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**COMMUNITY E.M.S.
AWARENESS DAY**

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Co. is sponsoring it's first annual Community E. M. S. Awareness Day on Saturday, May 18, from 1 to 5 p. m., at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building, 300 South Seton Ave. Emmitsburg.

A live extrication demonstration will begin at 1 p. m. complete with live patients and car busting. The Emergency Medical Service Team will be at their finest.

The Open House is from 1 to 5 p. m. with displays and mini demonstration on CPR with adults, children and infants, the Heimlich Maneuver for choking, bleeding control and bandaging techniques, spinal immobilization and splinting techniques and multi Trauma patient care displays.

A special children's area with information geared specifically for children and parents will be available.

There will be free blood pressure checks, brochures on first aid, safety etc. Children will have surprises and there will be light refreshments.

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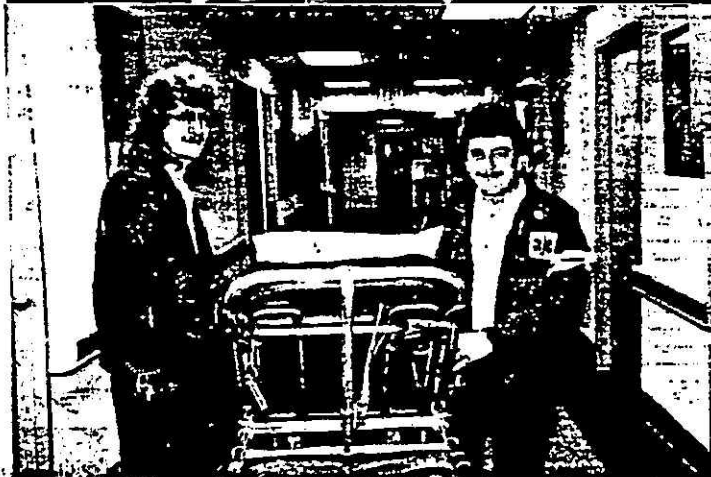
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—Saturday, April 27, 1991—

Frostburg Community Hospital & Medical Center
salutes emergency care providers during
Emergency Medical Services Week
May 12-18



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EMTs, and
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who provide
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medical care to
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National Emergency Medical Services Week

Frostburg Community Hospital and Medical Center officials are taking the opportunity of **National Emergency Medical Services Week**, May 12-18, to salute the dedication, commitment and hard work of specially trained emergency care providers.

This year's theme, **"Emergency Medical Services: The Team That Cares,"** emphasizes the team concept that is so vital to saving lives all hours of the day and night. Whether providing that care at the scene of the crisis or in the hospital emergency department, success can only be achieved when individuals dedicated to preserving life work hand-in-hand.

Frostburg Community Hospital is proud to commend these skilled emergency healthcare providers who are committed to providing optimal care even under the most challenging circumstances.

The primary goal of the emergency medical services (EMS) system is to reduce death and disability caused by accident or injury. This is also the goal of the many men and women trained to devote their lives to saving the lives of others.

"The volunteers in this area are doing an outstanding job," notes **Kay Tharp**, FCH emergency department supervisor and certified rescue technician with the Mount Savage ambulance service.

Although it is thought that ambulance service dates back to the early Greeks and Romans, the first recorded ambulance as a fixed installation was on the field of battle during the reign of King Henry XIV of France. Baron Larrey, surgeon-in-chief of Napoleon's armies, introduced the first horse-drawn ambulances at the beginning of the 19th century. The Geneva Convention, signed in 1864, guaranteed them immunity from attack during warfare. The first nonmilitary ambulance service began at Bellevue Hospital in New York City in 1869, according to research findings of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Research findings also indicate that until the late 1960s, most cities did not provide adequate emergency medical services. Most consisted of a large number of uncoordinated competitive commercial and municipal ambulance services which responded to all types of calls, including emergencies. These services offered little or no lifesaving care. Their main function was to speed to the scene, load the patient, and speed to the hospital. Often, only the driver made the emergency run.

These findings further state that hospitals were also not geared to accept life-threatening emergencies. Often, emergency departments were not adequately staffed, especially during the night hours when staff consisted of "moonlighting" physicians or those with little or no training in emergency care. Also, there were no communication systems between ambulance attendants and emergency department personnel. Ambulances were inadequate in design and/or equipment.

How times have changed! Today, many medical procedures are performed at the scene of the emergency or in the ambulance on the way of the hospital. And a communication system tied to the hospital allows patients to receive the benefits of the physician's medical expertise while still on the road. And with emergency rooms open 24 hours a day, this information can be relayed any time of the day or night.

During **Emergency Medical Services Week**, all of the dedicated individuals, many of whom work on a voluntary basis, are to be commended for giving their time and talents to the betterment of life for everyone.

Daily Times
Salisbury, Md.

Md. Independent
Waldorf, Md.

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Letters

EMS week observed

To the Editor:

Maryland's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers will join with their colleagues throughout the U.S. to observe EMS Week from May 12 to 18. The national theme this year is "The Team That Cares." There couldn't be a more appropriate slogan for emergency medical care in Maryland.

Maryland's EMS providers may be your family, friends, or neighbors. Although they, too, are busy with their work and families, they give an extra measure of themselves to help their communities. Whether career or volunteer personnel, they train for many hours to become certified to help their fellow citizens with medical emergencies. You may not know the names of the EMS care providers, but it is a great comfort to have such skilled and dedicated people only a 9-1-1 phone call away.

That phone call sets a complex cascade in motion — from the dispatcher who receives the call; to the EMS personnel in fire, rescue and ambulance vehicles who respond; to the emergency departments, trauma centers, and specialty referral centers that are alerted; to the physicians, nurses and support personnel in hospitals throughout the state; to the rehabilitation specialists. Nowhere else in all of medicine does a patient's outcome depend on such a coordinated team of people from multiple specialties.

Let us use EMS Week as an opportunity to learn more about emergency medical care; to consider how we can prevent injuries and other emergencies, when possible; and most of all, to thank EMS personnel for being willing, and capable, of providing help when it is needed.

Ameen I Ramzy, M.D.
State EMS Director

Glade-Times Mirror
Walkersville, Md.

MAY 8 - 1991.

Emmitsburg EMS Awareness Day to be held on Saturday, May 18

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company Inc. has announced plans for a "Community E.M.S. Awareness Day" to be held Saturday, May 18, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building, 300 So. Seton Ave.

Events will include a live "extrication" demonstration beginning promptly at 1 p.m., complete with "live" patients — CAR BUSTING — the Emergency Medical Service Team at its finest!

Also included in the day's activities will be displays and mini-demonstrations featuring CPR for adults, children and infants, the

Heimlich Maneuver for choking, bleeding control and bandaging techniques, spinal immobilization and splinting techniques, and multi-trauma patient care.

Kent County News
Chestertown, Md.

MAY 8 1991

Saving lives

To the Editor:

Emergency Medical Services Week is May 12-18 and on behalf of Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the emergency medical services teams that devote their lives to saving the lives of others.

These individuals, in the roles of dispatchers, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency room physicians and nurses, firefighters, educators and administrators, work together to provide an invaluable service to our community.

At all hours of the day and night and often enduring difficult and even hazardous conditions, they provide swift, specialized care for seriously ill or injured persons. Emergency medical personnel demonstrate daily the depth of their bravery, dedication and compassion.

We applaud each and every one of them for the vital role that they play in the delivery of quality health care to area citizens.

William R. Kirk Jr.
President, CEO

Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital

MAY 9 - 1991

EMS Squad Buys Lifesaving Time

Salisbury's Emergency Medical Services extends the emergency room into the field, giving patients the benefit of time that can mean the difference between life and death.

By J.P. Forsthoffer

Editor's Note: The week of May 12 to May 18 has been designated by the State of Maryland as Emergency Medical Services week.

When a heart stops beating, seconds count. Minutes can mean the difference between life and death for a trauma patient. The Advanced Life Support technicians of Salisbury's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) team can give patients what they need most—time.

Able to arrive on the scene within two to three minutes of receiving a call through Wicomico County's 911 system, the advanced life support team is an extension of the hospital emergency room. Last year, Salisbury EMS answered 3,981 emergency calls.

"The care of the patient starts when the ambulance gets there," says Dr. Richard T. Adkins, M.D., of Peninsula General Hospital, regional director for emergency services. "If we've got trained people in the field who can start procedures, that's a time factor. The earlier we can start the better off the patient is going to be. The most critical care, of course, is with a cardiac patient. If you don't get to work on them in four to six minutes they're going to be dead."

The Cardiac Rescue Technicians (CRT) and paramedics on the EMS team have the equipment and training to implement many of the life-saving procedures of the



Salisbury EMS: Standing (L to R), Bill Bounds, Jo Anne Schultz, Shirley Reddish, Jerry Bennett, Martha Townsend, Wade Catlin, Jeff Webster. Kneeling (L to R): Robert Ross, David Merritt, John Wilson, Bruce Fowler, David Insley, Darryl Tighman.

photo: Steve Hicks/Cleary Design

emergency room, allowing them to immediately stabilize the patient. The ALS technicians can also transmit a patient's vital signs and condition to the emergency room. Dr. Adkins recalls when an ambulance crew's main responsibility was to transport the patient. "We did not know what we were getting until the ambulance backed up and unloaded," he says.

"In many cases [the ambulance crew] could do nothing; they could splint and do basic CPR and transport," Dr. Adkins continues. "The ALS people are trained to establish tubes, they can start IVs, administer medications, use the monitor to look at heart rhythms and defibrillate if necessary. It's really extended the initiation of care from the emergency department to the field. The emergency care of the patient literally begins at the scene."

Jerry Bennett, supervisor of Salisbury EMS, describes his department's mandate: "Keeping the patient alive until they get to surgical or cardiac intervention is [our] responsibility. We stabilize the patient. We're an extension of the emergency department."

Salisbury EMS is a department of the City of Salisbury, jointly funded by the city and Wicomico County. Its 13 employees, all CRTs or paramedics, are city employees. They operate three ambulances, staffing the downtown Salisbury fire station 24 hours a day.

Salisbury EMS covers the City of Salisbury as well as Fruitland, Allen and parts of Eden. The department also assists volunteer fire and emergency departments throughout the county.

Dr. Adkins has helped train most of the area's CRTs and paramedics. The emergency room medical staff and ALS technicians have developed not only a strong sense of teamwork but a mutual admiration.

"Whether paid or volunteer, they have an intense community spirit and a desire to do something for their neighbors," Dr. Adkins says of the Advanced Life Support crews. "They feel that they are helping relieve misery. The dedication to the community and interest in medicine is what drives them over the years."

"The satisfaction comes from helping people in need," says Mr. Bennett. "There's the knowledge that we make a difference in people's lives; it's the difference between life and death."

However, the job is far from romantic. "It's not a glorious job; blood and vomit and that type of thing," says Mr. Bennett.

EMS members place themselves at risk with every call they answer, including the high speed ride in the ambulance and abusive victims as well as the risk of exposure to AIDS.

The job takes its emotional toll as well. EMS member Jo Anne Schultz, a former Army medic and hospital emergency room technician, says the image of emergency medical personnel becoming calloused to blood and pain is a myth.

"I don't think any of us are capable of doing that," she says. "If we didn't feel so much and care so much we wouldn't do this. If we didn't care about people we wouldn't risk our lives. There's a lot of other ways to make a living and make a lot more money."

Ask almost any group emergency medical personnel what they find most difficult about their jobs, and the answer will be universal: "children."

"Children tear me up," says Mr. Bennett. "It's bad enough when it's an older person. But when it's a child, it's something else."

Members of EMS are a close-knit team and turn to each other for support. "I cry a lot," says Ms. Schultz. "It helps. The ones who hold it in are the ones it really works on."

Ms. Schultz has taken care of babies while tears ran down her cheeks. She's answered calls and found friends unconscious on the floor. A state-wide network of counselors help individuals and ambulance crews deal with especially tragic cases.

Despite a work day that can be nothing short of an emotional roller coaster, EMS members remain dedicated, if not addicted, to their jobs. "We're all 'Type A' personalities in here," says Ms. Schultz. "A 9 to 5 desk job would finish me off. In the next five minutes I can be saving someone's life."

The job offers more than its share of disappointment and tragedy, but also offers a level of satisfaction available in few occupations. Ms. Schultz says it is not uncommon to arrive on the scene to find a cardiac arrest victim with no pulse and to have the person talking by the time the ambulance reaches the hospital.

"I don't think there's any job where you can get as much positive feedback as quickly," she says. "You can see you've really done some good."

"There are a lot of bad things," she adds. "You see people die. Once in a while you get to save somebody's life. Once in a while someone reaches up and grasps your hand. A thank you goes a long way in this business."

News
Frederick, Md.

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Non-emergency call

Staff photo by Mark Crummett

Cheryl Delauter and Stephen Loss inspect the interior of an ambulance from Emmitsburg during a recent visit to Rock Creek School. Students helped the ambulance crew assemble 2,000 copies of "Rescue Rabbit" fire safety coloring book to be given out in Emergency Medical Services Awareness Weekend May 18 in Emmitsburg. In return, EMT Ken Bittner brought the vehicle to the school to give the students a close look.

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Emergency Medical Services Saves Lives

By Jerry Bennett

Supervisor, Salisbury EMS

The week of May 12 to May 18 has been designated by the State of Maryland as Emergency Medical Services week — a week set aside to recognize and honor the men and women who provide these rescue and ambulance services to the public. Perhaps a better name would be Emergency Medical Services Awareness Week — a week which could be used to better understand the system and those who work within it.

Guest Commentary

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system has changed vastly since the days when local funeral directors operated the ambulance. Perhaps in the days of "scoop and scoot," that was the logical system. Many lives were lost then — lives which perhaps could have been saved with the comprehensive care we offer today.

Today's Emergency Medical Services systems, both career and volunteer are made up of highly trained crews who spend hundreds of hours learning skills that can save lives and minimize disability.

The most basic level of training within the Maryland EMS System is First Responder. This certification requires 40 hours of classroom training in Basic Life Support skills.

The next level, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), requires 110 hours of training and testing. EMTs receive a higher level of training and are required to pass both written and practical tests for state certification.

Cardiac Rescue Technicians (CRTs) receive 340 hours of training and are qualified to provide Advanced Life Support, which includes such procedures as IV therapy and EKG monitoring.

For many years, CRT was the highest level of pre-hospital emergency care available in Maryland. Though CRT training is directed at cardiac emergencies, CRTs are also highly qualified to provide Advanced Life Support for other emergencies. CRTs receive a combination of classroom and clinical training, spending many hours involved in direct patient care in the hospital setting, under direct supervision of registered nurses and doctors.

The highest level of pre-hospital emergency care is offered by Paramedics. Paramedics are certified both nationally and by the state in which they practice. They receive approximately 700 additional hours of training, again spent in both

classroom and hospital settings. This training includes all areas of patient care for both medical and trauma related emergencies.

Salisbury EMS is proud of the men and women who make up its team. There are 13 CRTs and Paramedics working full-time to provide Advanced Life Support for the community; they are assisted by the career members of the Salisbury Fire Department, most of whom are trained to at least the level of the Fire Fighter/EMT. There are four Fire Fighter/CRTs in the Fire Division. Within the volunteer ranks of all three Salisbury fire stations there are EMTs as well as some CRTs and Paramedics.

The members of the EMS team are highly dedicated and motivated — they are people with a need to help others. Many of them volunteer their time and many of them pass up careers with more material rewards; they do this in order to attain the only reward that really matters to them: the knowledge that they make a difference.

Editor's Note: The Salisbury EMS team responds to calls forwarded through Wicomico County's 911 system and is the primary emergency service for Salisbury, Fruitland, Allen and parts of Eden. Salisbury EMS also provides back up service for other county fire and ambulance departments.

Cecil Whig
Elkton, Md.

MAY 10 1991



Photo by Jim DeCoursey

Boy honored for action

Water Witch Emergency Medical Services chief Wayne L. Tome Sr. (kneeling) honored 6-year-old Kevin Southern of Windmill Road for action on April 19 — calling 9-1-1 after his mother, Debbie Southern (rear) had fainted. Before placing a wet towel on her forehead, Kevin also called his father, Daniel Southern, at work. Tome, who recognized Kevin at the Emergency Medical Services Week open house at the county medic station in Colora Sunday, emphasized it's never too early to teach children what to do in an emergency.

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7:05 (CBS) HAPPY DAYS—Comedy

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necessary) of the Oilers-North Stars series at
9:30 P.M.

7:30 (2) (3) (2) (2) JEOPARDY! (CC)—Game

(2) (3) FAMILY FEUD—Game

(3) MOVIE—Thriller; 2 hrs., 30 min. ★★ ★★
"Jaws." (1975) Steven Spielberg's box-office
blockbuster about an East Coast summer re-
sort terrorized by a giant killer shark. Roy
Scheider, Robert Shaw, Richard Dreyfuss. El-
len: Lorraine Gary. Vaughn: Murray Hamilton.

(3) (3) INSIDE EDITION (CC)—News magazine
Scheduled: A segment on Britain's royal family.

(3) (3) ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT (CC)
Scheduled: A preview of summer movies, in-
cluding "Hudson Hawk." (Bruce Willis).

(3) WHO'S THE BOSS? (CC)—Comedy
The competition to sell T-shirts has the dye on
teperatures Tony and Angela seeking red. Jill:
Brandi Boren. Steve: Joe Costanza.

(20) CHEERS (CC)—Comedy
A queasy Frasier (Kelsey Grammer) cuts out
on the Crane baby's brie: Rebecca organizes
a retirement party for a company employee.

(22) (23) (3) (3) (2) INSIDE TRACK:
THOROUGHbred RACING IN MARYLAND
Visits to area breeding farms and racetracks,
and interviews with grooms, exercise riders,
jockeys and trainers. (Repeat)

(32) EVENING EXCHANGE—Discussion
Oscar-winning sound mixer Russell Williams
("Dances with Wolves," "Glory").

(23) M.A.S.H.
Conclusion: A harrowing night in enemy terri-
tory drives Margaret and Hawkeye into each
other's arms. Alan Alda, Loretta Swill.

(30) NEWS
The Deacon is roasted at a testimonial dinner,
where some of the speakers share less-than-
reverential recollections of the honoree.

(44) AMERICA AT WAR—Documentary
Inventions used in battle from the Civil War to
the present. Host: Robert Vaughn.

(3) LIVE FROM L.A.—Interview
(44) CROSSFIRE—Buchanan/Kinsley
(33) WORLD MONITOR—John Hart

(33) BASEBALL
Oakland at Baltimore. For rosters, see the
Close-up on p. 136. (Live)

(1) (2) DUET—Comedy
(4) (2) VOI MTV RAPS
(4) (4) ORCHESTRA! (CC)—Music
Dudley Moore gives a history of the orchestra.

(44) BE A STAR—Talent Contest

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Brooks reunion tops EMS Week

BALTIMORE — Highlighting the celebration of Emergency Medical Services Week this week on the Eastern Shore will be a reunion of all the emergency services personnel involved in the heroic rescue of a 2-year-old Caroline County boy from an abandoned septic tank.

Stated for May 19 at 2 p.m., the reunion will be held at the Queen Anne/Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department.

The extrication and resuscitation of Laron Brooks from an abandoned septic tank on Tuckahoe Road in Caroline County on March 5 required the combined effort and cooperation of three volunteer fire companies (Queen Anne/Hillsboro, Denton, and Ridgely) and Caroline County's Advanced Life Support Services, Central Alarm, and Sheriff's Office.

Members of the Queen Anne/Hillsboro and Ridgely companies extricated Laron after locating him through a small hole in the tank.

When the toddler was removed from the tank, he was hypothermic, not breathing and had no pulse. On the way to the Memorial Hospital at Easton, advanced life support technicians revived the boy by administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and other lifesaving measures. Subsequently, Laron made a complete recovery.

"Emergency Medical Services" The Team That Cares" is the theme of EMS Week,

sponsored by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems. The theme was selected to recognize the important role that emergency services field personnel play in Maryland's EMS system.

Other local activities scheduled for EMS Week include a continuing education program for prehospital care providers, open houses at many of the region's fire and ambulance companies, ambulance demonstrations, and educational presentations at area schools.

The Grasonville Volunteer Fire Company in Queen Anne's County will give public awareness presentations for the county's public school system and will provide a blood pressure screening at Grasonville's senior center. A county-wide program called "Elder Alert" also will be kicked off.

"Prompting Excellence in EMS" will be the theme of a 12-hour continuing education program for prehospital care providers focusing on sports injuries and pediatric and orthopedic emergencies. It will be held May 18 and 19 at the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company headquarters. The conference will be sponsored by the Ocean City's division of EMS and Paramedica Foundation, the Region IV EMS Advisory Council, and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems.

A Wicomico County EMS company will

hold an open house at the Hebron Volunteer Fire Department from 7 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15. Events will include blood pressure screenings and demonstrations of ambulances and advanced-life-support equipment. In addition, Sharptown EMS will conduct classes in CPR for the general public from 7 to 10 p.m. on May 14 and 16, and will offer blood pressure testing from 5 to 7:30 p.m. May 17.

Another open house is planned at the Colora Medic Station in Cecil County starting at 1 p.m. May 19. The occasion will be used both to dedicate the station and to unveil its mass casualty unit.

In addition, the Cecil County Paramedic Foundation, Inc. will present awards of recognition to several community organizations for their contributions to the Cecil County EMS system. To attend the event, those interested are asked to 301-398-0200 or 301-658-4041, extension 111 by May 15.

Ambulance demonstrations will be held at the Salisbury Mall from noon to 5 p.m. on May 12. EMS coloring books will be passed out to children visiting the demonstration at the mall.

Salisbury EMS will give presentations on Maryland's EMS system to all the students at the Wicomico Senior High as part of its health education classes.

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THE EVENING SUN, WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1991

A HERO'S REWARD



By Jed Kirschbaum — Evening Sun

Dana Jill Flaherty, 3, kisses her uncle, Thomas John "T.J." Flaherty, 13, who was honored yesterday for saving her life

Teen is among 21 honored for their lifesaving efforts

By Alisa Samuels
Evening Sun Staff

On March 24, Thomas John "T.J." Flaherty, 13, and his 3-year-old niece were watching television when he gave her a Lifesaver candy as his sister-in-law had told him to do.

The candy would keep Dana Jill Flaherty from crying while her mother washed clothes.

Almost immediately after putting the candy in her mouth, Dana started choking on it. Her lips began turning blue.

T.J. didn't have time to get his adult brother, who was upstairs sleeping.

So T.J. applied the Heimlich maneuver he had learned in the first grade.

After six or seven attempts, he dislodged the candy that gotten stuck in Dana's windpipe.

"After it was over, she wanted another one," said T.J., a seventh-grader at Northern Middle School in Hagerstown.

Yesterday, Maryland Emergency Medical Services presented T.J. and 20 other Marylanders with certificates for rescuing people from life-threatening situations or for improving the state's emergency medical care system. The ceremony was part of the national Emergency Medical Services Week.

"Today, we recognize heroes," said Dr. Ameen Ramzy, the state EMS director. The recipients "went beyond the call of duty," he said.

Among the honorees at ceremonies in the auditorium at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Cen-

ter were those who saved the lives of people injured in automobile crashes, who performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and who provided continued emergency care.

The awards were first given seven years ago, Ramzy said. Each year since then, 20 to 30 individuals and groups have been recognized for their deeds.

T.J. said he's reminded of that fateful day every time he eats a Lifesaver.

"I was pretty scared after it happened," T.J. said, holding his wooden plaque, a Civilian Certificate of Honor. "I was afraid she'd die."

T.J. said that was the first time he performed the lifesaving maneuver.

Angela Palmer, 39, a gym teacher at Beach Elementary School in Carroll County, also was rewarded for her quick actions.

In December, while Palmer was on playground duty during lunchtime, several children ran up to her and reported that Heather Haas, 8, was hung up on a sliding board.

"I immediately went over there," Palmer recalled. "Her sweater or scarf was caught on the slide" and she was suffocating.

"I started calling her name and touching her. She was unconscious."

Palmer managed to free Heather and send her down the slide. "She was purple and it was just terrible," Palmer said. Certified in CPR, Palmer performed the lifesaving technique and started Heather breathing again.

"I just thank God I was able to do what I had learned," Palmer said.

About a week later, after the realization of what she had done hit her, Palmer said she cried for a week.

Yesterday, Heather and her father, Mike Haas, 36, of Calvert County, hugged Palmer and thanked her for coming to Heather's rescue.

THE SUN Maryland

SECTION

BWEDNESDAY,
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Split-second saviors are honored for quick thinking, compassion

By Michael K. Burns

There were more heroes assembled in the Shock Trauma Center Auditorium here yesterday than in a dozen Marvel Comic books. None wore a cape or mask, but each possessed for a moment the power to save a life.

They were among the 15 individuals and six organizations honored by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems for their extraordinary efforts in life-saving.

Angela Palmer's moment of challenge came last winter while supervising lunchtime play at Beach Elementary School in North Beach, Calvert County.

Eight-year-old Heather Haas caught her coat sleeve and collar around the top of a sliding board and was strangling. Ms. Palmer ran up the ladder, lowered the unconscious child to the ground and administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation while children called for an ambulance. The child was breathing again by the time help arrived.

"I was always the worst student in CPR and never had to use it," said Ms. Palmer, who has been teaching 17 years. "This was the time I had to do what I could and do it the best I could."

Not the elation of heroism, but the gravity of what might have happened hit her later in the school day. "I was shaken," she recalled. "For months, I couldn't even bear to watch that '911' TV program, but now I can."

"It was like a dream, I just knew I had to get him out of there," said Grant A. Russell, describing how he pulled a trapped motorist from a burning car on Interstate 95 near Columbia last Christmas morning.

His hands bleeding from breaking the window of the wrecked auto, Mr. Russell climbed inside to calm the injured driver. As the fire grew more intense, the rescuer found the

strength to pull the much heavier injured driver from the wreck and drag him away. Moments later, the passenger compartment erupted in flames.

"I never thought about being the difference between life and death," said Mr. Russell, of Bethesda, a supermarket worker and a photography student at Montgomery Community College.

The experience has, however, led him to consider offers from fire departments to make a career in emergency medicine, he said.

T. J. Flaherty and his 3-year-old niece, Dana, were watching cartoons on television at her house in Hagerstown in March when the young girl began choking on a piece of candy. T. J., a seventh-grader at Northern Middle School in Hagerstown, saw her lips turn blue and knew he had to do something quick to save her life. "I learned the Heimlich [maneuver] in first grade, and that was what I did," he recalled. Grabbing the child from behind, he forced her to expel the candy after a half-dozen hugs. Dana recovered without requiring medical attention.

After it was over, T. J. said, "she asked for another piece of candy and then I went back home." The hero's role would emerge weeks later, prompting the shy towhead to remark: "It's really neat."

The annual certificates of honor went to civilians and to emergency medical professionals for acts of heroism in lifesaving. Eight individuals and organizations were presented with community service awards in emergency medicine.

"This is always a bittersweet occasion," to have these honorees relive their traumatic rescues of others, said Dr. Ameen Ramzy, state director of Emergency Medical Services for the network of hospitals, trauma centers, ambulances and helicopters and the central Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore.

"You prepare for lots of things, but you can't train for everything."

HERSHEL SHANK
Cited in crane rescue

"I can sometimes see on their faces again the pain that they lived through . . . the moments of horror that seemed like hours," Dr. Ramzy said. "We thank you for going through that with us today."

Even for professionals, the emergencies that demand heroic response may occur when least expected, he noted.

Three Anne Arundel County firefighters driving home from a paramedics course in Pennsylvania in January saw a crane fall over a bridge in York. The operator clung to the steering wheel of the upside down cab to keep from plunging 50 feet to the ground.

Rigging a set of lifelines and slings from nylon rope at the job site, they climbed out to the dangling cab, pulled the man up to the boom of the crane and lowered him safely to solid ground. "You prepare for lots of things, but you can't train for everything," said Hershel Shank, who was honored along with co-workers Douglas Fishel and Jeff Gormley. The three men employed the rope skills they learned together while exploring caves and rappelling from rock faces, he said.

State's emergency medical system honors lifesaving heroes for quick thinking.



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Angela Palmer hugs Heather Haas, 8, the choking victim she saved, after receiving a Civilian Certificate of Honor for her heroic efforts.

Those honored

Certificates of honor for life saving were awarded yesterday by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System to the following:

INDIVIDUALS:

Lucretia A. Boles, Natural Resources Police — though injured, treated fellow officer after car accident.

Robert Calo, Maryland State Police — freed handicapped man from wrecked van.

Daniel Durst, Grantsville — used cardiopulmonary resuscitation to save man who collapsed.

Douglas Fishel, Anne Arundel County Fire Department — with two others, helped save operator of toppled crane in Pennsylvania.

Jeffrey Gormley, Anne Arundel County Fire Department — helped save Pennsylvania crane operator.

Hershel Shank, Anne Arundel County Fire Department — helped save Pennsylvania crane operator.

T. J. Flaherty, Hagerstown — 13-year-old who saved choking 3-year-old.

Kurt Talbert, Forestville Volunteer Fire Department — helped administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation to save newborn.

Helen Kulle, Forestville Volunteer Fire Department — saved newborn with Mr. Talbert.

Toni F. Lahnig, Hagerstown — rescued injured driver from burning car.

Angela Palmer, Annapolis — saved girl from strangling on scarf.

Grant A. Russell, Hagerstown — rescued driver from burning car by breaking window.

John A. Savage, Oakland — saved woman trapped in burning car.

Robert K. Smith, Baltimore — saved woman from burning car.

James L. Vance, Hagerstown — saved himself and passenger from burning car.

ORGANIZATIONS:

Queen Anne/Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department

Ridgely Volunteer Fire Department
Caroline County Advanced Life Support Services Inc.

Caroline County Central Alarm
Caroline County Sheriff's Department

Denton Ambulance Squad

AWARDS FOR

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

Children's Village of Washington County

Jesse Cox, Waldorf

William James Dousa Jr., Edgewood

Neonatal Transport Technicians of the Maryland Regional Neonatal Program

Ian T. Reikie, Flintstone

Donald Allan Ruby Sr., Flintstone

Donna Le Seelye, Mount Airy

Timothy S. Warner, Mount Airy

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Angela Palmer, left, a Calvert County teacher, was honored for using CPR to save Heather Haas, center, who was choking after a playground mishap. Dilt Police Cadet Lucrétia Boles was cited for helping a fellow officer injured in an auto accident.

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Awards honor 'everyday' heroics

CAPITAL
May 15, 1991

By AUDREY ROSS
Staff Writer

he crane was teetering from the bridge with its driver hanging from the steering wheel when Douglas Fishel and Jeff Gormley arrived.

Balancing on the swaying crane, the two Anne Arundel County firefighters looped a rope around the driver dangling 50 feet above the ground.

Moments later, county Firefighter Hurshel Shank pulled all three back onto the Philadelphia Street Bridge in York, Pa.

The dramatic rescue, which occurred five months ago while the men were on their way home from a class, earned them state honors yesterday.

They were joined by an Annapolis school teacher and a Department of Natural Resources Police cadet at a ceremony recognizing Maryland's heroes.

"That took some courage, getting up on that crane not knowing when and if it was going to drop," Sgt. Dirk Lister of the York Police Department said before a reception at the Shock-Trauma Center at University Hospital in Baltimore. "It was a dangerous situation."

The three men were on their way home Jan. 4 after attending classes at the Paramedic Institute in Lancaster, Pa., when they saw the crane topple from the bridge at about noon.

The crane operator was lowering cement to workers below when the hydraulic system stopped operating and a footing slipped, Sgt. Lister said.

"We were kind of in the right place at the right time," Firefighter Shank said. "We noticed it was tipping over farther and farther, until it finally turned over literally in front of our eyes."

"We weren't really sure how long he could hold on to that steering wheel. We're sure he probably would have fallen to his death."

All three firefighters are trained paramedics and have been with the county Fire Department three to five years.

Firefighter Shank works at the Jacobsville Fire Department in Pasadena. Firefighter Gormley is assigned to the Glen Burnie station and Firefighter Fishel is stationed at the Earleigh Heights Fire Department.

They live in the Gettysburg, Pa., area, where they attended the same high school. The three trained together and joined the county Fire Department within two years of each other.

The three were among 21 people from across the state recognized for outstanding service by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services in Baltimore.



Firefighters Hurshel Shank, left, and Douglas Fishel rescued a crane operator after a construction accident.

DNR Police Cadet Lucretia Boles of Arnold was honored for helping a partner injured in a car accident, while Angela Palmer of Annapolis received a civilian award for resuscitating an injured child.

Cadet Boles of Arnold was a back-seat passenger in a patrol car that overturned on Interstate 97 after being forced off the road by another car.

She and three other DNR officers were injured in the Jan. 23 accident, but Cadet Boles managed to crawl out and retrieve a medical kit thrown from the car. She treated Cpl. Wayne Avery for severe head injuries.

"We were all really lucky," she said. "It went airborne and then it rolled over several times."

Cadet Boles still attends physical therapy sessions five times a week and plans to enroll in the DNR Academy when she's recovered.

One of the few civilian awards yesterday went to Ms. Palmer, a Calvert County school teacher who revived a choking child.

While Ms. Palmer was supervising playground activities at Beach Elementary School in North Beach on Dec. 5, 1990, a child caught her sweater on the slide and began choking.

The 8-year-old girl was unconscious when Ms. Palmer found her, and the teacher immediately administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The girl was revived by the time paramedics arrived.

"I was just glad everything was OK," she said. "I've taken CPR all these years and I've never had to use it. Now, I have to use it."

May 15 1972

Local heroes receive honors

Children's Village also cited for work

By CLYDE FORD
Staff Writer

BALTIMORE — James Leonard Vance, 16, had just pulled out of his driveway with a date when a car rammed his car from behind.

Meanwhile, Toni Fritz Lahnig, 61, of Hagerstown was driving home that Nov. 30 on Md. 64 when he saw the two cars in front of him burst into flames.

Both Vance and Lahnig were credited with saving a life at the accident scene and were honored Tuesday for their heroics, along with about 30 individuals and groups.

The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems in Baltimore also honored T.J. Flaherty of Hagerstown, who saved his niece from choking; Maryland State Police Trooper Robert Calo of Frederick, who saved a trapped disabled man; and Children's Village of Washington County, which teaches children about safety.

Vance said he never saw the other car that night. It was late and the other driver did not have his headlights on, he said.

The wreck set both cars on fire and Vance, a junior at Smithsburg High School, found himself and his date in the back seat of his car unable to open the doors.

Lahnig, meanwhile, was on his way home from an Elks Lodge meeting when he heard his car hit something on the road, he said. He stopped and saw it was a hubcap. Then he saw two cars burst into flames, one against a house.

Lahnig tried to get to Vance's car, but was driven back by the flames.

He ran to the other car, which was against a house near the oil tank.

"I didn't realize it until afterwards but they said, 'You could have gone up with



By Ric Dugan

JoEllen Vance (left) and her son, James, chat with Toni Lahnig at the awards reception Tuesday in Baltimore.

it," said Lahnig, a machinist at Mack Trucks who plans to retire June 1.

Lahnig opened the door, saw the driver lying motionless across the front seat and pulled him to safety.

"All he said was, 'Oh my God. My new car. My new car.' I said, 'To heck with your car. Get out,'" Lahnig said.

He went back to Vance's car, but could not get through the flames to help.

Vance said he was worried he was going to die in his car. Flames engulfed the front and filled the car with smoke.

"At first with the smoke she was right beside me and I couldn't see her," he said of his passenger, Rebecca Button, 20, of Hagerstown.

Vance tried to open the doors, but couldn't because they were jammed

shut. When he kicked out the back window, he realized his leg hurt.

The accident had broken his pelvis.

"I went to get a breath of air and reaching in I grabbed her and pulled her out," Vance said.

Both he and Button suffered second- and third-degree burns. He still has scars on his left hand and arm from the flames.

The driver of the other car, Thomas Carty, 23, of Greencastle, Pa., was later charged with driving while intoxicated. He is awaiting trial in Washington County Circuit Court.

• 13-year-old Thomas John Flaherty, T.J. to his friends, was at his brother's house March 24, watching cartoons with his young niece, Dana Flaherty.

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Dana choked on a piece of candy extreme pain. Calo used a jack and began to turn blue. T.J., thinking she might die if he took the time to run for help, performed the Heimlich maneuver on her. After six or seven attempts, the candy popped out and she immediately recovered. MIEMSS officials at Tuesday's ceremony said his quick action saved her life.

• The Children's Village of Washington County was presented with a Distinguished Service Award by MIEMSS.

Children's Village on Mt. Aetna Road is in its first year of teaching Washington County's second graders the basics of calling 911, fire prevention, traffic safety skills and other accident prevention skills.

T.J. is a student at Northern Middle School.

• Trooper Robert Calo of Frederick was honored for freeing a disabled man from the wreckage of the van he was riding in after it overturned on I-270 on March 18.

The award was presented to Ron Karn and Larry Craig. Craig said that 3,200 second-grade students will have gone through Children's Village by June 8.

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EMS Institute honors Calo, Seelye for efforts

By SUSAN C. NICOL
News-Post Staff

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Special events to recognize role of emergency services

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week is being celebrated this week in Washington and Frederick counties. The week began with the Fourth Annual EMS Providers Picnic on Saturday, May 11, in Williamsport, and will end with a hazardous materials decontamination demonstration by the Washington County Hazardous Incident Response Team (HIRT) on Sunday, May 19.

Highlighting the week was the presentation on Tuesday of the Distinguished Service Award to Children's Village in Hagerstown for its child safety program. The award was presented at a reception in the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Auditorium in Baltimore.

A "Blast from the Past" dance for Frederick County EMS providers is scheduled Friday, May 17, at Walkersville Fire Hall.

The Clear Spring Ambulance Club will host a Community EMS Awareness Day open house on Saturday, May 18, from 1 to 5 p.m. The afternoon's activities will include a public education video on Maryland's EMS system, blood pressure screenings, displays of EMS equipment, and a chicken barbecue and craft fair. In conjunction with the Open House, a firemen's parade will take place in Clear Spring, beginning at noon.

Prior to the open house, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, a ground breaking ceremony will be held at the Clear Spring Ambulance Club to celebrate the expansion of the club's headquarters at 233 Cumberland St. State Senator Donald Munson (R-District 2) will be among the dignitaries attending the ceremony.

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company in Frederick County also will host an open house on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building, 300 S. Seton Ave. A live extrication demonstration — car busting with live patients — will begin at 1 p.m.

The hazardous materials decontamination demonstration will be conducted on the parking lot adjacent to Washington County Hospital from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Last Saturday's picnic on the Williamsport American Legion picnic grounds was sponsored by Washington County Hospital and its medical staff.

"Emergency Medical Services: The Team That Cares" is the theme for EMS Week, which is sponsored by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems. The week recognizes the important role that emergency services field personnel play in Maryland's EMS system.

For information about local EMS Week activities, contact the Region II EMS Office in Hagerstown at 791-2366 or 293-7249.

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MAY 15 1991

2 who saved newborn honored

By GEOFFREY BROWN

Journal staff writer

Two Forestville volunteer rescue workers have received state distinguished service awards for reviving a lifeless newborn who was still attached to his mother by his umbilical cord.

Firefighter Helen Kulle and Sgt. Kurt Talbert, volunteers at the Forestville Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, each received the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services' Distinguished Service award at a ceremony Tuesday in Baltimore.

Kulle and Talbert, who are trained in firefighting and basic life support, were sent Jan. 18 to revive a boy who had just been born at a home in the 6200 block of Maxwell Drive.

The two were met by the baby's father, who told them his wife had just delivered the baby.

"We rushed right upstairs into the apartment," recalled Kulle, who has been a volunteer firefighter for nine years. The child had no heart beat or pulse, and was not breathing when Kulle and Talbert arrived.

"The baby was just totally limp," Kulle said.

Kulle said the parents apparently did not know to remove mucus plugs from the child's nose and mouth immediately after it was born, and the child could not breathe.

Kulle and Talbert cut and tied the child's umbilical cord, removed the mucus plugs and started cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

The child began to breathe, but was in distress and needed immediate intensive care. A second ambulance was sent for the mother, and Kulle and Talbert told her husband how to care for her while waiting for the ambulance.

They then took the child to the closest hospital, Malcolm Grow Medical Center at Andrews Air Force Base. The child was then taken to the intensive care ward at Children's Hospital in Washington, where he eventually recovered.

Kulle said she spoke last week to the baby's mother, who told her the boy was in fine shape and had suffered no brain damage.

"That's the greatest reward of all," Kulle said.

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Elkton, Md.

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This week, it's time to thank Cecil EMS, 'the team that cares'

Amidst the attention that the visit by Queen Elizabeth to Maryland has drawn, the local spotlight should shine this week on the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel in Cecil County.

Every day, committed emergency medical specialists devote their working hours to saving lives and minimizing the effects of unforeseen illnesses and injuries. To honor them the Board of County Commissioners have declared May 12 through 18 as Emergency Medical Services Week. The emergency medical specialists, nurses and physicians deserve a week in their honor, which is very little to give back for the work that they unselfishly provide and that is often taken for granted.

We tend to forget about the men and women who stand prepared to respond to emergency calls any hour of the day or night, 365 days a year. Very few editions of the Cecil Whig are printed that do not report the outcome of an auto accident

Most are volunteers

Cecil County, as most rural areas in the nation, is served primarily by volunteer EMS providers. These people are dedicated to training and providing a service that is not a "nice to have" but part of a system that is required by all in the time of illness or injury. These people maintain occupations in various fields, are parents, grandparents and students.

Yes, students! The majority of the recruited EMS personnel are young adults, attracted to



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this special profession of taking care of others. At this age, they expose themselves to death and dying which they may not have experienced in the past. As traffic crashes and major medical emergencies increase with the county's population growth, these experiences are far too common.

Handling feelings

The young, caring adult is trained to exhaust feelings of sadness and hurt after treating an acutely ill or injured person as well as their witness to the expression of grief by the family of a fatally injured person. . . .

EMS personnel are exposed to our personal crises every hour, and less than 10 per cent of those they provide care to, ever offer their thanks. The job of these volunteer and career medical professionals offers some positive feelings. Seeing the victim of a serious injury or illness living a productive life, excites most of us, although we seldom hear or see that excitement outwardly expressed.

This week, Emergency Medical Services Week, gives us a chance to give something back to our EMS specialists. First, we can shine the spotlight on them and say thanks. They have a difficult job and they do it well; in return, the rest of us can at least offer public acknowledgement that we appreciate what they do.

Second, and perhaps the more important in their eyes,

we can listen to their messages and heed their advice. Cecil County EMS and other allied EMS agencies offer public CPR training and this year will train over one thousand Cecil Countians. If we do this, the benefits are great; we help them save lives.

Open house Sunday

Cecil County will conclude EMS Week on Sunday, May 19, with an Open House and Dedication of the Colora Medic Station at 1 p.m. The public is invited and will have the opportunity to talk with EMS personnel, both volunteer and career, who have worked together to make Cecil County's EMS system better.

Everyone is encouraged to attend, find out about these special people, who they are and why and most of all, what are their messages?

Wear seatbelts, obey speed limits, drive attentively, put children in child safety seats and call 9-1-1 as soon as you see an emergency. The outcome will be of positive significance to us as Cecil Countians, we will give the EMS providers

fewer injuries to attend to, and we may even give them a little spare time.

For more information

For additional information, please contact the EMS Office at 398-0200 or 658-4041, Ext. 112 or your local fire/EMS company as listed.

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Cecil County EMS Coordinator

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Charlestown Fire Co., 287-6451
Community Fire Co., Perryville, 642-2647
Water Witch Fire Co., 378-4133
Community Fire Co., Rising Sun, 658-5115

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Harford County Councilman Joanne Parrott presents a council proclamation to Jim Lyons of the Joppa-Magnolia Fire Company and to Al Thompson of the Darlington Fire Company declaring May 12-18 Emergency Medical Services Week.

Dousa receives EMS award

William James Dousa Jr. of Edgewood received a Distinguished Service Award for his many years of dedicated service to the emergency medical services (EMS) system in Harford County.

Mr. Dousa is one of 21 Marylanders honored during EMS Week, May 12-18, for their efforts in delivering prehospital emergency care, or improving Maryland's system of emergency medical care. A prehospital care provider and fireman for the last 22 years, Mr. Dousa has been a top responder for both the Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department (1969 to 1985) and the Abingdon Fire Company (since 1985).

Besides responding to calls as a cardiac rescue technician, Mr. Dousa, an industrial engineer for Human Engineering Laboratories at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, has spent hundred of extra hours maintaining the pension records for Joppa-Magnolia's personnel.

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EMS Week

County Executive Robert R. Neall (center) displays a proclamation designating May 12-18 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Anne Arundel County. With Mr. Neall are Acting Fire Administrator Paul C. Halgley (left) and Division Chief Roger Simonds, commander of the county Fire Department Division of Emergency Medical Services. The proclamation recognizes the accomplishments of all EMS teams throughout the county.

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NEWS

Rescue squad shows its stuff

TRACY WALSH
Staff Writer

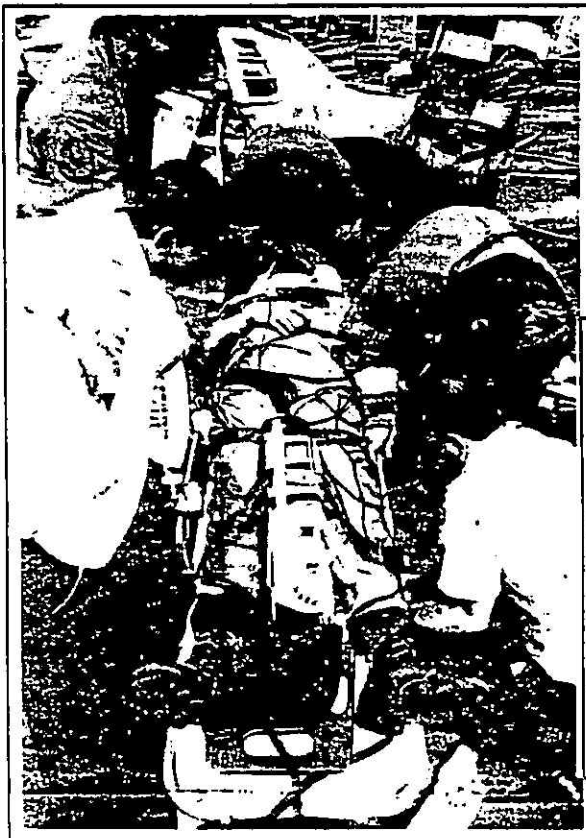
Between 250 and 300 people gathered to experience Wheaton Rescue Squad's first annual Emergency Medical Services Week Open House last Sunday.

"It went perfectly," enthused chairman, Julia Dasher, "We had a great turnout and a lot of positive feedback."

The Rescue Squad decided to hold the open house in honor of Emergency Medical Services Week which was from May 12 to May 18.

Volunteer paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and firefighters demonstrated equipment and techniques and answered questions about emergency medicine.

"We saw it as a good way to get some public education out there and really try to involve the kids as much as possible," explained Dasher.



▲ This is not a real accident, but a demonstration of the high quality of service an injured person receives from the Wheaton Rescue Squad.

Shaun Meyers of Wheaton (age 3), checks out the cockpit of the Park Police helicopter.



To the Rescue!

Photos by Tim Sloan, The Record



▲ Park Police helicopter leaves the open house in dramatic fashion. It is the same one that aided in the rescue of the Air Florida flight 90 tragedy on the Potomac river. The Copter is 11 years old.

▼ Wheaton Rescue Squad member Alan Felson demonstrates repelling from a height of 45 feet from a ladder truck.

