

# Maryland EMS News

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## MIEMSS Presents Statewide Awards During EMS Week 2011

*In a two part ceremony during EMS Week 2011, MIEMSS honored children from across the State and also presented its annual Stars of Life Awards to honor EMS personnel, citizens, and EMS programs. The first part of the award ceremony recognized children whose actions have ensured that people in Maryland receive “the right care when it counts.” These children assisted in providing a lifesaving service to someone in their community. The second portion was the Annual “Stars of Life” Awards where individuals and groups were nominated and selected by a Statewide Review Committee to receive these distinguished recognitions. Governor O’Malley provided two Proclamations, one recognizing EMS Week in Maryland and a second one naming May 18, 2011 as EMS-C Day in Maryland.*

The award program began with the Emergency Medical Services for Children Right Care When It Counts Awards. The very first priority in the EMS for Children Program is to prevent injuries before they happen and to teach children and youth how to respond when they see or hear an emergency occur.

**Kathryn (Katie) Hagan (Frederick County)** was the first recipient. On December 21, 2010, both Katie and her mother woke up not feeling well, both had headaches. Although Katie wanted to stay home, her Mom insisted that she go to school. While at the bus stop, Katie realized that she was beginning to feel better but sensed that something was wrong at home. She went back home and found her mother was still not feeling well. Suddenly her Mom collapsed to the floor and started vomiting. Katie immediately called 9-1-1 as she held her Mom on her side. When EMS arrived, they found that the family car had been left running in the garage all night and both were suffering from the effects of carbon monoxide. Katie made the right decisions that

saved both their lives. Katie and her Mom were seen at the hospital and discharged home the same day.

The next award went to **Craig S. Nelson, III (Carroll County)**. At the age of 13, Craig has already demonstrated his commitment and desire to provide valuable service to his community and school. Craig has been a member of the Arcadia Junior Volunteer Fire Company since 2005 and has served in various offices, currently serving as Junior President.

Craig has passed the written and practical exams for CPR techniques for Infants, Children, and Adults. He has achieved certification in the National Safety Council’s Standard First Aid Course, as well as achieving certification in the use of AEDs by the American Heart Association. Craig demonstrates leadership and motivates the other Junior members around him to promote prevention and preparedness.

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*Kathryn (Katie) Hagan receives her award from (L) Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director and Cynthia Wright-Johnson, MIEMSS EMS for Children (EMSC) Program Director.*



*Craig S. Nelson, III is given his award by (L) Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director and Cynthia Wright-Johnson, MIEMSS EMSC Program Director.*

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### Maggie McCormick (Cecil County)

received her award for calling 9-1-1 for her mother who was having a medical emergency while driving. Mom pulled the car off to the side of the road while she was experiencing severe pain. Maggie used a cell phone to call 9-1-1. She was able to provide their location and vehicle description. She answered the dispatcher's questions regarding her mother's medical emergency. During the incident, Maggie also kept her younger siblings calm, remaining in the car, and reminded them to stay buckled up. She called their father to come to the scene, who picked them up while Mom was transported to the hospital. On March 21, 2011, Maggie was presented a commendation from Cecil County Department of Emergency Services for a job well done and for taking care of both mom and her siblings.

The final award was presented to **Devin Skidmore (Montgomery County)** who recently moved to Montana with his family. His award will be presented to him by EMS professionals in Montana. On January 28, 2010, Devin Skidmore was helping his stepfather with household repairs. They were working on the roof when his stepfather fell from a ladder; leaving him confused, disoriented, and bleeding from his head. Devin dialed 9-1-1 and got an ice pack and held pressure against his stepfather's head injury. Once EMS arrived, Devon stayed with his stepfather in the ambulance, through the ED visit, and admission to the hospital. The staff

of the Trauma Center at Suburban Hospital nominated Devon for this award because of his response and quick actions to be sure that the right care was received and that his stepfather was not left alone.

The EMS Stars of Life Awards ceremony began with the presentation of the **Maryland EMS Star of Life Award**. This award went to the **Ewell Volunteer Fire Department (Somerset County)** and its members; Otis Tyler, FF, Chief; Mark Kitching, FF, Deputy Chief; Dale Tyler, FF, 3rd Assistant Chief; Janet Tyler, FF/EMT-B, EMS Lt., and Fire Department President; Richard Edmund, FF, EMT-B; Deric Tyler; Lisa Evans, EMT-B; Eddie Evans; and Kristin Smith.

On February 6, 2010, Maryland was experiencing blizzard conditions during one of the worst weather events in the State's history. At the time of this EMS response, winds were gusting at 40 to 60 miles per hour and whiteout conditions existed on Smith Island. More than 12 inches of snow had accumulated with three foot drifts. At 1445 hours, the Ewell Volunteer Fire Department received a call for an elderly patient who had fallen down a flight of stairs and impacted a wall at the bottom. The patient had multiple facial fractures and severe bleeding. The attending EMTs concluded that transport to a facility on the mainland was needed for the patient to survive. Because of transportation difficulties due to the weather, they would have to undertake a dangerous transit of the Chesapeake Bay by boat. The rescuers endured

six to eight foot waves, while freezing water covered the boat in ice, and high winds with blowing snow making visibility near whiteout conditions. After two hours and forty minutes, the rescuers delivered the patient to Crisfield where she was transported to the Trauma Center at the Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

**Julia Phillips (St. Mary's County)** was presented with the **Maryland Citizen Award** for her actions while at the scene of a call for a child not breathing resulting from a drowning. Julia was at the residence where she was a summer nanny for some of the children in attendance at the pool. Julia saw a six year old child go to the bottom of the pool. She quickly dove into the water and pulled the victim up. Bystander adults assisted in getting the child onto the side of the pool and called 9-1-1. Julia assessed the patient and realized she was not breathing. She quickly began CPR. Julia had taken her CPR just two weeks prior to this incident. As the ambulance and fire truck pulled on the scene, the child got her pulse back, began to get her color back, and choked up water. The patient was taken to St. Mary's Hospital where she was alert and breathing with the help of supplemental oxygen. She was later transported to Children's Hospital and released several days later without issues.

The **2011 MIEMSS Director's Award for Excellence in EMS** was presented to **Captain Steve Adelsberger (Baltimore County)**. Captain Adelsberger has been

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Award winner Maggie McCormick with Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director, members of the Cecil County Emergency Services Department, and Cynthia Wright-Johnson, MIEMSS EMSC Program Director.



Melissa Meyers from Suburban Hospital, accepts the Award for Devin Skidmore with Dr. Robert R. Bass MIEMSS Executive Director, members of the Cecil County Department of Emergency Services, and Cynthia Wright-Johnson, MIEMSS EMSC Program Director. Devin and his family recently moved to Montana where he will "officially" receive his award from Montana EMS officials.

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employed by Baltimore County for 25 years, serving as a paramedic, then promoted to EMS Supervisor, EMS Lieutenant, and now Captain. However, Captain Adelsberger's passion for EMS and saving lives has never been

more evident than in the past five years. In 2006, Baltimore County began its Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) program. Steve has served as the PAD Program Chairman since its inception and under his leadership; this initiative blossomed to where several thou-

sand AEDs are deployed in all areas of the County. In 2010, he began to investigate and work on a project that would teach roughly 8,000 county high school students in CPR and

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### **Maryland Star of Life Award**

*Pictured with Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director are members of the Ewell Volunteer Fire Department; Otis Tyler, Janet Tyler, Richard Edmund, Lisa Evans, and Eddie Evans.*



### **Maryland EMS Citizen Award**

*Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director and EMS Citizen award winner Julia Phillips.*



### **MIEMSS Executive Director's Excellence in EMS Award**

*Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director, award winner Captain Steven Adelsberger, and Wayne Tome, Director of EMS, Baltimore County Fire Department.*

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AED awareness. Through his diligence, and passion, Baltimore County is in the process of adding a curriculum that will teach high school students CPR and AED awareness. His work in the area of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is not limited to the PAD Program or the curriculum. This year marked the third annual CPR/AED Awareness Day in Balti-

more County; an event that features survivors of SCA and their rescuers. Steve is currently in the process of drawing attention to young athletes who succumb to SCA every year by having an AED available for every athletic event in Baltimore County.

The next presentation went to the **United States Secret Service, Emergency Services Section (Prince George's County)** as this

years' **Outstanding EMS Program Award**. The United States Secret Service's Emergency Services Section trains all United States Secret Service Agents and Uniformed Officers in Emergency Services. The section also provides medical coverage for National Security Special Events. They provide Maryland Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) education through the Tactical Medic Operator course. Further demonstrating their high level of dedication, recently while suffering the tremendous loss of their close colleague, fallen firefighter Mark Falkenhan, this group was still able to continue their mission and graduate a full class of EMT students while providing both Paramedic and EMT refresher courses. Under the best circumstances this would have been a tremendous accomplishment. The United States Secret Service Emergency Services Section was noted for their unwavering service, dedication, and commitment to emergency services.

**EMD Holley Guschke (Talbot County)** received the **Emergency Dispatcher of the Year Award** for a call she received from a gentleman who had a gun and was threatening suicide. The caller advised he had walked away from his house because when he did shoot himself, he did not want his family to find him. Holley reassured the caller that she would find him help if he would put his weapon down and give himself up to the police. The Talbot County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to the location to try and locate the subject. Holley kept the very distraught subject on the phone for a substantial period of time. Suddenly, the caller disconnected the call. She made several attempts to call back without success. The caller finally called back and told Holley he had decided he wanted to give himself up. Holley calmly talked him through putting down his weapon and surrendering to the officers. After a few tense moments, the subject laid his weapon down and started in the direction of the officers. He was taken into custody and transported to the hospital for an emergency evaluation. Several days later, the subject stopped by the Operations Center to offer his thanks to Holley. Hestated that without her assistance that night, he would not be alive.

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### Outstanding EMS Program Award

Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director, with members of the United States Secret Services Emergency Services, this year's Outstanding EMS Program Award winners.



### EMD Provider of the Year Award

Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director, with award winner Holley Guschke and members of the Talbot County Department of Emergency Services.

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### **EMS Provider of the Year Award**

*Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director, with award winner Lt. / Paramedic William R. Frampton and members of the Salisbury Fire Department.*

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The **EMS Provider of the Year Award** was awarded to **Lt. / Paramedic William R. Frampton** of the Salisbury Fire Department. Lt. Frampton has demonstrated dedication and devotion to emergency medical services through his professional and personal life. He is currently enrolled in the EHS Master's Degree program at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. He serves as the Administrative Emergency Services Lieutenant, where he participated on many local and regional committees. Lt. Frampton is currently certified in ACLS, PALS, PEPP, ABLIS, AMLS, BTLIS, PHTLS, and as a CPR instructor. Lt. Frampton has made extraordinary accomplishments to EMS in the City of Salisbury, the Lower Eastern Shore Region, and the State of Maryland in the areas of EMS education, the delivery of EMS patient care, and the

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### **EMS for Children Award**

*Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director, with award recipient Theresa Ann Crisman and members of the Prince George's Fire and EMS Department.*

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integration of new technology into EMS. He is a member of the EMS Unit Apparatus Specifications Committee that assures that the latest technology and improved safety devices are incorporated into the medic units. He has been instrumental in the implementation of two Jurisdictional Operational Protocols. He took the initiative to research the feasibility of the protocols, the potential impact to the Department, and once approved he developed the training programs that were used to train the local providers.

**Teresa Ann Crisman (Prince Georges' County)** received the **Maryland EMS for Children Award** for her dedication and devotion to the Prince George's County's Safe Kids Coalition and the Risk Watch Injury Prevention Program for over a decade. She has provided the leadership and resources to assist EMS providers in educating parents, children, and teachers in protecting children from the highest risk areas of injury. She has championed After School Programs, Child Passenger Safety Training, and Car Seat Checks in the county. She is a long standing member of the Fire and Injury Prevention Committee and serves as the chair of their Risk Watch Injury Prevention Curriculum Task Force. Teresa Ann has recently been a strong voice in Maryland for the ban on the sale of novelty lighters. She has pulled together multiple partners at the State and local levels to educate everyone on the serious dangers that these lighters bring to young children.

This years' **Leon W. Hayes Award for Excellence in EMS Award** went to **Frank T. Barranco, M.D.** Dr. Barranco began his EMS service in the early 1970's when he recognized the need to upgrade the Baltimore County Fire Department's ambulance service. He served as the Baltimore County Fire Surgeon into the mid-1990s and still continues his service as the Chief Fire Surgeon for the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company. Throughout his career, Dr. Barranco has constantly strived for excellence in delivery of EMS care in State of Maryland and Baltimore County. He accomplished all of this while running a thriving orthopaedic practice, rising to the rank of Brigadier General in the Maryland National Guard, and raising a family. His entire career has been devoted to providing the best emergency care for the citizens of Maryland. The mark of a true pioneer, innovator, and leader is one who leaves behind not only a legacy of himself, but one of making the system better. Dr. Barranco has made our Maryland EMS system better.



### *The Leon Hayes Award for Excellence in EMS*

*Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS Executive Director, award winner Dr. Frank T. Barranco, and Wayne Tome, Director of EMS, Baltimore County Fire Department.*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
*EMS Care at the Beach*  
*Ocean City, MD*

**April 13–15, 2012**

*Please watch for details!!*

## Baltimore City Fire Department's May Paramedic of the Month

Mr. Dale Blackwell was the May recipient of the Baltimore City Fire Department's Paramedic of the Month. Mr. Blackwell is a veteran provider who demonstrates leadership and is committed to excellence in patient care. He is an experienced preceptor and mentors both paramedic students and resident physicians. Recently, Medic-23 was detailed to an Emergency Medicine Interest Group function at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Mr. Blackwell facilitated a tour of the ambulance and answered questions about prehospital patient care. Since then, several medical students have submitted paperwork to ride along with Baltimore City Fire Department.

Dale's commitment to continuing education outshines his compliance with the current standard of care and the Maryland Medical Protocols. Despite years of experience, he is eager to learn about the latest advances or further hone his advanced life support skills. Dale follows up on his patients after transport to the hospital and uses that knowledge to inform future encounters.

## MIEMSS CAD Interface Grant Program

On June 9, 2010, the Board of Public Works approved the award of a contract to ImageTrend, Inc., for the purchase and implementation of a new electronic patient care report and data collection system (ePCR) to replace EMAIS®. The system purchased from ImageTrend, Inc., has been branded by MIEMSS as eMEDS (electronic Maryland EMS Data System). eMEDS has been successfully implemented in several jurisdictions and will be rolled out statewide throughout Calendar Year 2011.

As a component of the eMEDS purchase, MIEMSS acquired the ability to setup a computer aided dispatch (CAD) system interface between a participating EMS Operational Program (EMSOP) CAD system and eMEDS. **Establishing a CAD interface will improve data accuracy and reduce data entry work performed by EMS field providers.** To assist EMSOPs in establishing a CAD interface MIEMSS has created the CAD Interface Grant Program.

Funds for the CAD Interface Grant Program were provided by the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA). **The CAD Interface Grant is a 60/40 matching grant program allowing MIEMSS to reimburse the EMSOP 60% of the costs associated with the services performed by ImageTrend, Inc., to establish the CAD interface.** The maximum grant reimbursement is capped at \$25,000 dollars.

Under the grant program, **MIEMSS will only reimburse an EMSOP for services performed by ImageTrend, Inc.** No computer equipment, network equipment, or communications services can be purchased with this grant. Purchase of services from ImageTrend, Inc., is the responsibility of the EMSOP through a contract directly between the ImageTrend, Inc., and the EMSOP. Purchase of CAD Interface services should be under the guidance of the EMSOP's procurement procedures.

In order for an EMSOP to participate in the CAD Interface Grant Program the EMSOP must be moving from EMAIS® to eMEDS or intending to adopt eMEDS. Additionally, the requesting EMSOP must be part of a jurisdiction/agency which is responsible for receiving 9-1-1 calls and dispatching EMS units via a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) using a computer aided dispatch system.

## Two Maryland State Police Helicopters Relocate for “DYNAMIC DEPLOYMENT” during Peak Service Hours.

Knowing minutes can mean the difference between life and death, the Maryland State Police Aviation Command (MSPAC) is implementing a plan to pre-position two of its' helicopters for deployment during peak service hours. This dynamic deployment was initiated over Memorial Day Weekend when Trooper 4, the helicopter based in Salisbury, began temporary weekend deployment to the Ocean City Airport. The second occurred when Trooper 1, the medevac helicopter stationed in Baltimore County, was located closer to where it is most frequently used in North-eastern Maryland during hours of peak mission demand. The helicopter based at Martin State Airport, will be strategically relocated to the northwestern section of Cecil County during peak mission demand intervals. The MSPAC is dedicated to maximizing the access of first responders to the state's fleet of multi-mission aircraft. MSP Aviation Command personnel partnered with members of the Cecil County Department of Emergency Services to study trends in requests for service. That study indicated a temporary relocation of specific aircraft may provide a more efficient service to the citizens of Maryland.

This second “dynamic deployment” began Saturday, June 25th during Chesapeake City Canal Day when thousands of people attended the festivities. It will continue through Labor Day when a re-evaluation will be done. Trooper 1 will temporarily relocate to either the Water Witch Fire Company Station 7-2 or the Cecil County Paramedic 1 Station on Fridays and Saturdays between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Mondays between 7:30 p.m. and midnight. Dynamic deployment will also be considered when intelligence from internal or external customers indicates a surge in activity when MSPAC services may benefit Maryland's first responders or the citizens.

### 2011 EMS Programs

**July 19 - 23, 2011**

#### **Firehouse Expo**

Baltimore Convention Center  
Baltimore, MD

For more information:  
[www.firehouseexpo.com](http://www.firehouseexpo.com)

**September 23, 2011**

#### **Peninsula Regional Medical Center Trauma Conference**

Ocean City, MD

Registration available August 1, 2011.  
Contact the Trauma Office at  
410-912-2844.

**September 27, 2011**

#### **Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference**

Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab

**October 21, 22, 2011**

#### **PYRAMID 2011**

**October 21**

**PEARS Course** at  
Huntington Fire Department

**October 22**

#### **Pyramid 2011**

Huntington High School  
More information to follow

**October 27, 2011**

#### **6th Annual Eastern Shore Emergency and Critical Care Symposium**

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department  
More information to follow

Contact: [lborkoski@shorehealth.org](mailto:lborkoski@shorehealth.org)

**November 5, 2011**

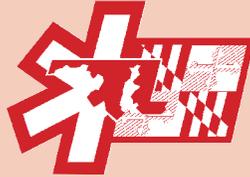
#### **Critical Issues in Trauma Conference**

8:00AM – 12:00PM

Johns Hopkins Medicine Suburban  
Hospital Auditorium, Bethesda, MD

Registration will not begin until  
September 2011.

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