

STATE OF MARYLAND

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# GOVERNOR WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER NAMES MEMBERS OF NEW EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD

ANNAPOLIS, MD (June 29, 1993) -- Governor William Donald Schaefer today named nine of the 11 members of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board which will now oversee the delivery of emergency medical services in the state.

"We have asked this diverse group to do an important job: help us ensure that Maryland's emergency service system remains the best in the country," said Governor Schaefer. "Maryland has had a reputation for having the strongest EMS system, and we'd like to keep that reputation."

The legislation that established the EMS Board essentially overhauled the state's emergency medical system. Under the new structure, Maryland's Shock Trauma Center shifts from being dually run by the University of Maryland, a state agency, and the University of Maryland Systems (UMMS), a private University of Maryland Medical Systems (UMMS), a private corporation, to being wholly controlled by UMMS. All other components of emergency medical services in Maryland will now be overseen by the EMS Board, which reports directly to the governor.

The EMS Board is responsible for the development of an emergency medical system plan to ensure effective coordination and evaluation of emergency medical services delivered in the state.

It will appoint an Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System (MIEMMS), which now consists of the Emergency Medical Services Field Operations. It will also appoint a 27-member Advisory Council, which will serve as the principal advisory body to the EMS Board.

Board members named today include:

- \* Chairman Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq. Partner, Goodell, DeVries, Leech and Gray Attorneys at Law
- \* Sheila Rhodes, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.E.P Attending Physician, Emergency Medical Services at Franklin Square and Carroll County General Hospitals and Senior Physician at the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company
- \* Willie Blair, M.D., F.A.C.S Associate Professor of Surgery at Prince George's County Hospital Center
- \* Dennis Jones, R.N., B.S.N.
  Clinical Nurse Specialist, Department of Emergency Medicine at
  Franklin Square Hospital
- \* John Frazier Staff Chief, Baltimore City Fire Department
- \* Philip Hurlock
  Director, Queen Anne's County Emergency Operations Center
- \* Victor Broccolino President and CEO, Howard County General Hospital, Inc.
- \* Public-at-large member To Be Announced
- \* Nelson J. Sabatini Secretary, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- \* Donald E. Wilson, M.D.
  Dean and Professor of Medicine, University of Maryland School
  of Medicine
- \* Chairperson of the Advisory Council

Under law, the Advisory Council will elect the Chairperson with the Governor's approval. The position cannot be filled until the Council is organized.

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(ATTACHMENTS)

### OUTLINE SUMMARY OF HB 1222-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

#### EMS BOARD:

- A total of 11 members appointed by the Governor:
- The EMS Board must be fully appointed by July 1, 1993
  - 1 Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene
  - 1 Representative of UMAB nominated by Board of Regents
  - 1 One is the Chairperson of the Advisory Council
  - 1 Physician knowledgeable in the delivery of EMS
  - 1 Physician experienced in the clinical care of trauma patients
  - 1 One shall be a nurse experienced in the clinical care of emergency patients
  - 1 Career Fire Fighter, EMT, or Rescue Squad Personnel knowledgeable in the delivery of EMS
  - 1 Volunteer Fire Fighter, EMT or Rescue Squad Personnel knowledgeable in the delivery of EMS
  - 1 Hospital Administrator
  - 2 General Public Members

#### EMS BOARD DUTIES:

- Adopts regulations
- Applies for funds
- Publishes information related to EMS service delivery
- Appoints the Executive Director/MIEMSS
- Reviews and approves the State's EMS Budget
- Does studies and analysis of EMS
- Prepares and submits an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly that reports on patients transported to all trauma centers in the state
- Prepares and ensures compliance with the EMS Plan
- Adopts regulations to implement the Plan

#### THE EMS PLAN INCLUDES:

- Criteria for designation of trauma and specialty centers
- Criteria and guidelines for the delivery of EMS
- Criteria and methodologies to evaluate the EMS system
- A plan to maintain and enhance the communications and transportation systems for EMS
- Provisions for the evaluation of EMS personnel training programs (firemen)

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Establishes public information and education programs

#### THE MIEMSS DIRECTOR:

- Coordinates the Statewide System of EMS
- Coordinates planning and operation of EMS Services
- Coordinates training of all personnel in the EMS system and develop standards for certification
- Coordinates programs of research and education
- Coordinates development of specialty centers and rehabilitation of the critically ill
- Works with all agencies involved in EMS
- Administers State and Federal funds in EMS
- Works closely with MFRI
- Assures continued improvement of transportation for patients
- Appointed to the UMMS Board as a voting member

#### ADVISORY COUNCIL:

- 27 member council appointed by the EMS Board
- Serves as a principal advisory body to the EMS Board

### SHOCK TRAUMA DIRECTOR:

- Chief Administrative Officer of the Center
- Appointed by the UMMS Board of Directors and approved by the Governor
- May not hold concurrently the position of the MIEMSS Director

- Reports through the UMMS CEO to the Board of Directors
- Provides monthly reports to the EMS Board
- Presents the budget to the EMS board for review and comment
- Advises and provides the EMS Board to comment on any proposed change in the budget, services, mission or other policies of the Center
- Serves on the Advisory Council

#### McC. MATHIAS DIRECTOR:

- Works closely with the MIEMSS Director in the development of a research plan and the budget
- Submits the budget and research plan to the EMS Board for review and comment
- Advises and provides the opportunity for the EMS Board to comment prior to the adoption of any proposed change in the budget, mission, research plan, or other policies of the study center
- Serves on the Advisory Council
- Appointed by the President of UMAB and approved by the Governor
- The University of Maryland System may not transfer funds for the Study Center to any other program or purpose



