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Sunday, September 18th

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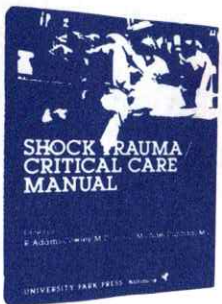
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The 1983 EMS Olympics kicks off this year's EMS week celebration, September 18-24. During this special week, Marylanders honor the more than 50,000 volunteer and career emergency health professionals who provide both prehospital and hospital emergency care to trauma victims.

Today's Olympics focuses on prehospital care providers. Years ago, no formal medical training was available to the persons who took care of emergency patients in the field. All that was required was a desire to help one's fellow man. That desire has not changed, but to it have been added the skills that are necessary to make a difference in patient outcome. Today, the State of Maryland recognizes five categories of prehospital care providers, who receive 80 to 380 hours of training. This training prepares them to perform many advanced emergency procedures, such as heart defibrillation and the intravenous administration of medications. Because prehospital care providers have made it possible to start effective treatment before the patient reaches the hospital, patient survival has improved remarkably.

Watch these dedicated rescuers as they demonstrate their life-saving skills in a competition that will last throughout the afternoon. Teams of three prehospital care providers, representing various fire and rescue companies around the state, will be asked to handle two different emergency situations. The teams will be judged on the appropriateness of the care they render. This year, for the first time, the teams will compete on two levels of expertise - basic life support and advanced life support - and awards will be presented to the best three teams on each level.

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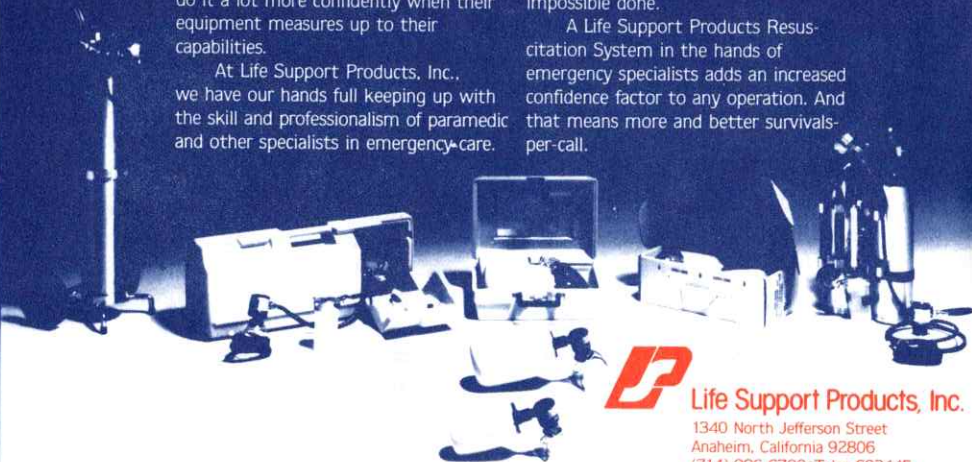
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PROGRAM

COMMENTATOR — James N. Eastham, Instructor, Emergency Health Services Program, University of Maryland Baltimore County

The EMS Skills Competition will run continuously, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Displays and exhibits will be open from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

12:00 OFFICIAL OPENING (Outdoor Exhibit Area)

OPENING REMARKS— Dorothy L. Gordon, RN, DNSc
Director, Emergency Health Services Program, UMBC

GREETINGS — R Adams Cowley, MD, Director, MIEMSS

SKILLS COMPETITION OVERVIEW — Alasdair Conn, MD,
Medical Director, Field Operations Program, MIEMSS

12:30 COMPETITION BEGINS (Fieldhouse)

1:00 HELICOPTER DEMONSTRATION (Outdoor Exhibit Area)

Maryland State Police

1:30 DROWNPROOFING DEMONSTRATION (Fieldhouse Pool)

American Red Cross, Baltimore Regional Chapter

**2:00 HIGH RISE EVACUATION DEMONSTRATION
(Outdoor Exhibit Area) HEAT Team**

**2:30 AUTO EXTRICATION DEMONSTRATION
(Outdoor Exhibit Area)**

Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute

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Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute

4:30 AWARDS CEREMONY

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11. BALTIMORE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
12. BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, EXPLORER POST 990
13. BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, TRAFFIC DIVISION
14. BURN PREVENTION
15. CHILD RESTRAINTS
16. EARLEIGH HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
17. ELKRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
18. EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NURSES ASSOCIATION
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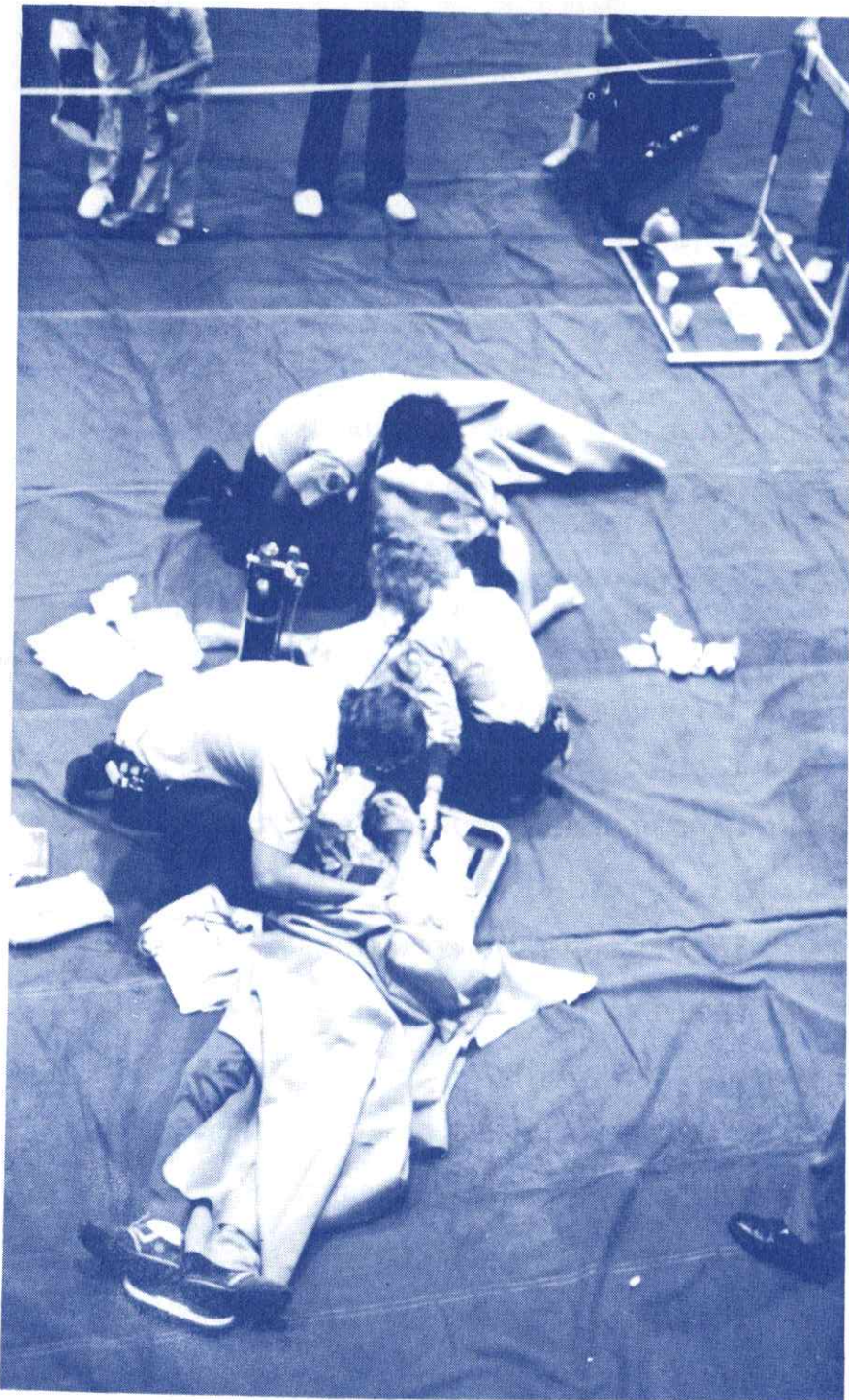
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TEAMS REGISTERED FOR MARYLAND EMS SKILLS COMPETITION

(as of September 8, 1983)

ALS

1. Baltimore County Fire Dept. (2 Teams)
2. Arbutus Volunteer Fire Dept.
3. Pikesville Volunteer
4. Frederick County ALS
5. Community Rescue Service, Inc.
6. Goodwill Fire Co.

BLS

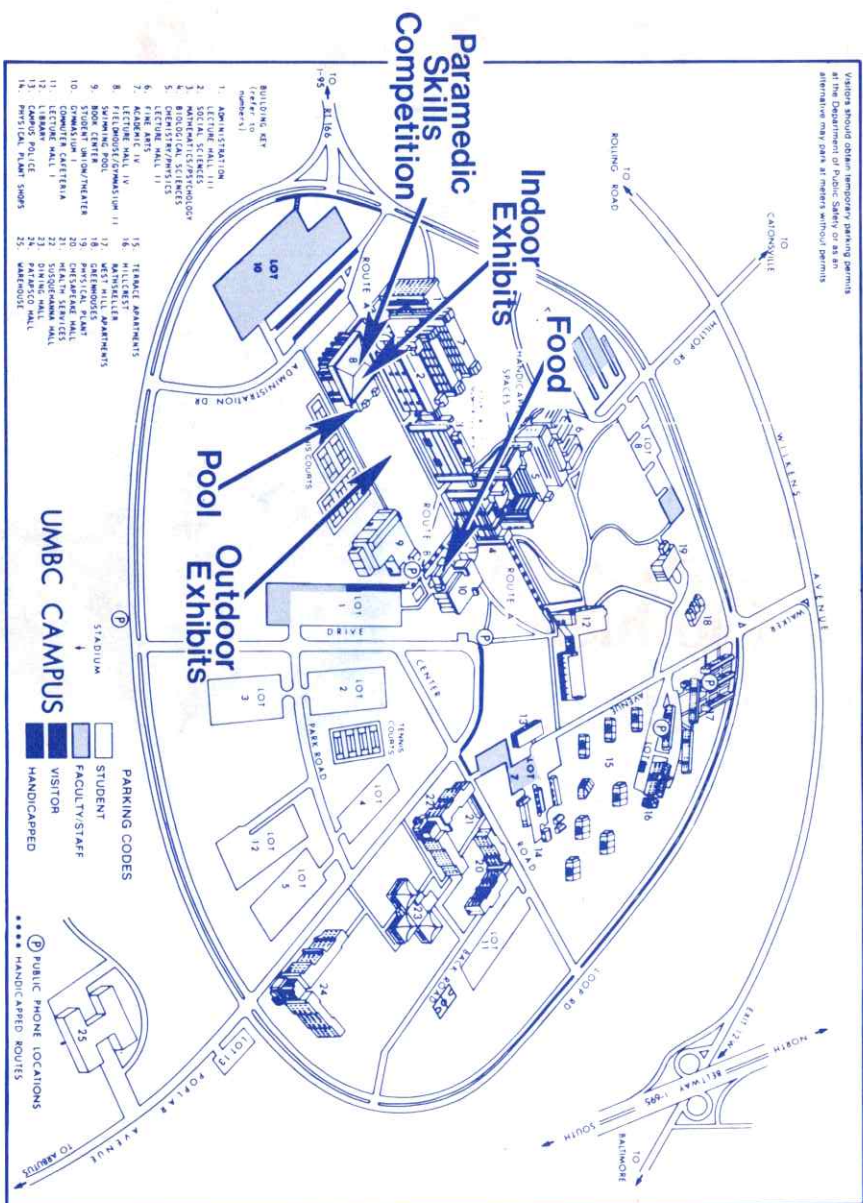
1. Arbutus Volunteer Fire Dept.
2. Tri-Towns Ambulance and Rescue (2 Teams)
3. Salisbury Fire Department (2 Teams)
4. Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Dept.
5. LaVale Rescue Squad
6. Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad
7. Medic Care Ambulance Service

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List as exhibitors

Each year Marylanders set aside one week to honor the more than 20,000 volunteer and career emergency health professionals who exercise life-saving skills in caring for those injured in accidents.

These emergency health professionals are part of Maryland's integrated statewide emergency medical services system; they are the people who make the system work and who ensure that Maryland keeps its reputation for having the best statewide EMS system.

This year's celebration of EMS Week, September 13 - 19, culminates with today's EMS Olympics. Throughout the afternoon, you will see teams of emergency medical technicians participate in a statewide emergency skills competition. Each team will be confronted with three ^{typ} life-threatening situations, and will be judged on the level of appropriate care it gives. Today you can see "up close" the expertise these professionals bring to their jobs.

Please join the co-sponsors of today's event — the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems and the Emergency Health Services Program at the University of Maryland Baltimore County — in paying tribute to these unsung heroes.

The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems would like to acknowledge the support of the many individuals and organizations that helped put together the second annual Olympics. It especially thanks its co-sponsor — the Emergency Health Services Program at the University of Maryland Baltimore County — for hosting the event. Administrators and faculty could not have been more cooperative. Students gave freely of their time to "play victim" or to perform countless tasks. MIEMSS would like to thank these EHS majors — and especially Mike Curtis, Paul Rolandelli, Ellie Runion, and Bonnie Waitsman — for their help in organizing the Olympics. Special thanks is also given to the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, the Maryland State Firemen's Association, and the Maryland State Police.

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PROGRAM

Commentator — James N. Eastham, Instructor, Emergency Health Services Program, University of Maryland Baltimore County

Special Guest Commentators — ~~Linda Sherman, 92 STAR, WYST-FM Radio Station~~ — ~~Dan McCarthy, Assistant Director, Public Information, Maryland State Police~~

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12:00 Official Opening (Outdoor Exhibit Area)

Opening Remarks — Dorothy L. Gordon, RN, DNSc, Director, Emergency Health Services Program, UMBC

Greetings — R Adams Cowley, MD, Director, MIEMSS

John S. Toll, PhD, President, University of Maryland — John W. Dorsey, PhD, Chancellor, University of Maryland Baltimore County

Skills Competition Overview — Alasdair Conn, MD, Director, Field Operations Program, MIEMSS ^{Medical}

12:30 Competition Begins (Fieldhouse)

12:45 Drownproofing Demonstration (Fieldhouse Pool)

American Red Cross, Baltimore Regional Chapter

1:00 High Rise Evacuation Demonstration (Outdoor Exhibit Area)

HEAT Team

~~1:15 Water Rescue Demonstration (Fieldhouse Pool)~~

~~Middle River Volunteer Underwater Recovery Unit~~

1:30 Auto Extrication Demonstration (Outdoor Exhibit Area)

Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute

2:00 High Rise Evacuation Demonstration (Outdoor Exhibit Area)

HEAT Team

2:30 Auto Extrication Demonstration (Outdoor Exhibit Area)

Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute

2:45 Canoe Rescue (Fieldhouse Pool)

American Red Cross, Baltimore Regional Chapter

3:00 High Rise Evacuation Demonstration (Outdoor Exhibit Area)

HEAT Team

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~~Middle River Volunteer Underwater Recovery Unit~~

3:30 Auto Extrication Demonstration (Outdoor Exhibit Area)

Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute

4:00 High Rise Evacuation Demonstration (Outdoor Exhibit Area)

HEAT Team

4:30 Auto Extrication Demonstration (Outdoor Exhibit Area)

Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute

5:00 Canoe Rescue (Fieldhouse Pool)

American Red Cross, Baltimore Regional Chapter

High Rise Evacuation Demonstration (Outdoor Exhibit Area)

HEAT Team

5:30 Awards Ceremony

7:00 Exhibits Close

EXHIBITS

- 53?
- Dorothy
John D.
Kerry
- ? 1. Adolescent Trauma Prevention Program
 - ✓ 2. American College of Emergency Physicians
 - ✓ 3. American Heart Association
 - ✓ 4. American Red Cross (Baltimore Regional Chapter)
 - ✓ 5. American Trauma Society (Maryland Division)
 6. Anne Arundel County Paramedic Unit
 7. Baltimore County Fire Department
 - ? 8. Baltimore Regional Burn Center at City Hospitals
 - ? 9. Burn Prevention
 - ? 10. Center for Living
 - ✓ 11. Children Restraints
 - ~~12. Compassionate Friends~~
 - ✓ 13. Data Scope
 - ? 14. Emergency Department Nurses Association
 15. Howard County Fire Department
 - ✓ 16. League for the Handicapped
 - ✓ 17. MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers)
 - ✓ 18. Marketing Assessment, Inc.
 - ✓ 19. Maryland Department of Transportation
 - ? 20. Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute
 - ✓ 21. Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
 - ? 22. Maryland National Guard
 - ? 23. Maryland National Guard, Company B, 58th Supply Battalion, Medical Company, Pikesville Military Reservation, Pikesville, Maryland (Under the command of Maj. Thomas C. Majerus, MIEMSS Pharmacologist)
 - ? 24. Maryland State Ambulance & Rescue Association, Inc.
 - ✓ 25. Maryland State Police (Van & Helicopter)
 - ? 26. Middle River Volunteer Underwater Recovery Unit
 - ~~27. Motorcycle Safety Foundation~~
 - ✓ 28. Neonatal Transport System & Ambulance
 - ✓ 29. Raymond M. Curtis Hand Center
 - ✓ 30. Shock Trauma Center (T-Shirts & Books)
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(as of September 10, 1982)

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Wheaton Vol. Rescue Squad
Rockville Vol. Fire Dept.
Community Rescue Service — 2 teams
Odenton Vol. Fire Co.
Cape St. Claire Vol. Fire Co.
Second District Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue, Valley Lee
Walkersville Community Ambulance Co. — 2 teams
Baltimore Co. Fire Dept.
Waldorf Rescue Squad
LaVale Rescue Squad
Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Dept. Inc
Cresaptown Vol. Fire Dept. — 2 teams

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E. Bickham	D. Mackey
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-Bill

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William Kenny
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Kenneth Philbrook, MD
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Chief Roger Simonds

EMS Agency Awards

Dr. Gordon

Maryland State Police, Corporal William Bernard
Maryland State Firemen's Association, Frank Barranco
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Maryland State Fire Rescue Education & Training Commission, William Cooke
Maryland Council of Fire and Rescue Academies, Leona Rowe

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Dr. Conn

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- Greetings--R Adams Cowley, MD, Director, MIESS
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Field Operations Program, MIESS
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Maryland State Police
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HEAT Team
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Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
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American Red Cross, Baltimore Regional Chapter
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Maryland State Police
- 3:30 High Rise Evacuation Demonstration (Outdoor Exhibit Area)
HEAT Team
- 4:00 Auto Extrication Demonstration (Outdoor Exhibit Area)
Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
- 4:30 Awards Ceremony
Winners of BLS and ALS Competitions
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Regional Awards
- 5:00 Exhibits Close

*Marching Band?
Coloring Book*

*Entertainment throughout afternoon: John F. Nicol Pipe Band;
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EXHIBITORS

1. Baltimore County Fire Department
2. Pikesville Volunteer Fire Department
3. Owings Mills Volunteer Fire Department
4. Middle River Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue
5. Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department
6. Anne Arundel County Fire Department
7. Howard County Fire Department
8. Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department
9. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
10. The Maryland Natural Resources Police
11. Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services
12. Maryland State Police - Aviation Division
13. Girl Scouts of Central Maryland
14. ~~The Maryland Fire Museum~~
15. Baltimore City Health Department
16. United States Coast Guard

***Also see Judy Krouse's list. It should include A.C.E.P. and a Boy Scout Explorer Post from Baltimore County.



Emergency Medical Skills Competition

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SEPTEMBER 18, 1983

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Basic Life Support Skills Competition

- 3-person teams
- limit 2 teams per company
- prizes
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 - 2nd \$ 750
 - 3rd \$ 500
- Group and individual plaques
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12NOON—5 P.M.

ALS

Advanced Life Support Skills Competition

- 3-person teams
- limit 2 teams per company
- prizes
 - 1st \$1000
 - 2nd \$ 750
 - 3rd \$ 500
- Group and individual plaques
- teams must provide drug box, patient-side equipment, radio monitor defib (if this requirement creates problems for your team, contact your regional coordinator)
- judging based on statewide CRT protocols established by the State Board of Medical Examiners

Each person can compete in only one category -- either BLS or ALS category.

Companies may enter 1 or 2 teams in each category.

Judges' decisions will be final.

Competition limited to Maryland companies.

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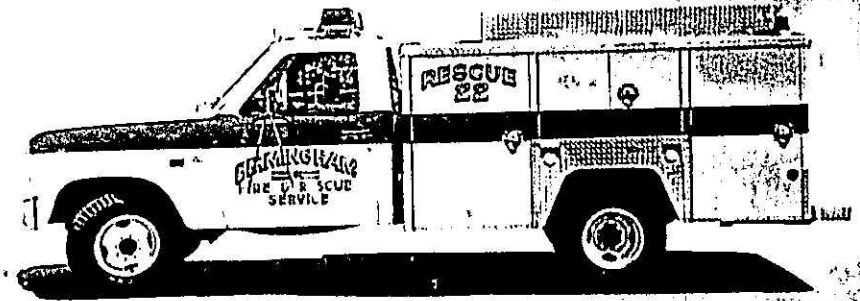
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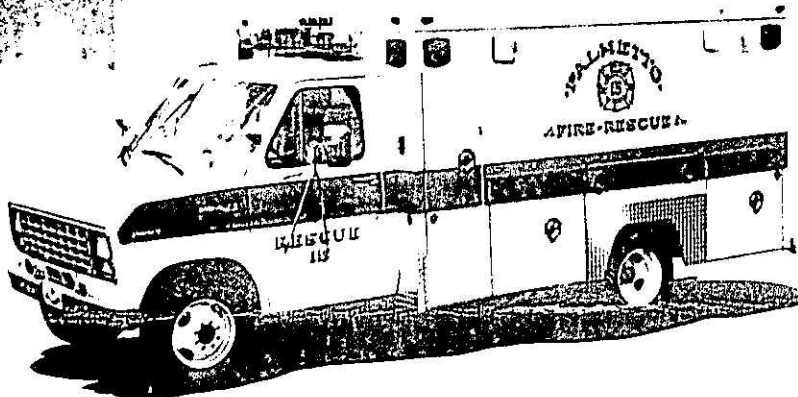
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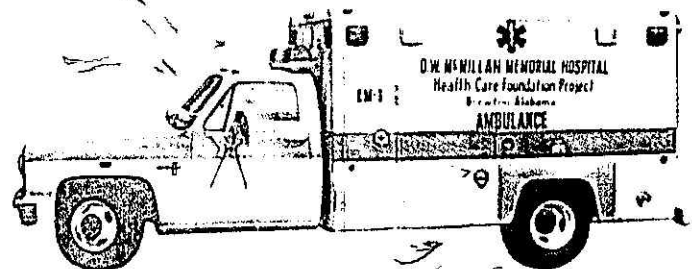
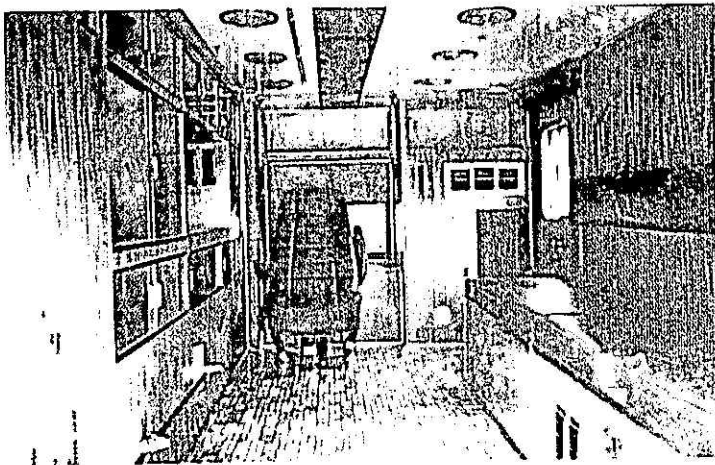
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After medical missions, state copters fly for public relations

By Kelly Gilbert
Evening Sun Staff

When State Police helicopter crews aren't flying accident victims to shock-trauma centers or training ambulance medics in Med-Evac techniques, they work at public relations.

Some examples:

- When Gov. Harry R. Hughes gave a college commencement speech at St. Mary's College in May, he flew there from Annapolis in a State Police helicopter. Hughes averages one such flight a month. The flights are called, officially, "VIP transports."

- Glen Tosten, of the Millington Volunteer Fire Department in Kent County, asked State Police to display a Med-Evac helicopter at a "volly" carnival last spring. State Police sent one. The carnival was a huge success.

- The State Highway Administration asked the State Police to send a "Huey," the squadron's largest helicopter, to lift soil-testing equipment inland from a highway near Vienna, on the Eastern Shore, this summer. The chopper's two days of work saved the SHA a week of slow, costly overland maneuvering on soft ground.

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When the heat's on, here's a team you can count on.

People You Can Count On

PARAMEDICS COMPETE IN EMS OLYMPICS

Clad in day glow orange suits and hard hats, a four-man HEAT team drops from a state police helicopter to the social sciences building at UMBC. Two men traverse by wire to the roof of the nearby fieldhouse; their teammates drop to a third-floor window to rescue fire victims.

The high rise evacuation team (HEAT) was part of the third annual Emergency Medical Services Olympics, sponsored by MIEMSS and the Emergency Health Services Program at UMBC Sept. 18.

Spectators also saw a Red Cross demonstration of "drownproofing" — ways to save someone without getting into the water yourself. The Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company's rescue squad, armed with huge power clippers and winches, showed the safest way to free an accident victim from a wrecked car. In the spirit of the occasion, just as the car roof rolled back like the lid of a giant sardine can, the crowd had to move aside so that Paramedic Unit 5 could respond to a real emergency.

The U.S. Army was there too, with two segments of an inflatable field hospital that in a combat situation would fill a football field. The 250 to 400 bed hospital, with two to six operating rooms, is powered by two gas turbine generators. Parkville's Army Reserve National Guard 136th Combat Support Hospital is one of only two units of its type on the East Coast.

The highlight of the EMS Olympics was the skills competition, in which the men and women on whom most Marylanders depend for prehospital emergency medical care vie for some \$4,500 in prize money. Each three-person team had 20 minutes to stabilize the victims in a mock emergency. The patients—meticulously moulaged with bruises, protruding bones and bloody gashes—were played by UMBC students.

In all, 16 teams competed this year in two categories. First prize in the advanced life support competition went to the Frederick County ALS team, an all-volunteer crew that is relatively new to ALS services. Teams from the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad won both first and second place in the basic life support category. The prize money will be used to buy equipment for their companies.

The Olympics kick off a whole week of events aimed at increasing public awareness of Maryland's 50,000 emergency medical care providers. The theme this year is "People You Can Count On." And indeed we do.

Emergency crews vie in life-saving skills

By Russ Robinson

A warehouse worker loses control of his forklift, running into another man before he hits a stack of auto parts and knocks it over on top of himself.

The emergency medical technicians arrive and what they do within the next few minutes will determine whether those two warehouse workers live or die.

That was one of the mock situations confronting more than a dozen rescue teams from around the state who gathered yesterday at the University of Maryland at Baltimore County for the Third Annual Maryland Emergency Medical Service Olympics.

How well those teams responded to the different emergencies determined how well they did in the competition.

The 15 teams that assembled at UMBC to compete already had survived eliminations held around the state. At stake was not only pride in being declared the best emergency team in the state, but a \$1,000 prize in each of two categories to take back to their ambulance companies to buy new equipment.

The two levels of competition were: Basic Life Support for those technicians who had trained about 100 hours and were schooled in basic first aid, and Advanced Life Support for those who had trained almost 400 hours in everything from restarting hearts with electric shocks to administering medicine intravenously.

When it was all over yesterday, the Frederick County Volunteer Fire Company won first place in the Advanced Life Support team competition, with the Baltimore City Fire Department finishing second and the Baltimore County Fire Department third.

In the Basic Life Support category, teams from the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad took first and second places, with the Woodlawn Volunteers finishing third.

"Statewide, we have over 12,000 emergency medical technicians, and about 1,000 of them are cardiac resuscitation technicians," said Dr. Alasdair Conn, director of field operations for the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Service Systems (MIEMSS).

Maryland has proclaimed itself the most advanced state in the coun-

try in emergency medical services, primarily because of the way the services are coordinated, Dr. Conn said.

"In other areas, you may have a very good paramedic squad, in say Dallas, but you go 15 miles and you have nothing," he said. In Maryland, emergency teams are trained throughout the state, they know one another, and the yearly competition gives the teams an added incentive to keep their skills sharp, he said.

Inside the UMBC field house yesterday, students from the college's emergency health services program and doctors from MIEMSS staged different problems for the three-person rescue teams.

The teams were kept isolated until they were ready to compete. Then they were brought into the rings, told the situation and given 20 minutes to stabilize their patients and get them ready to take to a hospital.

Some teams worked on people who were smeared with fake blood and made up to appear injured. Other teams worked on plastic dummies to demonstrate mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and heart massage techniques.

Each team was watched closely by judges who scored them on what they did right — and what they did wrong.

While the teams competed inside the gym, outside State Police and Baltimore county firemen demonstrated some of their more dramatic rescue techniques.

A State Police helicopter lifted a fire-fighting team to the top of the five-story science building and picked up some building residents, as the chopper would do if the building were on fire and residents stranded on the roof.

Once atop the building the firemen rappelled down the side like mountain climbers, swung into a third-floor window, picked up a "stranded" person and took him to the ground.

In the quadrangle at the campus center, other fire companies from around the state had their rescue and medical equipment on display for the hundreds who attended yesterday's Olympics.

The event gave volunteers and professionals a chance to visit with old friends and a chance to make some new ones, Dr. Conn said. After all, he said, the firemen, the medical technicians and the policemen are all in the same business — helping people and saving lives.



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Medical Olympics

Liz Gallagher looks well qualified to participate in the 1983 Emergency Medical Service Olympics Sunday at the University of Maryland Baltimore County field house. The event, which focused on pre-hospital care, kicked off EMS week. Teams of three health-care specialists from around the state competed, demonstrating their skills on volunteers who wore fake wounds or pretended signs of illness. Judges then graded the work on the appropriateness of the emergency care rendered. Below, a state police helicopter takes off during the demonstration.

