

EMS Award Recipients 1993  
(Grouped by County)

NAME	COUNTY	CATEGORY	REASON
Dean Morton Thomas	Allegany (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  Christine Comfort, CRT  Michael Saunders, EMT	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.
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  All from Howard Co. Dept. of Fire & Rescue Services	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.
Russell Shaver, Jr.	Howard	Civilian 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 FF Deborah Rodey  Acting Lt. Michele Delalla, EMT-P	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 Barton Shortall, EMT-P  Lt. James D. Kruger	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.

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			

Order of Recipients

Region	Extra	Recipients
5	Tape of 9-1-1 call placed by Ryan Mother of Ryan will be present	Ryan Kane
1	Photo	Hinebaugh Comfort Saunders
3	Video Footage of Well Rescue of Jessica Goins	Lester } Foster } Howard Co. Freas }
2	--	Morgan
2	Survivor--23-month-old girl and her mother	Randolph Spies
1	--	Dean Morton Thomas
3	Video Footage of Balto. Co. Tower Rescue	Balto. Co. FD - Station 1 Lutherville Vol. FD Battalion Chief D'Elia FSpec Bruce Snyder Corp. Al. Friedman Balto. Co. FD, EMS-1 Battal. Chief Richard Yeagle
4	--	Glessner Cheeseman
3	Survivor: Father of Russell Shaver	Russell Shaver, Jr.
5	--	Rudzki
3	Photo	Sheckells Rogers Rodey Delalla
3	--	Brown
2	Photo and Survivor: Earl Bryan, grandfather of Chad	Chad Bryan
5	--	Bibb Thorne Newsome Bristol
3	--	Shortall Kruger
1	Photo	Dept. of Nat'l. Resources Md. Army National Guard

Region: Region V

Awardee: Ryan Kane

Award Category: Civilian Certificate of Honor

Presentation: On the evening of February 23, 1993, five-year-old Ryan Kane found his semi-conscious mother lying on the family room floor. Mrs. Kane was suffering from insulin shock. Also in the house was Ryan's three-and-a-half-year old sister Erin. Ryan's father was out of town on business.

Ryan tried to revive his mother. He realized she was "low" and needed sugar, and went to the kitchen and carried a large container of orange juice to his mother's side. Unable to get her to drink, Ryan placed a call to Montgomery County's 9-1-1 system. During most of this time, Ryan's sister Erin was crying and was also trying to wake up her mother.

Ryan's 9-1-1 call was received by the Montgomery County Fire/Rescue Emergency Communications section at 8:04 p.m. The call was answered by Firefighter Chad Eastman. F/F Eastman obtained the necessary information and kept Ryan on the phone until the arrival of Ambulance 59 from the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department and Medic 11

from the Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad.

When the ambulance did arrive they encountered a child-proof lock placed high on the inside of the front door. Ryan had to quickly figure out a way to open the door. He did so by placing a small stool in front of the door, but it was not high enough. He then pulled a child's highchair that also wasn't quite tall enough. While standing on the highchair, he climbed on top of a hallway writing table which enabled him to unlock the door.

The EMS crew provided effective care, including oxygen, IV therapy, and an injection of dextrose. This treatment quickly delivered Mrs. Kane to a full level of consciousness.

The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems wishes to recognize Ryan's quick thinking and his ability to remain calm during this extremely stressful event.

Region: Region I

Awardees: Jeffrey G. Hinebaugh, EMT-P

Christine Comfort, CRT

Michael Saunders, EMT

Award Category: Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Honor

Presentation: On March 3, 1993 at 7:20 a.m. a tractor-trailer hauling propane crashed in rural Garrett County. The driver of the truck, Scott Hayth, was trapped in the cab of the vehicle from the waist down by the steering wheel, seat, and portions of the dashboard.

When Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad arrived, Mr. Hayth was conscious and alert, but extremely agitated, insisting nothing be done to him.

While Christine Comfort, CRT, began patient assessment and care, EMT-P Jeffrey Hinebaugh and EMT Michael Saunders entered the cab and painstakingly (in extremely cramped quarters) removed portions of the truck's dashboard, in order to free Mr. Hayth. Meanwhile CRT Christine Comfort initiated patient stabilization and support.



After 3-1/2 hours of work Mr. Hayth was extricated from the vehicle and flown via Medevac helicopter (Trooper 5) to Memorial Hospital and Medical Center of Cumberland, Region I's Areawide Trauma Center.

Mr. Hayth had suffered multiple compound fractures of both legs and a broken arm. Today he has returned to his home in Ohio, where he is undergoing rehabilitation treatment. He expects to return to work sometime this summer. His story will have a successful ending because of the expertise and skill of the three EMS providers from Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad who responded to his crash.

Because of their quick thinking and patient care expertise, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems wishes to give Jeffrey Hinebaugh, Christine Comfort, and Michael Saunders these Emergency Medical Services Certificates of Honor.

Region: Region III

Awardees: Firefighter/Cardiac Rescue Technician Andrew Lester  
Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services

Chief Ernest Foster  
Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services

Battalion Chief Richard Freas  
Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services

Award Category: Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Honor

Presentation: On January 31, 1993, six-year-old Jessica Goins, while playing with several of her friends, fell into an abandoned, 25-foot hand-dug well near her home.

Within minutes of receiving the call for assistance, Howard County Fire and Rescue personnel arrived at the location. Assuming command of the incident was Ernest Foster, Chief of the Savage Volunteer Fire Department, with Richard Freas, Battalion Chief of the Department of Fire and Rescue Services, assuming the assignment of the rescue sector. Over the next 45 minutes these two individuals led a team of 25 rescuers and coordinated a delicate rescue

operation.

Firefighter/Cardiac Rescue Technician Andrew Lester was selected as the Special Incident Response Team member to descend into the well to rescue Jessica. He was lowered into the well with his pediatric medical equipment in the tight confines of the well, which was no wider than 3 feet, and was able to immobilize Jessica on a backboard, splint her fracture, and prepare her for a safe return to the surface.

Jessica reached the surface just 53 minutes after the arrival of the fire and rescue units. Jessica was happily reunited with her mother before being transported to the hospital for treatment of her injuries.

The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems wishes to recognize FF/CRT Andrew Lester, Chief Ernest Foster (accepting on behalf of the personnel under his command), and Battalion Chief Richard Freas (accepting on behalf of personnel under his command) for this outstanding, coordinated rescue of Jessica Goins.

Region: Region II

Awardee: James M. Morgan, Jr., EMT

Award Category: Distinguished Service Award

Presentation: In the late 1960s James Morgan, known as "Hatchet" to his friends, began his fire service career as a volunteer firefighter with the United Fire Company in Frederick. In the early 1970s he became a career firefighter and one of the first EMTs in Maryland. He is still employed at the United Fire Company today.

James has not forgotten his volunteer "roots." He served on one of the county's first ambulances at the Jefferson Fire Station (where he remains active today), and served as Rescue Captain for 7 years.

Mr. Morgan has been chairman of the Frederick County EMS committee for the past six years. Special projects under his direction include: initiation of the Frederick County EMS seminar (with 100 EMS providers attending in 1993), county-wide ambulance inspections in accordance with the Maryland Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Standards, and the initiation of a special

firefighter/EMT curriculum in the Frederick school system.

James "Hatchet" Morgan's efforts have been recognized by his peers, and his nomination for the Distinguished Service Award comes from the Frederick County EMS Committee for his successful efforts to enhance the delivery of EMS in the county.

The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Service Systems is pleased to join Frederick County EMS in their recognition of this outstanding individual by presenting James M. Morgan, Jr., the Maryland EMS Distinguished Service Award.

Region: Region II

Awardee: Randolph S. Spies, EMT-P

Award Category: Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Honor

Presentation: On February 24, 1993 Paramedic Randolph S. Spies responded to an emergency call for a child choking. He arrived at the home to find a 23-month-old girl with complete upper airway obstruction. The child was limp and extremely cyanotic, exhibiting only agonal attempts at respiration.

Paramedic Spies, utilizing his laryngoscope and the Magill forceps, removed a piece of meat from the child's airway, converting a complete airway obstruction into a partial airway obstruction, thereby allowing the patient to move air on her own.

Rapid transport was then initiated to Washington County Hospital where it was necessary for the child to be anesthetized and a large volume of foodstuff removed from her oropharynx by a bronchoscope.

The patient was later discharged from the hospital without any neurological sequelae.

It is the conviction of the attending emergency room doctor, Kathryn A. Reihard, M.D., that this child is alive today because of the skill and quick thinking of Paramedic Spies.

Because of his life-saving action the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems is giving Paramedic Spies this Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Honor.

Region: Region I

Awardee: Dean Morton Thomas

Award Category: Civilian - Certificate of Honor

Presentation: On March 21, 1992 Dean Morton Thomas, discovered that his father John had become ill and was unconscious. Through his education at Friends Aware, an adult learning center/sheltered workshop in Cumberland, Dean had learned that in such emergencies he should call 9-1-1.

Dean dialed 9-1-1 and advised them that his father was "sick." He did not hang up the phone and this allowed the 9-1-1 dispatcher to determine the location of the call for help and dispatch the needed ambulance.

Although John Thomas later passed away in the hospital, it was Dean who was able to get the emergency help his father needed.

Because of Dean's knowledge and appropriate use of the 9-1-1 emergency number, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems wishes to recognize him with this Civilian Certificate of Honor.



Region: Region III

Awardees: Baltimore County Fire Department, Station 1 (Captain  
Dennis Krebs will accept the award)

Lutherville Volunteer Fire Department

Battalion Chief Larry D'Elia  
Advanced Tactical Rescue Team  
Baltimore County Fire Department

Fire Specialist Bruce Snyder  
Advanced Tactical Rescue Team  
Baltimore County Fire Department

Corporal Albert Friedman  
Hostage Negotiation Team  
Baltimore County Police Department

Baltimore County Fire Department, EMS-1 (Lt. John Bell  
will accept the award)

Battalion Chief Richard Yeagle, Jr.  
Baltimore County Fire Department

Award Category: Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Honor

Presentation: On January 5, 1993, a man entered the emergency  
room at St. Joseph's Hospital in Baltimore County

and announced his intention to commit suicide. He then left the emergency room, crossed the hospital parking lot, and climbed an incinerator smoke stack. A call from the hospital activated a tactical rescue assignment. The units dispatched were Engine Co. 101, Truck Co. 1, Special Unit 1 (Truck Company Hose Wagon), Medic 1, Squad 303, Advanced Tactical Rescue Team, EMS Shift Commander, and Battalion 1.

The rescuers were not certain if the call was for a trapped worker or an attempted suicide. At the scene, they discovered that a 250-pound man had climbed 100 feet up the smoke stack ladder and was threatening to jump.

As the crews of Engine Co. 101 and Medic 1 gathered information from hospital security personnel, Truck Co. 1 was positioned near the smoke stack, its ladder extended to within reach of the man. Fire Specialist Bruce Snyder, a member of the Tactical Rescue Team, was sent to climb the ladder and try to talk with him. But the man responded by climbing higher, so the truck ladder was raised to block his progress.

A second member of the Fire Department's Tactical Team, Battalion Chief Larry D'Elia, arrived. Along with Firefighter Stith of Truck Co. 1, he

climbed the aerial ladder with safety equipment to assist Fire Specialist Snyder. The man on the smoke stack again climbed higher and tried to push the aerial ladder away. He turned as if ready to jump. However, the rescuers were able to calm him, and he began to descend the ladder.

By this time, Corporal Albert Friedman, a hostage negotiator from the police department, arrived. He chose to standby as the fire department personnel continued their efforts, which seemed to be successful. But then the man made a sudden leaping motion, so Corporal Friedman went up the aerial ladder to take Firefighter Stith's position. Corporal Friedman was able to persuade the man to continue downward.

When they were about 40 feet from the ground, the man again threatened to jump. As Firefighter Snyder quickly ascended, the man released his hold on the ladder, but his foot became lodged in a rung. Fire Specialist Schwartz of Truck Co. 1 climbed a ladder from the ground to free the man's foot. That release left Fire Specialist Snyder holding a 250-pound man under the arms as he swung free of the smoke stack. But because Fire Specialist Snyder was wearing a harness, rescuers on the ground were able to lower the two safely.

The man was escorted to the hospital emergency room by the police negotiator, as promised during the rescue, for an evaluation. It was later learned that the man had lost his job and been evicted from his home, had been having headaches for two years, and carried no medical insurance.

Emergency Medical Services Certificates of Honor are being presented to the various groups and individuals who accomplished this rescue. They conducted an exemplary team effort that protected the lives of the crew as well as a troubled person.

Region: Region IV

Awardees: TFC Boyd A. Glessner  
MSP Aviation Division

Trooper Bruce E. Cheeseman  
MSP Aviation Division

Award Category: Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Honor

Presentation: On December 27, 1992, forty-eight minutes after midnight, Trooper First Class Boyd A. Glessner and Trooper Bruce E. Cheeseman were dispatched to Janes Island, Somerset County, Maryland. The crew was assigned to conduct a search for two missing duck hunters. A Department of Natural Resources' patrol boat was on the scene and had been searching for the two hunters for a considerable period of time with negative results. The hunters had been missing since 5 p.m. on December 26, 1992, and the temperature was 18 degrees with a 20 knot wind.

After searching the lower Chesapeake Bay area for approximately 40 minutes, the crew on the Department of Natural Resources' patrol boat advised that they heard gunshots coming from the north end of Janes Island. Glessner and Cheeseman returned to that area in their helicopter and

observed gunshot blasts, which led to the location of the missing hunters.

They observed that the hunters were stuck in a swamp, approximately 30 yards from shore. The water level was shallow and not accessible by boat. The crew then determined that it was necessary for a hoist rescue to extricate the victims. The hunters were lifted off the 12 foot John boat utilizing the Billy Pugh net. The rescue was completed after approximately eight minutes. Both victims were flown to McCready Hospital in Crisfield, where they were treated for hypothermia.

Trooper First Class Glessner and Trooper Cheeseman are being recognized by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems for the exceptional skill and professionalism they showed under adverse conditions.

Region: Region III

Awardee: Russell Shaver, Jr.

Award Category: Civilian Certificate of Honor

Presentation: On March 18, 1993 the home of Russell Shaver was struck by fire. Eight family members were in the home at the time the fire began.

Russell Shaver, Jr. was credited by the Howard County Fire Service for saving his father, Russell Shaver, Sr., who was confined to a wheelchair. The son crawled through a smokey hallway to reach his father and was able to rescue him from the second floor.

Because of his heroic actions, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems wishes to recognize Russell, Jr. with the Civilian Certificate of Honor.

Region: Region V

Awardee: Firefighter/Rescuer II Jonas R. Rudzki, EMT

Award Category: Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Honor

Presentation: On August 16, 1992 volunteer Firefighter/Rescuer II Jonas Rudzki was enroute from the District of Columbia to his home when he saw a car that had crashed. Firefighter/Rescuer Dino Johnson, a career employee of Cabin John's Station 10, had been involved in an accident, having slammed into the steel guardrail and traffic light post at the intersection of Goldsboro Road and Massachusetts Avenue.

Firefighter/Rescuer Rudzki assessed Johnson's condition to be traumatic and life-threatening. He maintained the patient's airway and instructed passers-by to obtain help through 9-1-1. Upon arrival of Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Department, Rudzki continued to stabilize Johnson and assisted in his care.

Following Johnson's extrication and treatment, Rudzki accompanied him to the Trauma Unit at Suburban Hospital, never letting go of his hand. At the Trauma Unit, Johnson was termed a priority one trauma patient with massive facial wounds and



head, chest, and neck trauma.

In the Trauma Unit, Rudzki continued to calm Johnson during the initial treatment and stayed with him until he was wheeled off to surgery.

It was because of the quick action and compassion shown by Rudzki that the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems wishes to recognize him with the Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Honor.

Region: Region III

Awardees: Captain Gary Sheckells

Anne Arundel County Fire Department

Deputy Chief Charles "Gary" Rogers

Anne Arundel County Fire Department

Firefighter Deborah Rodey

Anne Arundel County Fire Department

Acting Lt. Michele Delalla, FF/EMT-P

Anne Arundel County Fire Department

Award Category: Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Honor

Presentation: On Saturday, May 16, 1992 off-duty members of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department, Captain Gary Sheckells, Deputy Chief Charles Rogers, Firefighter Deborah Rodey, and Acting Lt. Michele Delalla, who is a firefighter/paramedic, were participating in a white water raft trip on the Cheat River near Albright, West Virginia. During the course of the trip, a woman in another rafting group fell out of her raft and was trapped below the surface of the water for approximately 20 minutes.

About the time her body surfaced and was recovered by a kayaker, the rafting group of Rodey, Delalla, Sheckells, and Rogers negotiated a set of rapids and observed the body being pulled from the water.

They immediately beached their raft and went to the aid of the stricken rafter.

Acting Lt. ~~Delalla~~ took control of the situation and immediately began CPR on the woman who was now in cardiac arrest. Assisting Acting Lt. Delalla were Captain Sheckells and Chief Rogers, along with a fellow rafter who was a registered nurse and two of the raft trip guides, who administered CPR for nearly one hour until the arrival of the Life Flight Helicopter from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Firefighter Rodey assisted in helping secure the patient on a backboard with makeshift first aid supplies carried in the raft's first aid kit. She also assisted in calming other members of the raft group who had themselves just been through the harrowing experience of being ejected from their raft.

Since the incident took place in a deep river gorge, carrying the patient out or transporting the patient down the river on a raft was too dangerous to attempt. Acting Lt. Delalla directed the Life Flight Helicopter to a landing site next

to the place where CPR was being administered. Due to the topography of the site, the helicopter had to land within 50 feet of the rescuers and in such a way that rescuers had to carry the victim over the water for a rear entry into the helicopter.

Despite the difficulties encountered in the helicopter landing, the patient was safely loaded into the aircraft and transported to the hospital. Unfortunately she did not survive.

Capt. Sheckells, Deputy Chief Rogers, Firefighter Rodey, and Acting Lt. ~~Delalla~~ are being recognized by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems for their patient care expertise and for the personal risks they put themselves through in providing basic life support to a drowning victim. The rescuers performed an outstanding act by engaging in this operation and displayed outstanding proficiency in team work in administering CPR and assisting in the extrication of the victim from the Cheat River gorge.

Region: Region III

Awardee: Sgt. Kenneth E. Brown

Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services

Award Category: Distinguished Service Award

Presentation: It would take hours to identify all of the contributions that Sgt. Kenneth E. Brown has made in shaping the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services. Sgt. Brown has been associated with fire services and EMS for 22 years, having started with Savage Volunteer Fire Department, where he has held the ranks of Lieutenant, Captain, and Assistant Chief. He has also worked in Howard County's Stations 2, 6, 7, 9, and 10 and is presently assigned to the Howard County EMS/Fire Training Division.

Sgt. Brown is a highly recognized and sought after EMS instructor throughout the state of Maryland. He has taught classes for Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, community colleges, universities, and hospital facilities. His areas of instructional expertise cover emergency medical technician, cardiac rescue technician, and paramedic curricula. During his teaching career, Sgt. Brown has imparted his knowledge to more than 10,000 students.

Sgt. Brown's knowledge, demeanor, and enthusiasm toward EMS has earned him the respect of his peers, supervisor, and the medical community. To many people, he is "Mr. EMS" in Howard County.

Because of his excellent service and long experience in the emergency medical services field, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems wishes to recognize Sgt. Brown with its Distinguished Service Award.

Region: Region II

Awardee: Chad Bryan

Award Category: Civilian Certificate of Honor

Presentation: On the morning of December 19, 1992, eleven-year-old Chad Bryan was watching television along with his 8-year-old brother and 76-year-old grandfather, Earl Bryan. Suddenly Mr. Bryan started to experience a seizure type activity and than went unconscious. Chad assessed his grandfather for breathing and than dialed 9-1-1 to request assistance. After calling 9-1-1 Chad made sure that space was cleared in the living room for the rescue workers and than went outside to flag the rescue team who arrived shortly after the call. When the ambulance crew arrived, Chad directed the crew into the house and also retrieved his grandfather's medication to give the rescuers to help identify the problem.

Because of the calm manner in which Chad handled this emergency situation, his grandfather received the emergency help he needed and survived this life-threatening diabetic crisis. The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems is pleased to award Chad this Civilian Certificate of Honor.

Region: Region V

Awardees: Sherrie Bibb, EMT-P

Prince George's Fire Department

Paul Thorne, CRT

Prince George's Fire Department

Devin Newsome, EMT

Prince George's Fire Department

Tyrone Bristol, EMT

Prince George's Fire Department

Award Category: Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Honor

Presentation: On June 10, 1992, Fire/Rescue Communications received a call about a miscarriage in the Forest Heights area of Oxon Hill. Firefighters Bristol and Newsome were first on the scene followed by Paramedic Bibb and CRT Thorne. The infant boy, who had been delivered at approximately 7 months gestation, was cyanotic, completely unresponsive, non-breathing, and with an extremely weak, slow pulse. After starting ALS procedures, Bibb and Thorne transported the baby to Greater Southeast Community Hospital. By this time the infant was pink and attempting to breathe on his own. Following evaluation, the infant did not appear to



suffer any harmful effects.

For their successful resuscitation of this newborn infant, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems is pleased to honor prehospital providers Sherrie Bibb, Paul Thorne, Devron Newsome, and Tyrone Bristol with these Emergency Medical Services Certificates of Honor.

Region: Region III

Awardees: Firefighter Barton D. Shortall, EMT-P  
Anne Arundel County Fire Department

Lt. James D. Kruger  
Anne Arundel County Fire Department

Award Category: Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Honor

Presentation: On July 10, 1992 at 9:48 a.m., Lt. James D. Kruger and Firefighter Barton D. Shortall were dispatched for a "stabbing" at the Maryland House of Corrections in Jessup, Maryland. These gentlemen were the first to arrive at the scene and provide advanced life support care to two trauma patients inflicted with stab wounds. One patient was in trauma arrest, the second had a pneumothorax as a result of stab wounds received at the prison. The scenario was that of a "lock down" situation isolating Kruger and Shortall from the assistance of their fellow paramedics.

Firefighter Shortall handled a trauma arrest patient and performed all invasive procedures to save the patient's life. Lt. Kruger attempted to control the scene, called for needed resources, and helped a physician assistant with the second patient, who suffered a chest pneumothorax.

The fast actions of these gentlemen enabled the appropriate care and rapid transport of the patients out of adverse conditions. The entire episode, which included care of the trauma arrest patient, took only 24 minutes.

Because of their bravery, skill, and knowledge, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems wishes to recognize Lt. James Kruger and Firefighter Barton Shortall with the Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Honor Award.

Region: Region I

Awardees: Department of Natural Resources Rescue Team (receiving the award will be Rescue Team Captain David Baker)

Maryland Army National Guard, Company "C," 121st Engineering Battalion - Combat (receiving the award will be Commander Richard Wakefield)

Award Category: Emergency Medical Services Certificate of Honor

Presentation: On March 13, 1993 a severe blizzard struck Garrett County. In a two-day period, 34 inches of snow fell and winds of 30 to 50 mph pounded the area. Drifts of snow exceeded 6 to 7 feet in many locations. Major roads were closed at times during the period and back roads were closed for several days.

During this time the DNR Rescue Team and the Maryland Army National Guard were activated and provided support transport services to the Northern and Southern Garrett County Rescue Squads. From March 13th to the 15th, rescue teams from these organizations were available around the clock. Over 24 missions were accomplished during the period. In one incident an individual suffering cardiac arrhythmia was rescued from the Table Rock area of the county. In another

situation, an individual 1 1/2 miles off the major highway was reached by a track vehicle. This individual was suffering from a diabetic emergency. In both incidents the rescues were made possible through the special training and equipment of the Department of Natural Resources Winter Rescue Team and the Maryland National Guard.

In light of the dedication and professionalism shown by these organizations, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems is pleased to award them these Emergency Medical Services Certificates of Honor.