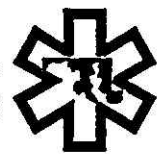


# Media Alert



**Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems**  
**R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center**  
22 South Greene Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21201-1595 • 410-328-3248

## Date:

Thursday  
May 27, 1993

## Time:

1:30 p.m.

## Place:

Auditorium of  
R Adams Cowley  
Shock Trauma  
Center

## Event:

### EMS Week Awards Reception

Thirty-five award recipients throughout Maryland will be honored for heroic, life-saving actions or for distinguished service to the EMS community. A complete list of recipients is attached.

Photo and interview opportunities:

1. All award recipients
2. Several "survivors" will be present, including:
  - a) Earl Bryan "saved" by his 11-year-old grandson Chad Bryan.
  - b) Mother "saved" by her 5-year-old son, Ryan Kane. Audio tape of 9-1-1 call placed by Ryan will also be played.
  - c) 23-month-old girl who was choking and not breathing (saved by Paramedic Randolph Spies).
  - d) Mr. Shaver who is wheelchair bound and was rescued from his burning home by his son Russell.

The awards are presented by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems during EMS Week (May 23-29). EMS Week is observed each year to educate the public about emergency care, to recognize EMS providers for their service throughout the year, and to highlight ways to prevent injury.

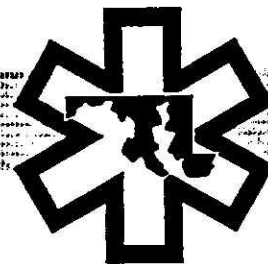
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## AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED TO FIRE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Firefighters and emergency medical personnel from Anne Arundel County will be honored for taking life-saving and self-sacrificing actions during the past year.

They will receive their awards at a reception to be held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 27 at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Auditorium in Baltimore. Marylanders throughout the state will be honored at that time for their extraordinary efforts in delivering prehospital emergency care or improving Maryland's system of emergency medical care.

The statewide awards reception is one of the activities scheduled during Maryland EMS Week (May 23-29), and ties in with the theme "We're Ready--Are You?"

Firefighter Barton D. Shortall, EMT-P, and Lt. James D. Kruger, both with the Anne Arundel County Fire Department, were dispatched to the Maryland House of Corrections in Jessup on July 10th, where two men had been stabbed. Working under a "lock

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down" situation, Firefighter Shortall and Lt. Kruger stabilized the victims (one in trauma arrest and the other with a pneumothorax) and prepared them for transport to a hospital. Certificates of honor will be presented to the rescuers for their effective use of emergency medical procedures under adverse conditions.

Also to be honored during the May 27th ceremony are four members of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department--Captain Gary Sheckells, Deputy Chief Charles "Gary" Rogers, Firefighter Deborah Rodey, and Acting Lt. Michele Delalla. While white water rafting on the Cheat River near Albright, West Virginia, last summer, they became instrumental in the rescue and attempted resuscitation of a woman thrown from another raft. The rescuers maintained CPR on the victim for an hour, until a helicopter from Pittsburgh could reach the isolated location. Unfortunately, the woman did not survive. But the rescuers are being recognized for their proficient teamwork and ingenuity in attempting to resuscitate their patient and directing additional emergency assistance to the scene.

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For a complete listing of statewide awards, call 410-706-3248.

EMS Award Recipients 1993  
(Grouped by County)

NAME	COUNTY	CATEGORY	REASON
Dean Morton Thomas	Allegheny (Cumberland)	Civilian Certificate of Honor	Correct use of 9-1-1 when father had a heart attack. (Dean is an adult with Down's Syndrome.)
Department of Natural Resources Rescue Team (Capt. David Baker will accept award)	Garrett	EMS Certificates of Honor	Providing transport services to the Northern and Southern Garrett County Rescue Squads during the Blizzard of '93.
Md. Army National Guard, Company "C," 121st Engineering Battalion-Combat (Commander Richard Wakefield will accept award)			
Jeffrey Hinebaugh, EMT-P	Garrett	EMS Certificates of Honor	Skills and compassion shown during 3½-hour extrication of a truck driver trapped by his truck's steering wheel and dashboard.
Christine Comfort, CRT			
Michael Saunders, EMT			
James Morgan, Jr., EMT	Frederick	Distinguished Service Award	More than 30 years of work in firefighting and emergency medical services.
Chad Bryan	Washington (Hagerstown)	Civilian Certificate of Honor	Correct use of 9-1-1 by an 11-year-old boy when his grandfather lost consciousness during a life-threatening diabetic crisis.
Randolph Spies, EMT-P	Washington (Hagerstown)	EMS Certificate of Honor	Successfully restored breathing to a 23-month-old girl who was choking.

NAME	COUNTY	CATEGORY	REASON
FF/CRT Andrew Lester Chief Ernest Foster Battalion Chief Richard Freas	Howard	EMS Certificates of Honor	Successful rescue of 6-year-old Jessica Goins from an abandoned, 25-foot well that was no wider than 3 feet.
All from Howard Co. Dept. of Fire & Rescue Services			
Russell Shaver, Jr.	Howard	Civillian Certificate of Honor	Saved wheelchair-bound father from the second floor of their home when it caught fire.
Sgt. Kenneth Brown Howard Co. Dept. of Fire & Rescue Services	Howard	Distinguished Service Award	For 22 years in fire and rescue services and for his expertise as an EMS instructor.
Capt. Gary Sheckells Dept. Chief Charles "Gary" Rogers	Anne Arundel	EMS Certificates of Honor	For their rescue and attempted resuscitation of a woman thrown from a raft while white water rafting in West Virginia.
FF Deborah Rodey Acting Lt. Michele Delalla, EMT-P			
FF Barton Shortall, EMT-P	Anne Arundel	EMS Certificates of Honor	For treating two trauma patients under "lockdown" conditions at the Maryland House of Corrections in Jessup and transporting them to a hospital.
Lt. James D. Kruger			

NAME	COUNTY	CATEGORY	REASON
Baltimore County Fire Dept., Station 1-- A Shift	Baltimore	EMS Certificates of Honor	For their response in saving a man who was threatening to jump from a 100-foot incinerator tower at St. Joseph's Hospital.
Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company			
Battalion Chief Larry D'Elia, Balto. Co. Fire Dept.			
Fire Specialist Bruce Snyder, Balto. Co. Fire Dept.			
Corporal Albert Friedman, Balto. Co. Police Dept.			
Capt. John F. Bell, Baltimore Co. Fire Dept., EMS-1			
Battalion Chief Richard Yeagle, Jr., Baltimore Co. Fire Dept.			
TFC Boyd Glessner MSP Aviation	MSP Aviation Div: Wicomico	EMS Certificates of Honor	For their Med-Evac rescue of two duck hunters trapped in a swamp nearly 8 hours in sub-freezing temperatures.
Trooper Bruce Cheeseman MSP Aviation	Incident: Somerset		
Ryan Kane	Montgomery (Bethesda)	Civilian Certificate of Honor	5-year-old boy's correct use of 9-1-1 to save a diabetic mother when she lost consciousness.
FF/Rescuer II Jonas Rudzki, EMT	Montgomery	EMS Certificate of Honor	First response to a fellow firefighter seriously injured in a car crash.

NAME	COUNTY	CATEGORY	REASON
Sherrie Bibb, EMT-P	Prince George's	EMS Certificates of Honor	Successfully resuscitated a newborn infant.
Paul Thorne, CRT	(Landover)		.
Devin Newsome, EMT			
Tyrone Bristol, EMT			



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### EMS WEEK ACTIVITIES SLATED FOR DORCHESTER COUNTY

Emergency medical personnel in Maryland will be honored during Emergency Medical Services Week, May 23-29. This year's theme is "We're Ready--Are You?"

In Maryland, there are thousands of volunteers and career personnel who are part of the EMS Team--ranging from first responders, emergency medical technicians-ambulance (EMT-As), cardiac rescue technicians (CRTs), emergency medical technicians-paramedic (EMT-Ps), Med-Evac crews, communications dispatchers, to emergency department, trauma center, and rehabilitation nurses, physicians, and specialists. Last year over 450,000 emergency ambulance calls and 4,200 Med-Evac missions occurred.

Event: Dorchester EMS, Inc. EMS Awareness Days.  
Ambulance and emergency equipment on display.  
Blood pressure screenings for the public.  
Drawings for prizes (donated by local businesses)  
for those who attend and those who sign up for  
CPR classes.

When: Everyday, May 23 - 29

Where: Various locations in Cambridge, including retirement  
home and agency for the developmentally disabled.

Contact: Bob Ross, EMT-P, Dorchester EMS, Inc., 410-221-1872.

Event: Eldorado-Brookview Volunteer Fire Department  
Open House: including CPR booth; blood pressure  
checks; Smokey the Bear; free balloons, hot dogs,  
drinks, chips; car extrication demonstration.

When: May 29, noon - 4 p.m.

Where: Eldorado-Brookview Volunteer Fire Department





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- Tri-Towns Ambulance and Rescue Service
  - Coloring and drawing contest for four elementary schools.  
(Drawings must include an ambulance, a paramedic, and a patient.)
  - Trivia contest for adults. Prizes will be awarded after May 30.
  - Kick-off of their fund-raising drive.
- Frostburg Hospital, Inc.
  - Will have an EMS display for the public
  - Will co-sponsor a public awareness program with the Frostburg Area Ambulance Service
  - In June an EMS physician from the American Heart Association will conduct a program for all EMS providers for continuing education credits.
- Frostburg Area Ambulance Service
  - Doing programs in pre-schools and elementary schools regarding the correct use of 9-1-1
  - Sponsoring a coloring contest for pre-school through third grades
  - Sponsoring a poster contest for grades 4-6
  - Sponsoring an essay contest for junior- and senior-high school students
  - Conducting programs with mascots Rescue Rabbit and Medic Mouse for children in the schools and at their ambulance stations
  - Will hold an Open House on May 29, from 9 am to noon, and offer blood pressure screenings. They will also be doing blood pressure screenings during EMS Week from 6 pm to 9 pm at the ambulance station.

Garrett County

- Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad
  - Will sponsor a poster contest for elementary school students as well as essay contests for junior- and senior-high school students
  - Will conduct their annual fund-raising event in conjunction with EMS Week

NOTE: Ride-alongs and/or interviews can be arranged with ambulance units in Allegany and Garrett counties by calling David Ramsey, MIEMSS Region I Administrator, 301-895-5934.

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