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Maryland's EMS System Faces Emergency; Legislature Will Consider Registration Fee Increase

Shortfall in Funds Could Mean Cutbacks Across the State

MIEMSS will ask the 2001 General Assembly to approve a \$3 per year increase in the vehicle registration fee that supports the EMS Operations Fund (EMSOF). "The increase—amounting to less than 1 penny per day—will prevent cutbacks in lifesaving statewide programs and ensure the integrity and operation of Maryland's statewide EMS system," said Robert Bass, MD, Executive Director of MIEMSS.

Unless the \$3 per year increase is approved, Maryland's statewide system of emergency medical care is facing a cutback of at least \$5.6 million per year, beginning in July 2001. "The impact of this shortfall could be devastating to our entire EMS system," asserted Dr. Bass. He said that state officials are communicating with EMS providers throughout Maryland to get the message out that the "clock is ticking" so that providers are aware that cutbacks may be necessary as soon as July.

Dr. Bass said that the deficit is due to a shrinking balance in the EMSOF. He explained that the EMSOF provides dedicated funding to MIEMSS, the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, the Aviation Division of the Maryland State Police, the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, Grants to Local Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Services ("Amoss Fund" or "508 monies"), and the Volunteer Low Interest Revolving Loan Account. The EMSOF is funded

by an \$8 per year surcharge on the vehicle registration fee. Dr. Bass said that there has been no increase in the surcharge since it began in 1992, while the needs that are supported by the EMSOF have grown as the statewide EMS system has grown.

Cuts to any of the entities that are funded by the EMSOF could have repercussions throughout the entire EMS system. The impact of multiple cuts, however, would likely be felt most seriously at the local level. Cutbacks in training offered by the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, in equipment purchased by MIEMSS, or in the operations of the MSP Aviation Division could seriously impact the operations of local jurisdictions. Also, potential cuts to the Volunteer Low Interest Revolving Loan Account, which was just recently established, would hurt the ability of Maryland's volunteer ambulance, fire, and rescue companies to more easily finance costly equipment purchases and facility upgrades and replacements. Furthermore, possible reductions to the Amoss Fund ("508" monies) have been projected to be as high as 28%. Taken together, these potential cuts could be devastating to the local EMS community. Dr. Bass said: "\$10 million is distributed each year to the counties and Baltimore City through the Amoss Fund and is used by those jurisdictions to pay for a variety of fire and EMS needs." He said that any reduction in those funds, coupled with

the other cutbacks, could mean serious problems at the local level. "These jurisdictions rely on the grants, equipment, and training provided by and through the state programs. If these are cut, it is not clear how the jurisdictions can make up for the loss of state support," he said.

The fee increase was determined to be the best alternative as a funding source for Maryland's EMS system after the EMS Board considered a wide range of possibilities. This fee would provide stable, ongoing support, less vulnerable to the swings of budget surpluses and shortfalls that could threaten continuity of vital EMS operations. The \$3 per year increase would sustain the Fund at least through FY 2008. Dr. Bass said: "This is the type of support that will provide a firm foundation for continued operation, growth, and improvement of the statewide system."



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for Schedule and
Registration Information.

EMS Cardiac Arrest Reporting

Many thanks to the EMS providers, Jurisdictional AED/Cardiac Arrest coordinators, Regional Administrators, and Jurisdictional Advisory Committee members, for your efforts in distributing and completing the EMS Cardiac Arrest forms. As of December 31, 2000, we have received 6 Facility AED reports and 120 reports on 118 incidents from EMS providers throughout the state.

As a reminder, the highest level provider filling out a Maryland Ambulance Information System (MAIS) runsheet should also complete an EMS Cardiac Arrest form for a cardiac arrest patient, whether that patient is transported by that provider's unit or not. For example, if a BLS and an ALS unit respond to the same cardiac arrest call and each fills out a MAIS, then both should fill out a supplemental cardiac arrest form. Both sets of MAIS and cardiac arrest forms should then be faxed to MIEMSS.

Some points of clarification:

- *Question 10* reads: "Was the initial Dispatched/Standby EMS Responder trained & equipped with an AED or manual defibrillator?"
- *Question 10a* reads: "Did the initial EMS Responder attempt to use an AED or manual defibrillator?"
- *Question 11* reads: "Was the

patient defibrillated by a Dispatched/Standby EMS Responder?"

Questions 10 and *10a* apply to the first EMS provider that was dispatched *and* that was first to arrive on scene. When multiple units are dispatched at the same time, such as Fire, BLS, and ALS, the information for *Questions 10* and *10a* would come from the first unit to arrive on scene.

Question 11 asks whether the cardiac patient was defibrillated by *any* dispatched/standby EMS responder. The answer may be the same as *Question 10a*, if the patient was defibrillated by a provider that arrived on scene first. If the patient was defibrillated by a second or third unit to arrive, then the response to *Question 10a* would be NO, whereas the response to *Question 11* would be YES.

Following is a list of Cardiac Arrest coordinators and their respective jurisdictions. If your area has a coordinator and his/her name is not listed below, please call Claudine Woo at MIEMSS (877-937-7724). The Cardiac Arrest coordinator is responsible for gathering and reviewing all documents for a cardiac arrest case and sending them into MIEMSS. Several companies and jurisdictions have initiated this position in conjunction with their quality control procedures.

Quarterly summaries will be provided to all Jurisdiction Quality Councils and others. The first quarterly report will be distributed in April.

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Region	Jurisdiction	AED Coordinator Name
III	Anne Arundel County	Chief O'Connell
	Baltimore City	Captain Leonard Bland
	Harford County	Judy Hinch
	Howard County	Captain Rae Olivera
V	Calvert County	Cathy All
	Montgomery County	Michael McAdams
	Prince George's County	Captain Kim Vogts
	St. Mary's County	Stanley Williams

Dispatch	First to arrive on scene	Who defibrillates?	Response to Question 10	Response to Question 10a	Response to Question 11
BLS and ALS dispatched at the same time	BLS arrives on scene first; has AED, but does not use	ALS	Yes	No	Yes
Fire engine, then BLS, then ALS	Fire engine; has AED, and uses AED	Fire engine uses AED and shocks 1 time; ALS uses manual defibrillator and shocks 2 times	Yes	Yes	Yes
BLS first, then ALS	ALS arrives first; has manual defibrillator	ALS	Yes	Yes	Yes



EMS Care 2001

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The Program

EMS Care 2001 is the 18th annual EMS Conference in Maryland and the 1st Annual Regional EMS Care conference including Northern Virginia and Washington, DC.

Registration Information

Preregistration is required. We will accept registrations received in the Region V Office until April 23, 2001, if space is available. Confirmation letters will be sent. No walk-in registrations will be accepted.

Refunds, excluding a \$20 processing fee, will be provided for cancellations received *in writing* by April 23. There will be a \$25 fee for bad checks. Credit cards are accepted. Fax registration (301-513-5941) is available for those using a credit card.

Fees

The registration fee for the Saturday/Sunday conference covers all activities, including continental breakfast, breaks, luncheon, and printed materials. The registration fee for this program is \$130. Friday's pre-conference fees include continental breakfast, breaks, luncheon, and printed materials. The fees for all Friday programs are listed on the registration form.

Continuing Education Credits

Prehospital continuing education credits are available for all DC, Maryland, and Virginia providers. Maryland BLS and CRT credits, and Virginia ALS credits are listed at the end of each course description. NREMT-Bs (DC) and Virginia EMT-Bs will receive Category II (2) credit in all courses. ALS National Registry is listed as NREMT-P Div. ___ Sec. ___ at the end of each course description.

Preconference Offerings

Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Note: Breaks and luncheon are included with all Friday programs.

12-Lead EKG Class: This program enables the provider to obtain and interpret a 12-lead EKG. Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to properly identify and initiate care for the cardiac patient. *ALS only, limited enrollment.*

Credits: 7 hrs. MD—Cat. A; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P-Div. 4, Sec. 3

K.I.D.S. - Kids in Disasters: The Maryland EMS for Children Partnership Grant is focusing on the unique needs of children in multi-casualty incidents (MCI) and disasters. This one-day workshop will focus on specific planning and strategies necessary to help children who are involved in disasters. Come listen to the lessons learned from actual disasters and MCIs in Maryland. The afternoon will include table-top drills and an overview of resources for Disaster Planning, Disaster Drills, and Disaster Response.

7 Credits Total: 4 hrs. MD—T, Cat. B; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P-Div. 5, Sec. 9
3 hrs. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Sec. 2

The Missing Protocol: EMS runsheets are being used in litigation against prehospital providers! In response, "The Missing Protocol" provides a template for a legally defensible report, and promotes provider competence and proficiency in report-writing

Hotel Accommodations

A special conference rate of \$89 a night, single or double occupancy (plus 10% tax), has been arranged with the hotel. These rates are guaranteed only if your reservations are received by April 3, 2001. Tax-exempt organizations must pay by check imprinted with the organization's name and accompanied by documentation of tax-exempt status.

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 by April 7, 2001.

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.

Additional Information

For additional information, please contact the Region V Office of MIEMSS at 301-474-1485.

skills and standards, thereby decreasing provider liability. Denise Graham, RN, BSN, CINC

Credits: 7 hrs. MD—M, Cat. A; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P-Div. 2, Sec. 1

Quality Improvement Workshop: How do we assess EMS system performance? What indicators can we track to prove we make a difference? How do QA and QI fit into prehospital EMS? This interactive workshop is open to all those interested in system improvement.

Credits: 7 hrs. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Sec. 2

Moulage for Disaster Drills: Presented by the Port Tobacco Players, this workshop will show participants how to create mock injuries that look realistic for mass casualty exercises. Very limited enrollment.

Credits: 7 hrs. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—Cat. 2; NREMT-P- Sec. 2

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Incident Command Overview for EMS Field Providers:

Based upon the National Fire Academy Incident Command for EMS course, this pilot program is designed to provide an overview of the system and a familiarization with terminology.

Credits: 3 hrs. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Sec. 2

EMS Care 2001 Conference Schedule

Saturday, April 28, 2001

- 7:00-8:00 AM** Registration, Vendor Exhibits, Continental Breakfast
- 8:00-8:30 AM** **Opening Ceremonies**
Chief Ronald Siarnicki
Prince George's County Fire Chiefs' Forum: All Metro Washington Council of Government Fire Chiefs have been invited.
- 8:30-9:15 AM** **Emergency Care in the 21st Century: Meeting the Challenge**
Sherry Adams, *Executive Director, Office of Emergency Health and Medical Services, Washington, DC*
Robert R. Bass, MD, *Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems*
Gary Brown, *Director of Emergency Health Services, Virginia Department of Health*
The State Directors will explore many of the factors that will impact how we provide care in the future.
Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—Cat. 2; NREMT-P- Sec. 2
- 9:15-9:45 AM** Break (Vendor Exhibit Hall)
- 9:45-10:45 AM** **Children in Disasters: Small Details for Small Victims**
Multi-casualty incidents are always complex, but disaster plans need to be even more specialized when large numbers of children are involved. Communities, families, and public safety systems must be prepared for the needs of children. Lou E. Romig, MD, FAAP, FACEP, Miami Children's Hospital, will present her experiences in Florida and her expertise in strategic planning.
Credits: 1 hr. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Sec. 2

Session 1 – 11:00 AM - Noon (select only one)

- A. Public Access Defibrillation:** Robert R. Bass, MD, Executive Director of MIEMSS, will discuss initiatives in Maryland and across the nation. *Credits: 1 hr. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—Cat. 2; NREMT-P- Sec. 2*
- B. EMS Bike Team Development:** A how-to for those interested in developing this rapid response program for mass gatherings led by Bob Halsall, founder of the Arlington County FD Program. *Credits: 1 hr. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—Cat. 2; NREMT-P- Sec. 2*
- C. Football and Other Sports Injuries—Learn from the Pros:** Pro-football physician Andrew Pollack, MD, of the Baltimore Ravens, will discuss emergency care and helmet removal. *Credits: 1 hr. MD—T, Cat. B; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Div. 3, Sec. 1*
- D. Asthma:** Asthma is a respiratory disorder that has become a major health care problem. This presentation will include assessment strategies and new management approaches. Craig DeAtley, PA-C, George Washington University School of Medicine. *Credits: 1 hr. MD—M, Cat. A; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Div. 4, Sec. 2*
- E. Facial Trauma:** Severe facial trauma can make field care, especially airway management, a daunting task. Learn tips to help you provide field care and see how faces and lives are rebuilt at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. Bradley Robertson, MD, DDS, Chief of Plastic Surgery. *Credits: 1 hr. MD—T, Cat. B; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Div. 3, Sec. 1*

12:00-12:30 PM Visit Vendor Exhibit Hall 12:30 PM Luncheon

Session 2 – 1:30 PM-3:00 PM (select only one)

- F. USAR Team – The Fairfax USAR response in Turkey and Japan:** In the Fall of 1999, the Fairfax USAR made three international deployments. This workshop will provide a photo essay of the team's work abroad, and discuss the implications for those left behind. Special emphasis will be placed on the Family Support Program. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—Cat. 2; NREMT-P- Sec. 2*
- G. JumpSTART:** A tool for pediatric multi-casualty field triage presented by Lou Romig, MD. Attendees will have the opportunity to practice this objective assessment tool. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—T, Cat. B; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Div. 4, Sec. 9*
- H. KaBoom!** In order to be prepared for a possible terrorist attack, EMS providers must know what kind of injuries to expect and how to treat them. Al Romanosky, MD, will present this timely topic. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—T, Cat. B; VA—Cat. 2; NREMT-P- Div. 3, Sec. 1*
- I. Left Ventricular Assist Pumps:** Since these devices help those awaiting transplant live outside the hospital, we can expect to see them in the field. Experts from INOVA Fairfax Hospital transplant team will let us know how to cope. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—M, Cat. A; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Div. 4, Sec. 3*
- J. Neonatal Resuscitation:** Back by popular demand, this hands-on workshop will highlight assessment and treatment strategies for critically ill newborns, including IV access, medication administration, and thermoregulation. Teams from the Children's National Medical Center and Johns Hopkins Children Center will conduct the workshop. *ALS only. Limited registration. Repeated at 3:30 PM. Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—M, Cat. A; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Div. 5, Sec. 9*

3:00 PM Visit Vendor Exhibit Hall

Session 3 – 3:30 PM (select only one)

- K. Planning Exercise Drills Have You Puzzled? Learn How the Pieces Come Together:** This workshop will present the five types of Progressive Exercise Programs and the exercise development process. You will also be provided materials to assist you with your drill. Richard Meighen, MIEMSS, Mollie Johnson, Charles County Public Schools. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—Cat. 2; NREMT-P- Sec. 2*
- L. Special Events – Contingency Planning:** From sporting events to mass gatherings, injury, suffering, or death may occur as a result of poor planning or preventable incidents at public events. Is your department ready? Capt. Greg Blalock, DC Fire and EMS Department. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—Cat. 2; NREMT-P- Sec. 2*
- M. Maryland's Response to School Bus Incidents:** This how-to program will place special emphasis on incidents involving children with special health care needs but the principles apply to all bus incidents. "Jay" Smith, Montgomery Co. DFRS, Bea McCormick, Prince George's Co. Public Schools. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Sec. 2*
- N. Ecstasy, GHB, and Rohypnol: Club Drugs That Are All the Rage:** Joseph Wright, MD, Associate State Medical Director for Pediatrics and Emergency Department Attending Physician at CHMC, will discuss recognition and priorities for treatment of these drugs. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—M, Cat. B; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Div. 4, Sec. 7*
- O. A Visit to ER!** Real life can be even more interesting than prime time. Hear the amazing facts from an experienced ED physician. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—T, Cat. B; VA—Cat. 2; NREMT-P- Sec. 2*
- P. Neonatal Resuscitation:** See 1:30 for details. *ALS Credits Only: 1.5 hrs. MD—M, Cat. A; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Div. 5, Sec. 9*

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Sunday, April 29, 2001

- 8:30 AM School Violence – Columbine & Other Incidents:** This presentation will focus on emergency response to school violence incidents.
Credits: 1 hr. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Sec. 2
- 9:15 AM Violence and Violent Injuries: Strategies for the New Millennium:** A review of what is new in our struggle against violence and violent injuries.
Carnell Cooper, MD, Assistant Professor, Attending Trauma Surgeon, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, University of Maryland Medical System. *Credits: 1 hr. MD—T, Cat. B; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P-Div. 3, Sec. 1*
- 10:15 AM Break**

Session 4 – 10:30 AM - Noon (select only one)

- Q. “Operation Stroke”:** “Operation Stroke” is a multifaceted national initiative with the goal of improving stroke outcomes. It brings together medical, EMS, media, and community outreach professionals to work together to impact the occurrence, severity, and fatality of strokes. Learn your role in the stroke chain of survival from Marian LaMonte, MD, American Stroke Association. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—M, Cat. A; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P-Div. 4, Sec. 4*
- R. Critical Incident Stress Management—A Team Perspective:** Steve Yannarell, NREMT-P, Prince William Dept. of Fire Rescue will discuss this timely topic. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Sec. 2*
- S. Crash Reconstruction:** The Children’s National Medical Center Crash Reconstruction Team will take us through three crashes and their outcomes. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—T, Cat. B; VA—Cat. 2; NREMT-P-Div. 3, Sec. 1*
- T. Bioterrorism vs Nature’s Revenge:** Outbreaks of contagious disease are as old as time. How do we contain epidemics? How do we determine if it is naturally occurring or the result of a terrorist act? Richard Alcorta, MD, State EMS Medical Director, will discuss this timely topic. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—M, Cat. B; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P-Div. 4, Sec. 7*
- U. Crime Scene Investigations – Practical Points for Preserving Evidence:** EMS & ED staff frequently care for patients who have been injured from accidental or inflicted trauma. Practical information on what evidence is and how to protect it will be presented with several illustrations of how emergency care providers can avoid compromising a police investigation. William Hauda II, MD. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—Cat. 2; NREMT-P- Sec. 2*
- V. BLS Neonatal Resuscitation:** This hands-on workshop will highlight the reverse triangle of newborn assessment with practical application to case-based scenarios. Teams from the Children’s National Medical Center and the Johns Hopkins Children Center will conduct the workshop. BLS only. Limited registration. *BLS Credits Only: 1.5 hrs. MD—M; VA—BLS Cat. 2*

12:30 PM Luncheon

Session 5 – 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (select only one)

- W. Handling Difficult People:** They may be patients, family, or co-workers. Some people are just difficult. Survival tips from Captain Bob Montminy, Prince William DFR. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Sec. 2*
- X. Pediatric Resuscitation Update 2001:** The principles of ABC are the same, but the patient is tiny. Come learn the changes in EMS algorithms and protocols and lay public training for children. Daniel Oshsenschlager, MD, CNMC. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—M, Cat. A; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P-Div. 5, Sec. 9*
- Y. Recognizing and Reporting Elder Abuse:** Battalion Chief Ray Blankenship of the Arlington County Fire Department will describe the innovative new program developed in Arlington County and provide tips on implementing such a program in your area. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—M, Cat. B; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P-Div. 4, Sec. 9*
- Z. Med-Evac Operations:** The Baltimore/Washington corridor is served by multiple Med-Evac services. This panel of representatives from each will identify both commonalities and differences in operation that will assist in planning. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Sec. 2*
- AA. Self-Defense:** This workshop will assist participants to identify hazardous scene conditions and provide tips to help escape hostile environments. Angela Knowlton, EMT-C, Prince William DFR. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—Cat. 2; NREMT-P- Sec. 2*
- BB. What the . . . ?** This hands-on session will introduce field providers to new medical devices encountered in out-of-hospital settings. Demonstrations include: PCA pumps, home ventilators, VP shunts, central lines, and more. Presented by a team of instructors. Limited enrollment, repeated at 3:30 PM. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—M, Cat. A; VA—Cat. 2; NREMT-P- Sec. 2*

3:00 PM Break

Session 6 – 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM (select only one)

- CC. Eye Trauma:** Leonard Parver, MD, Director of the new Eye Trauma Center at Suburban Hospital, will discuss indications for transport to an eye trauma center. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—M, Cat. B; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P-Div. 3, Sec. 1*
- DD. Traumatic Injuries from Domestic Violence:** This program will address the social and health-care issues of domestic violence, including recognition, treatment, and legal interventions. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—T, Cat. B; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P-Div. 3, Sec. 1*
- EE. Rapid Sequence Intubation: Is It Right for Your EMS Service?** Hear the pros and cons from a panel of those who have made the decision. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—M, Cat. A; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P-Div. 4, Sec. 3*
- FF. EMS Response to Bioterrorist Events:** An attack by terrorists using a biological weapon during the July 4th celebrations on the waterfront. Come join your colleagues in a scenario-driven tabletop exercise. What’s the agent? How do we know we’ve been attacked? How do we respond? *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—L, Cat. 2; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P- Sec. 2*
- GG. Triple A: Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm:** Case Study from Washington Hospital Center. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—M, Cat. A; VA—ALS Cat. 1; NREMT-P-Div. 4, Sec. 5*
- HH. What the...?** See 1:30, BB for new medical devices demonstrated. *Credits: 1.5 hrs. MD—M, Cat. A; VA—Cat. 2; NREMT-P- Sec. 2*

5:00 PM - Conference Ends

EMS Care 2001 Registration

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ INITIAL _____ SSN _____
STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
TELEPHONE Day _____ Evening _____ Pager _____ Facsimile _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
PRIMARY AFFILIATION _____
CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE (CIRCLE) FR EMT-B CRT EMT-P LPN RN NP PA MD

FEES:

Preconference Workshops

(Check one only)
12-Lead EKG Class (\$60) _____
Kids in Disasters (\$25) _____
The Missing Protocol (\$60) _____
Quality Improvement (\$25) _____
Moulage (\$60) _____
Understanding Incident Command for
Field Providers (\$25) _____

EMS Care Conference

Saturday/Sunday Conference (\$130) _____

Total Due:

Conference Workshops

(Circle one per session)

Session 1	A	B	C	D	E		1.0
Session 2	F	G	H	I	J		1.5
Session 3	K	L	M	N	O	P	1.5
Session 4	Q	R	S	T	U	V	1.5
Session 5	W	X	Y	Z	AA	BB	1.5
Session 6	CC	DD	EE	FF	HH		1.5

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CALL THE TOLL-FREE NUMBER AND IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS ATTENDING EMS CARE .

Reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card.

Rate is \$89 per night plus taxes (currently 10%).

Indicate if you wish a king or 2 double beds, smoking or non-smoking room.

Reservations must be made by April 3, 2001.

Web Access for Providers

Now Maryland-certified providers can access their continuing education on-line from the MIEMSS web page. Follow these simple steps:

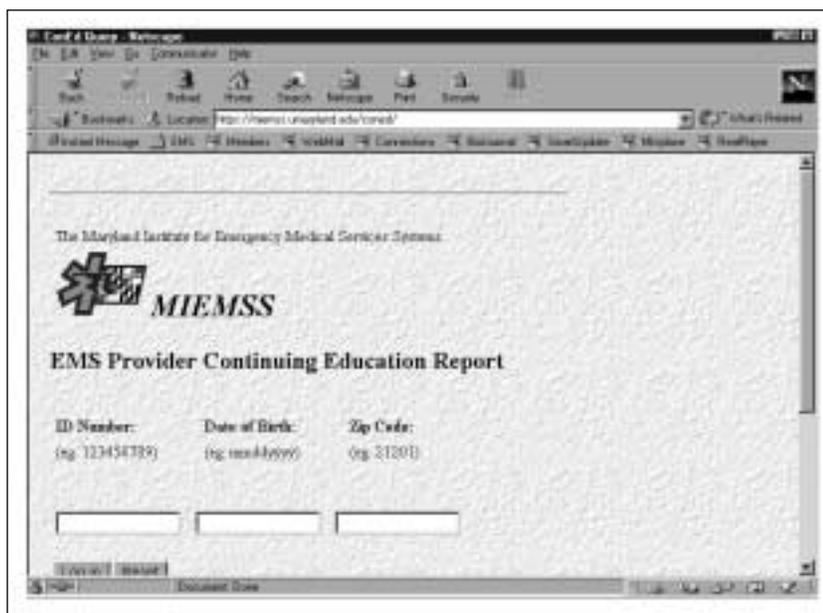
- Go to the MIEMSS web page (<http://miemss.umaryland.edu>).
- Click the button "Maryland Provider Continuing Ed. Report." For first-time users, you will be prompted to accept/decline security certificates to the MIEMSS web page.
 - Enter your social security number, date of birth, and home zip code in the format indicated on the web page; then click the "Log In" button.
 - From the new screen, click the "Show Continuing Education" button.
 - Your current continuing education summary is listed on the screen

in a printable format.

Please note that you can receive an error message for the following reasons:

- You entered incorrect information.
- You entered the requested information in the wrong format (eg, forgot to enter four-digit year, etc.).
- Needed information is not on file in the Maryland Prehospital Provider Registry at MIEMSS (wrong zip code, missing birth date, etc.).

If you encounter any problems, please contact the Education, Licensure, and Certification Department at MIEMSS (1-800-762-7157).



JEMS Conference

JEMS is offering a \$15 discount off the three-day registration fee to Maryland EMS providers who attend the EMS Today Conference & Exposition on March 13-17, in Baltimore. The discount does not apply to preconference workshop or single-day registrations. To receive the discount, deduct \$15 from the registration fee, and send the discount coupon in with your registration form. For coupons or brochures, call 1-800-266-5367.

More than 60 sessions in 8 tracks will be presented by nationally recognized speakers. Over 20 half-day, full-day, and two-day workshops will focus on intense training on specific topics. The tracks include: clinical masters, clinical basic, educator, manager, rescue and special operations, technology, general, and a new cardiac care track focusing on the changes in the American Heart Association CPR guidelines, airway management, and pharmacology updates.

PG Fire & EMS Dept. Purchase 78 AEDs, 15 Monitors With Amoss Fund Monies

Expressing its commitment to EMS, the Prince George's County Fire & EMS Department used more than \$500,000 of its Amoss Fund monies to purchase 78 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and 15 3-D Bi-phasic Lifepak 12's.

The AEDs are being distributed to all BLS units and some fire apparatus at all fire stations serving Prince George's County.

The 3-D Bi-phasic Lifepak 12's have non-invasive blood pressure monitors and replacement battery support systems. These monitors were distributed to the 12 ALS units serving Prince George's County, while three back-up units are maintained at the Fire Services Building.

The Senator W. H. Amoss State Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund (totaling \$10 million of the EMS Operations Fund budget) is distributed statewide to both the volunteer and career emergency services.



Governor Parris N. Glendening

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National Poison Prevention Week **March 18-24**

To celebrate National Poison Prevention Week this year, the Maryland Poison Center at the School of Pharmacy will be distributing a poster that has been developed in cooperation with Baltimore SAFE KIDS—led by the MARYLAND CARES Program at the University of Maryland's Hospital for Children and by the Educational Support Services Department of MIEMSS.

For the past three years, Baltimore SAFE KIDS have sponsored a poster contest in the Baltimore City elementary schools to foster safety awareness. This year, the contest focused on poison prevention, with plans for the winning artwork to be used in the poison center poster. The contest was won by Ashley Wade from Cecil Elementary School. Karen Hardingham, Program Coordinator of Baltimore SAFE

KIDS, says: "This contest is a wonderful opportunity for the children of Baltimore City to learn about injury prevention, as well as giving the winners and their school a mechanism to exhibit their skills." The top three winners receive a check for their school ranging from \$100 to \$300 and a pizza party for their class.

The poster, designed by Gail Kostas of the MIEMSS Educational Support Services Department, will be distributed to health departments, hospitals, pediatricians, and other organizations throughout the state in conjunction with a National Poison Prevention Week poster and poison prevention brochures. Anyone who wants further information or wants to order these or other materials should call Melissa Melum, Poison Center Health Educator, at 410-706-2151.

