

33 Receive MIEMSS Awards During EMS Week

Thirty-three award recipients throughout Maryland were honored by MIEMSS on May 14 for heroic life-saving actions or for distinguished service to the community. Each year nominations are submitted to MIEMSS by the EMS community and voted on by a committee of representatives from MIEMSS and REMSAC. You are urged throughout the upcoming months to think of people that you would like to nominate for 1993 awards (nominations are usually requested in March each year).

Photos and information on 1992 award recipients follow. However, the following were unable to attend the EMS awards reception: EMT Vinson Dieterich and Paramedic William Neal, Jr. Mr. Dieterich, with the Hagerstown Fire Dept., received a Certificate of Honor for saving the life of a pedestrian struck by a train last August. After ensuring that the train would not move, Mr. Dieterich crawled 40 feet under the locomotive to the victim and pulled him out by crawling backward. Mr. Dieterich then treated the victim, who had severed both legs above the knees, until additional medical help arrived. Mr. Neal, the recipient of a Distinguished Service Award, was recognized for his advancement of EMS in Maryland, especially in training EMS personnel at Essex Community College.



(L-r) Dr. Ameen Ramzy (MIEMSS) and Region V Medical Director Dr. Richard Alcorta, who received a Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Alcorta is an emergency physician and paramedic liaison at Suburban Hospital and chair of the Region V EMS Advisory Council for the past 2 years. He is very involved in accident prevention and a leader in the effort to reinstate Maryland's motorcycle helmet law and to pass Montgomery County's bike helmet law.



(L-r) Dr. Ameen Ramzy (MIEMSS), EMT Doris Beal, TFC Jeffrey Barber, EMT James Frankenberry, and Dave Ramsey (MIEMSS).

- Ms. Beal—Distinguished Service Award for her fund-raising efforts to provide Hepatitis-B vaccine free to members of Northern Garrett County Rescue Squad.
- TFC Barber—Certificate of Honor for giving life-saving CPR to a motorist in a vehicle stopped on I-68.
- EMT Frankenberry—Distinguished Service Award for 15 years of service to Mt. Savage Volunteer Fire Department.



(L-r) Daniel Hughes (accepting for Frederick Co. ALS), Mr. & Mrs. Mustafa Mizah (parents of award winner Aaron Kelly), Dr. Ameen Ramzy (MIEMSS), and (front row) 5-year-old Aaron Kelly.

- Frederick County ALS—Distinguished Service Award for providing a decade of service. In 1982, the ALS Program responded to more than 1,100 calls and provided more than 14,000 hours of voluntary service. In 1991, there were 3,938 calls involving almost 29,000 hours of service.
- Aaron Kelly (5-years-old)—Certificate of Honor for dialing 9-1-1 for medical help when his pregnant mother fell head-first down the stairs and was knocked unconscious.



Members from Prince George's County Fire Dept. recently honored were (back row, l-r) FF Ray McRea (representing Engine Co. 461); FF Terence Ward (representing Ambulance 59); FF/EMT-P Patricia Powell; FF/EMT-P James Shields III; Fire Technician Sherman Talbott (representing Rescue Squad 20); FF Jeff Fisher (representing Rescue Squad 8); Mrs. Joyce Kinnard (rescued by PGFD personnel when her car was crushed by a dump truck); Maj. Joseph Ockershausen (representing PGFD); Lt./EMT-P Bill Hudelson (representing Medic 10). (Front row, l-r) Fire Lt. Jeff Peck and FF Steve Gallagher (both representing PGFD), FF Steve Ager (coordinator of CPR training program); and Dr. Ameen Ramzy (MIEMSS).

- FF Shields and FF Powell, along with TFC Charles Eisele (not in photo)—Certificates of Honor for saving a woman who had crashed her car into a tree. Their interventions for an unusual respiratory/cardiac problem restored the woman's vital signs toward normal.
- Prince George's County Fire Dept. and its Engine Co. 461, Rescue Squads 8 and 20, Medic 10, and Ambulance 59—Certificates of Honor for rescuing Mrs. Joyce Kinnard and her young child from a car that had been crushed by a dump truck.
- FF Ager—Distinguished Service Award for his coordination of the CPR Awareness Day programs at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School for the past 5 years. In 1991, more than 1600 were trained in CPR in one day; this year, 1400 were trained.



(L-r) Tink Collins, Keith Adkins (both from Linkwood-Salem Vol. Fire Co.), CRT Michael Pavero, Russell Hurley, Sr. (Delmarva Ambulance Service), Sonny Willey, Tracey Whitby (both from Linkwood-Salem Vol. Fire Co.), and Dr. Ameen Ramzy (MIEMSS). Mr. Pavero, the Linkwood-Salem Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., and Mr. Hurley were instrumental in the difficult rescue of a man from a silo on a Linkwood farm last December. The emergency medical team worked for 4 hours to free the man who had been trapped for 3 days.



(L-r) W. Newton Carey, Jr., and Dr. Ameen Ramzy (MIEMSS). Paramedic Carey received a Certificate of Honor for rescuing a woman trapped in a car that was overturned in a ditch and beginning to burn. He pulled the unconscious woman from the wreckage, then stabilized and accompanied her on the med-evac flight to Peninsula Regional Medical Center.



(L-r) Region IV Medical Director Dr. Robert Adkins and Dr. Ameen Ramzy (MIEMSS). Dr. Adkins was the recipient of a Distinguished Service Award for his many years of support and work in EMS, including 12 years as medical director for Region IV.



(L-r) Dr. Ameen Ramzy (MIEMSS) and Lt. Neal E. Abrams. Lt. Abrams received a Distinguished Service Award for 38 years of service to the Montgomery County Dept. of Fire/Rescue Services. Since 1988, he has been a member of the Sandy Spring Vol. Fire Dept.

Pyramid '92

September 12 & 13, 1992

Charles County Community College

Host: Charles County Assoc. of EMS

Presented by: MIEMSS & Region V EMS Advisory Council

Sponsored by: Calvert County EMS Council, Charles County Assoc. of EMS, St. Mary's County Rescue Squad Assoc.

Southern Maryland's fourth annual EMS Conference is accredited for continuing education for Maryland EMTs, CRTs, and EMT-Ps. Topics include pediatric emergencies, legal issues in emergency vehicle driving, protecting the rescuer, EMS at the crime scene, emergency childbirth, trauma assessment, patients with altered mental status.

For information, call 301-474-1485.

Washington County EMS

& Rescue Symposium

Vital Signs '92

September 18-20, 1992

Washington County Hospital &

Hagerstown Jr. College

Hagerstown, Maryland

Preconference Workshop (September

18): When Violence Erupts—

Street Survival

Rescue Session (September 18-20): Bus Rescue

EMS Sessions Include: National EMS Update; Trauma Assessment; Medical Emergencies; Med-Evac Use in Patient Management; EMS Incident Command; Airway Management

For information, call 301-790-8382/8265.

Peninsula Regional Medical Center's

4th Annual Trauma Conference

Topics in Trauma

September 24 & 25, 1992

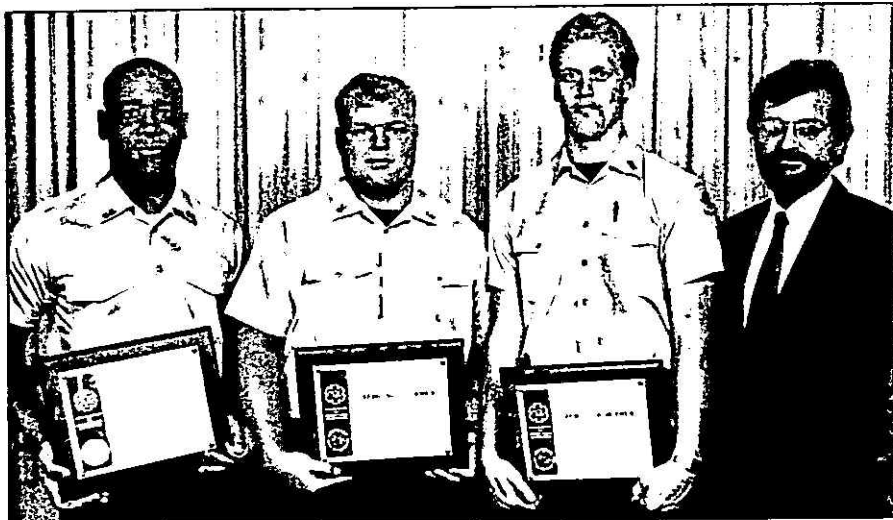
Sheraton Ocean City Resort &

Conference Center

Ocean City, Maryland

General surgeons, emergency physicians, critical care nurses, and ALS prehospital care providers interested in expanding their knowledge of caring for the trauma patient are encouraged to register.

For information, contact Darlene Kwiatkowski, Peninsula's Trauma Program Coordinator, 410-543-7328.



(L-r) FF/EMT Darryll Williams, FF/EMT Dan Stallings, FF/EMT William Raab, and Dr. Ameen Ramzy (MIEMSS). The three firefighters from the Baltimore City Fire Department received Certificates of Honor for rescuing an infant in a burning rowhouse last April.



(L-r) Representing Baltimore County Fire Dept., Battalion Chief Steven Lancaster, Battalion Chief Larry D'Elia III, Deputy Chief James Barnes, Jr., and Dr. Ameen Ramzy (MIEMSS).
• Baltimore County Fire Dept.—Certificate of Honor for its difficult 8-hour rescue of a man buried in a trench cave-in last November.



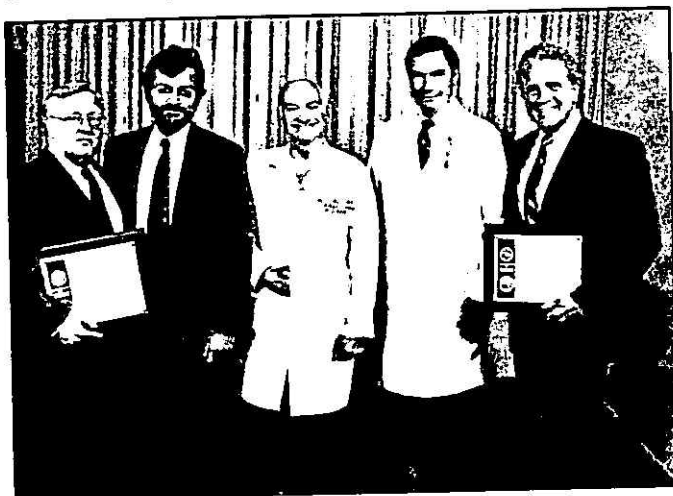
Maryland State Police TFC Jeffrey Barber and TFC Charles Eisele (center) are shown with Maj. Charles Hutchins, Lt. Robert McGainey, and Dr. Ameen Ramzy (MIEMSS). TFC Barber (also shown with Region I award recipients on page 2) gave life-saving CPR to a motorist. TFC Eisele (along with FF/EMT-P James Shields and FF/EMT-P Pat Powell shown in photo on page 3) saved the life of a woman with an unusual cardiac/respiratory problem.



(L-r) EMT Patrick Hassler, Dr. Ameen Ramzy (MIEMSS), and EMT-P Michael Sharpe. EMT Hassler and Paramedic Sharpe, from St. Leonard Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dept., were given Certificates of Honor for rescuing a man trapped in an overturned vehicle lying in a pool of gasoline. After stabilizing the man's cervical spine, they used their own strength to pull apart the dashboard and the roof, which opened the injured man's airway.



(L-r) MIEMSS Region IV Assistant Administrator John Barto, Dr. Ameen Ramzy (MIEMSS), and MIEMSS Region IV Administrator Marc Bramble. Mr. Barto and Mr. Bramble received Distinguished Service Awards for their roles in establishing ALS on the mid-Eastern Shore.



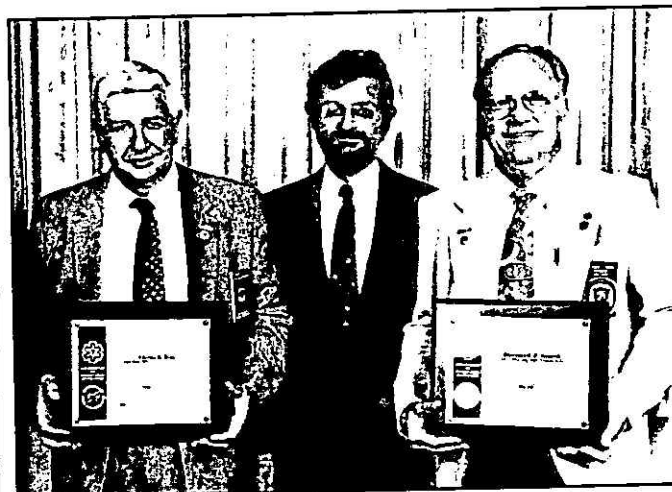
(L-r) Delegate Charles J. "Buzz" Ryan (Prince George's County), Appropriations Committee chairman, Dr. Ameen Ramzy, Dr. Philip Miliello, Dr. Kimball Maull, and Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. (Prince George's County).



(L-r) Sgt. Denise S. Fox, Vicki Popdan (the teenager that Sgt. Fox rescued), and Dr. Ameen Ramzy (MIEMSS). Sgt. Fox, a paramedic, received a Distinguished Service Award for her role in the extrication of Ms. Popdan from a car that had crashed into a pole and slid over an embankment. Following the rescue, Sgt. Fox continued to visit and encourage Ms. Popdan, who is now a quadriplegic. Family members feel Sgt. Fox's friendship has had a significant influence on Ms. Popdan's progress in her rehabilitation.

Special Awards Presented

The following were presented special awards for their roles in legislative action that preserves Maryland's EMS System. Gov. William Donald Schaefer; Maryland State Senate President, Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Jr.; Maryland House of Delegates Speaker R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.; State Sen. William H. Amoss; The Honorable Laurence Levitan, Chairman, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee; Del. Timothy F. Maloney; Del. Charles J. Ryan (Chairman, House Appropriations Committee); Bernard J. Smith, president of the Maryland State Firemen's Association; and Charles W. Riley (Chairman, Legislative Committee), Maryland State Firemen's Association.



(L-r) Charles Riley (chairman, Legislative Committee, Maryland State Firemen's Assoc. [MSFA]), Dr. Ameen Ramzy (MIEMSS), and Bernard Smith (president, MSFA).

EMS Week: May 10-16

Emergency medical personnel in Maryland were honored during EMS Week, May 10-16. Numerous events throughout the state centered around the theme of EMS Week—"Emergency Medical Services: It Starts With You." A sampling of these activities is noted below.

Special Activities

- McDonald's restaurants in western Maryland had signs in front of the restaurants, as well as placemats, announcing EMS Week.
- Calvary Grace Brethren Church in Hagerstown had a special worship service in recognition of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and rescue and hospital personnel.
- Frederick County ALS held an awards banquet recognizing their first decade of service. Frederick County ALS also sponsored a dance called "Decades."

EMS Week Proclamations by County Commissioners

Allegany County; Garrett County; Calvert County; Montgomery County; and Prince George's County.

Exhibits, Demonstrations and Open Houses

- EMS Day at Country Club Mall (Region I)—Raffle of 25 bike helmets by Memorial Hospital & Medical Center of Cumberland; blood pressure screenings and information on poison control by Sacred Heart Hospital (Cumberland); CPR course held; rescue truck, haz mat unit, and mock trauma center displayed.
- Boonsboro Ambulance & Rescue Company—open house; blood pressure screenings; displays; presentation of awards
- Law enforcement and EMS show, including demonstration of Jaws of Life, at the Valley Mall in Washington County
- Fort Detrick—display of equipment and procedures used by U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases
- Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.—open house and blood pressure screenings
- Emmitsburg Community Ambulance Service—open house and simulated car crash
- Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps—open house
- Montgomery County rescue squads—open houses and blood pressure screenings at county buildings

Hospital Activities

- EMS reception and presentation of awards held by Region I hospitals
- Garrett Memorial Hospital—CPR course
- Frostburg Hospital—tours and open house
- Cumberland Memorial Hospital & Medical Center—donation of 30 drug boxes to area emergency squads
- Washington County Hospital—Health Fair '92—displays of ambulances and equipment; information on health topics; seat belt convincer demonstrated
- Washington County Hospital—sponsored Washington County EMS picnic
- Carroll County General Hospital—dinner honoring EMS personnel
- Washington Adventist Hospital—24-hour buffet for EMS personnel
- Prince George's Hospital Center—reunion dinner for former trauma patients
- Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital—distribution of travel mugs
- Physicians Memorial Hospital—Teddy Bear Clinic and dinner/lecture for EMS personnel
- Malcolm Grove Hospital Center—open house



Community Rescue Service demonstrates the Thumper at the Valley Mall in Washington County.



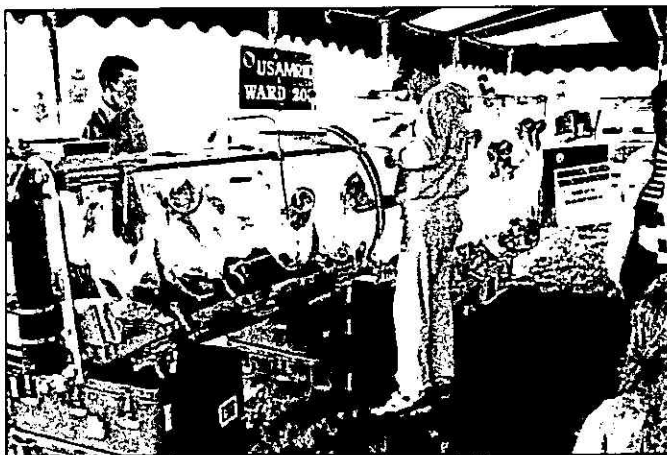
Patient extrication from a wrecked car is demonstrated at Valley Mall by the Community Rescue Service.



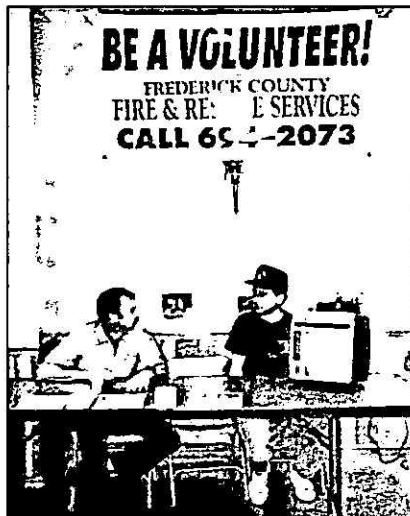
Blood pressure screenings are conducted by the Community Rescue Service



Members of Fairfield (PA) Community Ambulance Service load a patient onto an ambulance following an auto extrication demonstration sponsored by Emmitsburg Community Ambulance Service. Several other fire and rescue companies from adjoining jurisdictions in Maryland and Pennsylvania also participated.



On Armed Forces Day during EMS Week, the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick displayed their aeromedical biocontainment module for a contaminated patient. In addition, the public was able to view the Ft. Detrick hazmat truck and portable shelter.

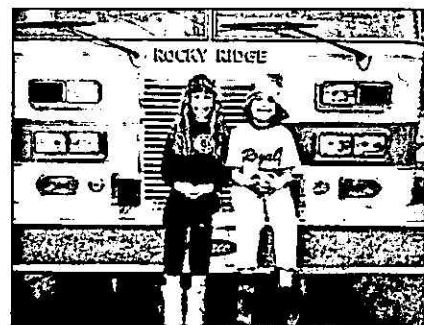


Vince and Larry, the seat belt dummies, were on hand at the open house held by Emmitsburg Community Ambulance Service. Information handouts were also available.

Dispatcher Jim Mitchell (representing the Washington County 911 Center) receives an award from Chris Amos, chairman of the EMS Committee for the Washington County Volunteer Rescue Assoc., at the Washington County EMS picnic.



SAFE-T-SAM (also the name of the seat belt child safety program) was one of the stars of the Washington County Hospital Health Fair, which kicked off EMS Week.



At the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co. open house, first-responder units were on display.


Many Maryland newspapers, such as the Cumberland Times-News, ran a full-page spread of EMS Week stories.



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MEMORANDUM

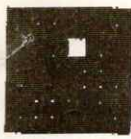
Date: December 8, 1992
From: Michele Kamber 
To: State EMS Director
Subject: EMS Week Planning Materials

****REMINDER****

Approximately two months ago you received a National Emergency Medical Services Week survey. This survey included an order form for 1993 EMS Week planning packets.

We have not received your completed survey and ask that you fax it today in order to help us effectively and efficiently distribute our 1993 EMS Week planning packets. As in previous years, there is no limit to the number of kits you may request.

Our fax number is (703) 728-0617. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. Thank you for your assistance.



NEWS

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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: WE'RE READY...ARE YOU?
NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK
MAY 23-29, 1993**

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, a nationwide salute to the more than 500,000 emergency medical technicians and paramedics, 70,000 emergency nurses, and 23,000 emergency physicians who provide lifesaving emergency care to our nation's residents every day of the year, will be held May 23-29, 1993.

Emergency Medical Services: We're Ready...Are You? is the 1993 EMS Week theme. According to Robert Williams, MD, FACEP, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), this theme reflects the significant advances in emergency medical care in the 25 years since efforts began to establish emergency medicine as a medical specialty.

"Early leaders in the emergency medical care field recognized that highly trained personnel who could begin medical care as soon as possible were the key to reducing death and permanent disability. Volunteer and career emergency medical professionals have made a tremendous commitment to training," Dr. Williams said. "We want the public to know that we're ready for any medical emergency."

National EMS Week efforts also focus on public education because private citizens are an important part of the EMS "team." "The first responder -- someone who calls for help and provides initial aid -- is usually a family member or bystander. That's why it's so important for the public to have first aid skills such as CPR, and to know how and when to access the EMS system," Dr. Williams added.

Planning materials designed to help EMS providers organize EMS Week events in their communities will be distributed in early 1993 to ACEP chapters, state EMS offices and hospital emergency departments. Coinciding with the Memorial Day holiday weekend, EMS Week promotions will kick off summer safety programs.

National Emergency Medical Services Week is sponsored by the American College of Emergency Physicians along with the American Ambulance Association, the Emergency Nurses Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, the National Association of State EMS Directors, and the National Council of State EMS Training Coordinators, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Federal Emergency Management Association's United States Fire Administration.

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SURVEY National Emergency Medical Services Week

IMPORTANT: Complete both sides and return by Friday, November 6, 1992.

MAIL: American College of Emergency Physicians
attn: Public Relations Department
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Washington, D.C. 20006

OR FAX: (202)728-0617

SHIPPING ADDRESS:

Mark any changes or corrections.
We cannot deliver to a P.O. box.

QUANTITY: How many copies of the 1993 EMS Week planning packets do you need for distribution in your state? 75

SHIPPING COSTS: Would you be willing to pay for all or part of the shipping costs for the EMS Week planning packets? (NOTE: For your reference, the cost would be approximately \$40 per 100 for quantities up to 500. Freight charges for quantities above 500 are variable.)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Comments _____

- OVER -

DATE: Check the preferred date for the National EMS Week observance.

- ☐ Last full week in April (Coincides with National Volunteer Week)
- ☐ First full week in May (Coincides with National Nurses Week)
- ☐ Second full week in May (Coincides with National Hospital Week)
- ☒ Third full week in May
- ☐ Last full week in May (Will coincide with Memorial Day in some years)
- ☐ First full week in June (Schools in some areas may be closed for summer vacation.)
- ☐ Other (specify) _____

THEME: ☒ I prefer to have a different promotional theme and logo each year.
☐ I prefer to establish a slogan and logo which would be used every year.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION: Check the organizations that you are affiliated with or maintain membership in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American College of Emergency Physicians | <input type="checkbox"/> National Association of State EMS Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Ambulance Association | <input type="checkbox"/> National Council of State EMS Training Coordinators |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Nurses Association | <input type="checkbox"/> National Highway Traffic Safety Administration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Association of Fire Chiefs | <input type="checkbox"/> U. S. Fire Administration/FEMA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State EMS Office/Other (specify) _____ |

Did you receive multiple (duplicate) EMS Week packets last year?

☐ Yes. Source(s) _____

☒ No.

PROCLAMATION:

☒ Yes, the governor issued a proclamation for EMS Week, May 10-16, 1992. I have enclosed a copy for inclusion in the final report.

☐ No, the governor did not issue a proclamation in 1992.

☐ Other. (explain) _____

EMS Week Date

Two years ago, the observance of National Emergency Medical Services Week was moved to the spring. However, because the week chosen coincides with National Hospital Week, it has been difficult for hospital-based services to participate in EMS Week activities. Therefore, the 1993 EMS Week date has been scheduled for the last full week in May to avoid this conflict.

In order to allow effective planning at the local, state, and national levels, we must establish a "permanent" date for EMS Week. Please indicate your scheduling preference on the enclosed form. Potential conflicts for the suggested alternatives have been noted for your reference. The new date will be effective beginning in 1994.

Theme

Traditionally, a different promotional theme and logo for EMS Week are selected each year. Developing an EMS Week slogan and logo that would be used every year could assist in planning and save money on materials. An established slogan and logo could also help make EMS Week more readily identifiable by the general public. Please check off the box indicating your preference.

Congressional Resolution

Efforts to secure a congressional resolution will begin with the new Congress in January. Grassroots support is essential in getting the 51 senators and 218 representatives needed to co-sponsor this resolution. As soon as the resolution is introduced, we will provide you with the bill number and encourage you to contact your representatives and ask for their support.

If you have any questions, contact Jane Howell at (202)728-0610. Thank you for your participation.

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TO: State EMS Directors

FROM: American College of Emergency Physicians
Public Relations Department

DATE: October 15, 1992

SUBJECT: 1993 National Emergency Medical Services Week
Update and Survey

Scheduling

The ACEP public relations department, which contributes staff time to coordinate EMS Week planning activities, is beginning preparation for EMS Week, May 23-29, 1993. The enclosed news release announces the date and promotional theme. The EMS Week planning kits are scheduled to ship immediately after the first of the year. Staff vacancies which delayed shipping last year have been filled, so we do not anticipate changes to this schedule.

Survey

A survey covering a number of issues is enclosed. **Your input is important.** Please complete this survey and return it to the ACEP Public Relations Department by Friday, November 6.

Planning Kits

The enclosed survey includes an order form for planning kits for your state. Due to budget cuts and increasing production and distribution costs, the survey includes a section asking whether you would be able to cover shipping charges for the kits you request. The cost would be approximately \$40 per 100 planning kits. Contributions towards shipping are not mandatory, but they would help offset distribution costs, allowing us to continue to provide planning kits for every participating EMS service. **You will not be billed for shipping based on this survey.** We will contact you with further details after survey results are compiled.

Mailing Lists

In an effort to make sure that EMS Week planning materials reach the appropriate people, we are updating our EMS Week mailing lists. Please confirm that the information on this list is current by completing the enclosed survey.

Proclamation

We would like to include all state proclamations in the *Report on EMS Week 1992*. If your governor issued a proclamation, please send us a copy by Friday, November 6.