer of the Shock Trauma Center and trusted advisor to the late R Adams Cowley, founder of the Center and the innovator behind Maryland's EMS system. Through the sometime tumultuous transition after Dr. Cowley's death, Mr. Murphy ensured that patient care was never compromised and that all elements of the system continued to work effectively together.

When the prehospital division of MIEMSS was threatened by severe budget cuts in the early 1990s that would have rendered the agency ineffective, Mr. Murphy worked to secure special funding for MIEMSS and other EMS agencies.

When MIEMSS was reorganized by Governor William Donald Schaefer in 1993, Murphy was responsible for its implementation that moved the agency from the University of Maryland System into the state bureaucracy. He served as administrative head of the agency and the newly formed Governor's Emergency Medical Ser-

vices Board. Since then, he has served as the agency's main contact in Annapolis, and has been successful in gaining support for upgraded EMS communication, training, and Med-Evac coverage.

Mr. Murphy was in large part responsible for the agency's move into the new building, and worked with the University of Maryland and the University of Maryland Medical System on building funding, design, and construction. The agency never had a permanent home through the 1980s and 1990s, moving through six buildings on the University of Maryland, Baltimore campus.

Donald L. DeVries, chairman of the EMS Board, summed up the feelings of many of those attending the dedication: "With all of this, however, it is the acts of personal kindness, the compassion, and the good humor that will stand out most with me, and

I am sure most of you, when we recall his remarkable career."

Many people associated with Mr. Murphy through state government and EMS over the years attended the ceremony on January 12. Speakers included former Governor Marvin Mandel, Treasurer Richard N. Dixon, and Delegate David Rudolph.

Richey Adams, to whom the Conference Center was dedicated, was a journalist, a television producer and editor, and a consultant. He was

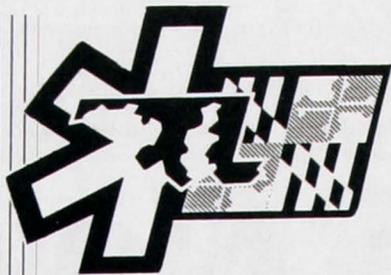
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*John M. Murphy and his family at the dedication of the new MIEMSS building.*



*Retired Deputy Chief Roger Simonds, SEMSAC chairman, presents the plaque dedicating the Conference Center to Richey Adams to his family, while EMS Board chairman Donald DeVries (l) and MIEMSS Executive Director Dr. Robert Bass (r) look on.*



# MARYLAND'S STARS OF LIFE AWARDS

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Each year the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems celebrates EMS Week by honoring men and women across Maryland who have contributed to the EMS system. As we continue with that tradition in 1999, we are using a term to describe all of our honorees, "Stars of Life." We feel this title is appropriate for these outstanding men and women because it combines our symbol, the Star of Life, with our shared vision, "the elimination of preventable death and disability from injury or sudden illness." This year we are again opening the award nomination process to everyone who receives the *Maryland EMS News*. Awardees will be selected by the Regional Affairs Committee of SEMSAC. For further information, call 410-706-3994.

*The categories of Maryland Star of Life, Maryland EMS Citizen, and EMS Provider of the Year relate to specific incidents occurring from March 1, 1998 to February 28, 1999. Multiple awards may be presented.*

## **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 by EMS personnel.

## **MARYLAND EMS CITIZEN AWARD**

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

## **EMS PROVIDER OF THE YEAR**

For a provider 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; new technology).

*One award for each of the three categories below will be selected by the Regional Affairs Committee of SEMSAC. Nominees not selected will be sent to the Regional Councils for possible recognition at that level.*

## **OUTSTANDING EMS PROGRAM**

For 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.

## **OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD**

For an individual who has dedicated his/her professional life to the prevention of death and disability through outstanding contributions to the development and continuous improvement of the EMS System.

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# MARYLAND'S STARS OF LIFE AWARDS — 1999 NOMINATION FORM

**Individual(s)/Organization(s) Nominated:** \_\_\_\_\_

If there is more than one nominee, please duplicate this form or use a separate sheet for the other names and addresses and attach it to this form.

**\* Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
( P.O. Box or Street )

\_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip)

**\* Telephone Nos.** \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W)

**Nominee's Level of Certification or Licensure (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Award Category:**

- Maryland Star of Life Award     EMS Provider of the Year     Outstanding Service
- Maryland EMS Citizen Award     Outstanding EMS Program    Award

**This individual/group/program/facility is being nominated for outstanding recognition because:**

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Please attach additional documentation such as newspaper articles, video footage, and letters of commendation.

**Name of person submitting this nomination:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Print or Type)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Address)

**\* Telephone Nos.** \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W)

**FAX Nos.** \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W)

\* Must be completed!!

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT MIEMSS BY MARCH 23, 1999.**  
Mail to: Jim Brown, MIEMSS, 653 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21201-15368  
or FAX to: Jim Brown, 410-706-3485.



# EMS Care '99

**April 24-25, 1999**

At the Greenbelt Marriott Hotel

*Sponsored By*

**The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems  
and the Emergency Education Council of Region V, Inc.**

*Hosted by The Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department*

*With the Generous Financial Support of*

**Shock Trauma Associates, PA  
R Adams Cowley Trauma Center**

**Suburban Hospital**

**Department of Trauma and  
Emergency Medicine  
Prince George's Hospital Center**

## The Program

EMS CARE '99, the 16th annual statewide conference for EMS providers, is a program designed to meet the needs of field providers. Throughout the program you will see YAWA which means "you asked, we answered." Each area with YAWA is in response to survey data, brainstorming, or other research on provider needs. This includes "ALS only" programs, instructor offerings, and repeats of our most popular programs to ensure access to more participants.

## Continuing Education

Categories and hours are listed under the program descriptions. The first listing is for EMT-B credits (M, T, or L); the second, for CRT; and the third, for EMT-P.

## EMT-B Recertification

The conference workshops are arranged to provide the 12 hours of continuing education required as part of EMT-B recertification. To assist you in determining your credits, we have included a worksheet.

## Registration Fees

EMS Care '99 is the deal of the century. Costs for the two-day conference for Maryland EMS providers will remain at \$120 for the third year in a row. This includes all expenses for workshops and printed materials. Continental breakfasts, lunches, and refreshment breaks are also included. Out-of-state registration is \$150. Fees for pre-conference programs are listed following each program.

Pre-registration is required. We will accept registrations received in the Region V Office by April 16, 1999, or until the conference is filled—whichever comes first. No walk-in registrations will be accepted. Refunds, excluding a \$20 processing fee, will be provided for cancellations received in writing prior to April 18. A \$25 fee will be charged for bad checks. We can invoice Maryland governmental and EMS agencies and hospitals. We cannot invoice federal agencies or out-of-state agencies or organizations. Please contact Registrar Kathy Cook (Region V Office) at 301-474-1485 for details.

## Greenbelt Marriott Hotel

A special conference rate of \$84 per night (single or double occupancy) has been arranged with the hotel. The reservation form is enclosed but note that you must make your reservation with the hotel. Special rates are guaranteed through April 1, 1999, if rooms are available.

## Social Events

It's a PARASCOPE Reunion! How many of you remember the conference that started it all? Saturday night, April 24, we will celebrate the anniversary of that famous EMS conference and the 25th anniversary of ALS in Region V. See your confirmation letter or call for more information at 301-474-1485.

## Vendors

In response to provider requests, vendors will be available in the Annapolis Room all day Saturday. All refreshment breaks will take place in this room. A reception with light refreshments and cash bar will be hosted by the vendors from 5 to 7 PM with no admission charge.

## Directions

From the Capital Beltway (I-495), take Exit 23 to Kenilworth Avenue. Follow through one light. Take the next left on Ivy Lane. The Marriott is the second building on the left.

## Special Accommodations

If you require special accommodations to attend our workshops, please provide information about your requirements when you register. We have made every effort to choose healthy food for our meals. If you require a special menu or have specific nutritional needs, please let us know.

## Tee Shirts

Tee shirts must be ordered and paid for ahead of time (see registration form). Shirts will be navy blue with upper left chest logo for \$10 plus tax (50 cents). On the registration form, please indicate the number and size of shirts you are ordering and include payment. To ensure availability, shirts must be ordered by April 1, 1999.

# Pre-Conference Workshops

## April 22-23: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Incident Management System for EMS

This two-day certification course developed by the National Fire Academy will be presented by the Montgomery County Department of Fire Rescue Services and the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute {12 hours L, 2, Section II} \$60 registration fee.

### April 23 Pediatric Program for ALS Providers

This Advanced Life Support program is funded through an EMS for Children grant. It is free of charge for Maryland providers, but enrollment is limited. Register early. The out-of-state fee is \$50.

#### Part 1: 8:30 AM-12:00 noon—Pediatric Vascular Access Workshop for ALS Providers

Joseph Wright, MD, Associate State EMS Medical Director for Pediatrics, will lead a workshop on the current practices for difficult vascular access in children and youth. This workshop will include hands-on skill stations taught by members of the Transport Team from Children's National Medical Center. IV and IO sites for the newborn, the squirming toddler, and the athletic youth will be discussed and demonstrated. ALS only. {3.5 hours A, Div 4, Section 9}

#### Part 2: 1:00 PM-4:30 PM—Children with Special Health Care Needs: Advanced Life Support Workshop

Children are going home from the hospital, getting on school buses, and living in our community with many different types of medical equipment and advanced technological devices. ALS providers attending this workshop will receive information on specific chronic illnesses and disabilities and the technology used to provide care for children in Maryland. Participants will work with specialized training manikins in scenario-based skill stations and hear from parents of special children. ALS only. {3.5 hours A, Div 4, Section 9}

### April 23 Quality Management for Team EMS

This day-long program is designed as our continuing education for Quality Improvement Team members and assumes a basic understanding of the principles of Quality Management. It is available free of charge to those who have completed a TEAM EMS program. The fee for those who have not completed a TEAM EMS program is \$50.

#### Part 1: 8:30 AM-12:00 noon—Using Data to Improve System Performance

We talk about using data to improve EMS care and system operations, but many of us are overwhelmed by how to use the data available to answer our questions. John New, BS, Director of MIEMSS Quality Management, and John Harding, NREMT-P, MBA, of Laurel Rescue Squad, will demystify working with data. {3.5 hours L, Cat 2, Div 2}

#### Part 2: 1:15-5:00 PM—The EMS Field Evaluator/ Preceptor

Do you know what's going on in the street? Really know? The "EMS Field Evaluator/ Preceptor" is a vital part of any EMS quality improvement program. If implemented properly, it can boost productivity and increase the quality of care. Students will receive tools and insight into developing a highly efficient program that is patient and provider centered. This program is intended for those interested in quality improvement with a "hands-on" attitude. Robert W. Austin, NREMT-P, National Association of EMS Quality Professionals. {4 hours L, Cat 2, Div 2}

### April 23: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Provider Safety: Techniques for Conflict Resolution and Self Defense

Recent surveys indicate that EMS providers are concerned about threats to their personal safety. This day-long program will cover ways that the provider can reduce the threat of violence in emergency situations. It will also include practical methods that the provider can use to protect himself/herself in the event of violence. Captain Greg Ruff, Montgomery DFRS, and TFC Steven Proctor, MSP Aviation. {6 hours L, Cat 2, Div 2} \$50 registration fee.

## EMS Care '99 Conference Schedule Saturday

8:00-8:30	Opening							
8:30-9:30	Keynote Address: A New Century for EMS & Fire							
Session 1	10:00 - 11:30	1-A. High Tech Kids	1-B. Advances in Pediatric Airway Management			1-E. PowerPoint Tricks of the Trade for Industry		
<b>Lunch - Noon</b>								
Session 2	1:00 - 2:30	2-A. EMS in the 21st Century	2-B. Trauma Case Reviews (PGHC)	2-C. Effective Scene Management	2-D. Field Evaluation of Stroke Patients	2-E. Designing Your Own Websites		
<b>Vendor Break 2:30 - 3:00</b>								
Session 3	3:00 - 5:00	General Session: EMS Protocols for the New Millennium						
<b>Vendor Reception 5:00 - 7:00</b>								

## Sunday

Session 4	8:30 - 10:00	4-A. EMS vs Non-EMS Transport	4-B. Provider Safety	4-C. Burn Management	4-D. Cardiac Case Reviews (ALS)	4-E. Geriatric Case Reviews	4-F. Tricks of the Trade for BLS
Session 5	10:30 - Noon	5-A. EMS vs Non-EMS Transport	5-B. Provider Safety	5-C. Field Evaluation of Cervical Spine Injuries	5-D. Cardiac Case Reviews (ALS)	5-E. Geriatric Case Reviews	5-F. Tricks of the Trade for BLS
<b>Lunch 12:30</b>							
Session 6	1:30 - 3:00	6-A. Sounds of Children	6-B. Neurotrauma Case Reviews	6-C. Incredible Edible Lab	6-D. Rapid Sequence Intubation	6-E. Nursing Home Issues	6-F. Tricks of the Trade for BLS
Session 7	3:30 - 5:00	7-A. Sounds of Children	7-B. Neurotrauma Case Reviews	7-C. Incredible Edible Lab	7-D. Rapid Sequence Intubation	7-E. Death of a Child	7-F. Tricks of the Trade for BLS

# The EMS Care Program

**Saturday, April 24, 1999**

**8:00-8:30 am Opening Ceremonies**  
Robert R. Bass, MD, FACEP  
Executive Director, Maryland Institute for  
Emergency Medical Services Systems  
Chief Ronald Siarnicki  
Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department

**8:30- 9:30 am A New Century for EMS and Fire: Are You Ready?**  
Keynote Address by Captain Tim Vandenberg  
Edmonton Emergency Response Department  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

**9:30 am Vendor Break**

## Workshop Descriptions

(See Schedule for Time)

### 1-A. High-Tech Kids—Children with Special Health Care Needs (BLS only)

Children are going home from the hospital, getting on school buses, and living in our community with many different types of specialized medical equipment. This presentation will give BLS providers information on specific types of chronic illnesses and disabilities and exposure to the technology seen at home and in schools. Cynthia Wright-Johnson, RN, MSN, RNC, and Elizabeth U. Berg, RN, BS. {1.5 M}

### 1-B. Advances in Pediatric Airway Management (ALS only)

The ABCs of Emergency Medical Services for Children always start with—Airway, Airway, Airway. The unique challenges in managing small airways, the specialized equipment available, and specific difficult cases will be presented by experienced pediatric practitioners in Maryland. {1.5 A, Div IV, Sect 9}

**1-E. PowerPoint Tricks of the Trade for Instructors**  
MIEMSS experts will assist instructors in improving their PowerPoint skills through hands-on, group instruction. {1.5 L, Cat 2 & Sect 2}

### 2-A. EMS in the 21st Century

Two individuals who will help shape EMS in the 21st century will discuss their visions and offer challenges for the new millennium. Robert Bass, MD, FACEP, Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for EMS Systems, and Ronald Siarnicki, Chief of the Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department. {1.5 L, Cat 2 & Sect 2}

### 2-B. Trauma Case Reviews

Dr. Said Daee, Chief of Trauma Surgery at Prince George's Hospital Center, will review cases with field providers and members of his staff. {1.5 T, 1B, II-1}

### 2-C. Effective Scene Management

When a mother in Virginia discovered her son's body hours after the accident scene had been cleared, many of us cringed. An experienced EMS Officer will provide tips on how to effectively manage a scene. {1.5 L, Cat 2 & Sect 2}

### 2-D. Field Evaluation of Stroke Patients (ALS only)

Timely assessment and management of stroke patients have taken on added importance with the introduction of new therapies. This presentation will review assessment strategies and patient selection for advanced therapies. {1.5 A, Div IV}

### 2-E. Designing Your Own Websites

The Region V Emergency Education Council Webmaster, Barry Johnson, will demystify website creation and maintenance. This is a hands-on lab course for EMS hackers. Space is very limited, but this workshop may be repeated on Sunday if there is interest. {1.5 L, Cat 2 & Sect 2}

**3:00-5:00PM General Session**  
**EMS Protocols for the New Millennium**

Learn the underlying philosophy of the streamlined new protocols and how they will improve patient care. Listen as master instructors apply the approach of the new protocols to a variety of case studies. This course will meet the requirements of new protocol orientation. {2 M, Cat A, Div IV, Sect 3}

**Sunday, April 25, 1999**

### 4-A, 5-A. EMS vs Non-EMS Transport of Critically Injured Patients

How do trauma patients arrive at trauma centers and emergency departments? How does their mode of transport and care en route affect their outcome? Why are we even asking these questions? Join the Director of Adult Trauma at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Dr. Eddie Cornwell, for a lively discussion of this topic. {1.5 T, B, II-1}

### 4-B, 5-B. Provider Safety

Captain Greg Ruff, Montgomery DFRS, and TFC Steven Proctor, MSP Aviation Division, discuss practical methods the provider can use to protect himself/herself in the event of violence. {1.5 L, Cat 2 & Div 2}

### 4-C. Burn Management

Burns are one of the mostly devastating injuries. The Washington Burn Center team will update us on the latest in burn care. {1.5 T, 1B, III-4}

### 4-D, 5-D. Cardiac Case Reviews (ALS only)

Dr. Terry Jodrie, Associate Medical Director for the Prince George's Fire and EMS Department, and Medical Director for the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, will review cardiac cases for ALS providers. {1.5 A, IV-3}

### 4-E, 5-E. Geriatric Case Reviews

Senior citizens represent a significant percentage of all ambulance transports. These case reviews will highlight ways to improve care to our elderly patients. {1.5 M, B, IV Sect 9}

### 4, 5, 6, & 7-F. Tricks of the Trade (BLS only)

These practical sessions are not part of your core "BLS Skills" recertification requirement but are "tricks of the trade" offered by experienced field providers. These small group sessions will be available to the first 200 BLS registrants – so register early. {45 minutes, trauma credits; 45 minutes, medical credits}

### 5-C. Field Evaluation of Cervical Spine Injuries (ALS only)

Some research indicates that experienced paramedics are as effective as ED physicians in "clearing" possible cervical spine injuries. Hear a real debate on this topic. {1.5 B, III-2}

### 6-A, 7-A. Sounds of Children

Young children may not be able to tell us what's wrong in words, but if we can interpret their oral and non-verbal communication, it can assist us in assessment. Listen to tapes from the Emergency Department of Children's National Medical Center with some expert interpretation from the staff. {1.5 M, B, IV-9}

### 6-B, 7-B. Neurotrauma Case Reviews

Dr. Amiel Bethel, Director of Neurosurgery at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, will review prehospital care and its links to hospital outcomes. {T, B, III-2}

### 6-C, 7-C. The Incredible, Not Too Edible, Scratch 'n' Sniff Medical and Environmental Emergencies Lab

What is that stuff all over your patient? What did Junior ingest? What kind of "critter" is that? Will it hurt your patient? Could it hurt you? What you don't know could hurt you. Teams will complete learning stations in this interactive seminar that will challenge your ability to identify toxins, hazards, and medical conditions you might encounter in the field. {1.5 M, B, IV, 7}

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# EMS CARE '99 REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Pager \_\_\_\_\_

Certification/Licensure: Circle FR, EMT-B, CRT, EMT-P, EMD, RN

**Friday Pre-Conference (Select one):**

Incident Management \_\_\_ Pediatrics \_\_\_ Quality Management \_\_\_ Provider Safety \_\_\_

Use the grid below to select your options for sessions 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7. The grid is designed to assist in keeping track of credits. For example, a BLS provider registering for Trauma Case Reviews at Session 2 would write 2-B in "Session, Title/Letter" and record 1.5 Trauma under BLS.

	Session Title/Letter	BLS	ALS
<b>Opening Session</b>	Opening Remarks & Keynote Address	<b>1.5 Local</b>	<b>1.5 Cat 2</b>
<b>Session 1</b>			
<b>Session 2</b>			
<b>Session 3</b>	Protocols for the New Millennium	<b>2.0 M</b>	<b>2.0 A, Div 4, Sect 3</b>
<b>Session 4</b>			
<b>Session 5</b>			
<b>Session 6</b>			
<b>Session 7</b>			
<b>Total Hours</b>			

Tee Shirts are \$10 plus 50 cents tax. Please indicate the number requested next to each size.

\_\_\_small\_\_\_medium\_\_\_large\_\_\_xlarge\_\_\_2X\_\_\_3X

Pre-Conference Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (See Pre-Conference Program)

Conference Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$120, Maryland EMS provider; \$150, out-of-state registration)

Tee Shirt Order \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the Emergency Education Council of Region V, Inc., and send to:  
Region V Office, MIEMSS, 5111 Berwyn Road, College Park, Maryland 20740

## HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

*Mail this form and payment to the hotel, not to MIEMSS.*

GREENBELT MARRIOTT HOTEL

6400 Ivy Lane

Greenbelt, MD 20770

Phone 301-441-3700

The dates for EMS Care are listed below. Any variation is subject to availability.  
Reservation cards must be received by April 1, 1999.

**Name of Group: EMS CARE '99 Date of Function: April 23-25, 1999**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Corp. \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing With: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name First Name

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

month day year

month day year

**Type of Room**

\$84 for double occupancy; please circle: King or 2 double Beds; \$10 for each additional person.

Approximate arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_ or GTD by AMEX \_\_\_\_\_ Diners \_\_\_\_\_ Visa/Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parlors and Suites upon request are subject to availability. Please call direct.

Rollaway bed in room (subject to availability) is \$10 extra per night \_\_\_\_\_ Crib (free) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Governor Parris N. Glendening**

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## DATED MATERIAL

### EMS Care Workshops

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#### **6-D, 7-D. Rapid Sequence Intubation**

Dr. Douglas Floccare, the State Aeromedical Director, will discuss the prehospital use of neuromuscular blocking agents for rapid sequence intubation (RSI). He will describe the current RSI Pilot Program and the steps that ground-based BLS and ALS providers need to take to team with the flight paramedic at the scene in providing this important care for patients. {1.5 T, A, II 2}

#### **6-E. Nursing Homes: Improving the Relationship**

Nursing home calls are a fact of EMS life but often marred by misunderstandings by personnel on both sides. Get the facts to help you improve the situation from Captain Milton Harrod, EMT-P, Prince George's County Fire and EMS Department. {1.5 L, 2}

#### **7-E. When Children Die: Treating the Family**

Are you prepared for the multiple tasks at the scene when a child dies? There are many different "normal" responses of both family and providers when a child dies. Few have been described in EMS literature. Christina Johns, MD, Pediatric Emergency Fellow, has been at the sides of families and will share practical interventions for helping everyone at the scene. {1.5 M, B, Div IV Sect 9}

### Building Dedication

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an expert on a wide variety of emergency operations and public information and education topics. Mr. Adams participated in the development of the U.S. Department of Transportation Public Information, Education, and Relations Program (PIER) for emergency service providers. He was always willing to share his experience and expertise across the state and made the long treks to Cumberland and Salisbury to exchange ideas and information. An informal advisor to MIEMSS for many years, that relationship became more formal when he agreed to serve on SEMSAC, a position he held until his untimely death in October 1996.

Richey Adams held many titles and won many honors during his life. A volunteer EMT and a life member of the Bethesda/Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, he was a teacher and mentor to many in the fire/rescue/EMS community.

◆ *Robert Dubansky & Jim Brown*

### Update on 'How Best to Tell the Worst News'

In the October newsletter on EMS Do Not Resuscitate Protocols, we reprinted an article "How Best to Tell the Worst News" that originally appeared in the October 18, 1992 issue of *JAMA* and later in the "Maryland EMS Do Not Resuscitate Program Booklet." John E. Smialek, MD, Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Maryland, responded to the article. He reminds EMS providers to tell the family if the patient's death is within the jurisdiction of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), so that the family does not experience additional distress if the body is not immediately available. EMS providers should also tell the family to contact the OCME at 410-333-3271 (24-hour phone coverage is provided) if they have any questions or concerns.

### February Calendar

#### ➔ February 23

MarylandCARES Pediatric Conference  
University of Md. Medical Center  
Baltimore, MD  
INFO: 410-328-7532