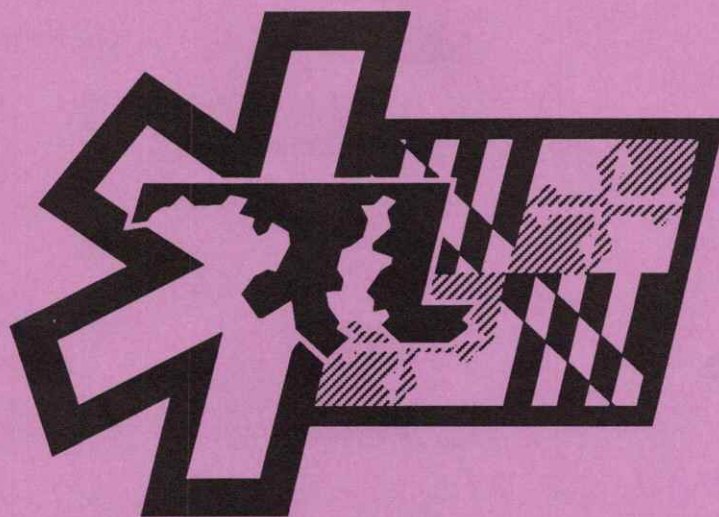


MIEMSS  
**Press Report**



*EMS Week 2002*

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Letters to the editor

## EMS system plays vital role daily

Last September, we witnessed the tremendous accomplishments of emergency medical services providers in New York and Washington, D.C. The displays of heroism, passion, determination, professionalism and humanity moved an entire nation and left images that will not be soon forgotten.

Those of us involved in the Emergency Medical Service know that such heroism occurs daily, on smaller scales, in communities nationwide. To recognize the daily impact of the roughly 750,000 EMS providers nationwide, the annual National Emergency Medical Services Week will be held May 19-25.

This year's EMS Week theme, Help is a Heartbeat Away, emphasizes the challenge of responding quickly to emergencies and educating the community on safe and healthy living. President Bush, recognizing such challenges, called on all citizens to volunteer 4,000 hours during their lifetime as a part of his Homeland Security initiative.

National EMS Week offers a chance for the public to show support for the EMS system and its role in the community. EMS is a vital public service that ensures immediate care to victims of sudden injury or illness. To perform at its highest level, the system depends on an

informed public that is aware of the resources available.

The Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad Inc. has been providing emergency medical services to the residents of the Wheaton, Kensington and Silver Spring areas since May, 1955. In celebration and recognition of EMS Week, I want to publicly recognize the efforts and sacrifices of the dedicated volunteer members of the WVRs who staff our station and apparatus seven days a week, 365 days a year. I would also like to recognize the efforts of the career personnel who staff our station Monday through Friday during the daytime hours when our volunteers are at their normal jobs.

Finally, I would like to recognize the staff of Holy Cross Hospital, Suburban Hospital, Montgomery General Hospital, Washington Adventist Hospital and Shady Grove Adventist Hospital for their invaluable contribution to the health of our communities.

I want to encourage all members of the community to get involved in the EMS system. Please come and visit us. Join the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad Inc. Make a difference, get involved.

Paul H. Sterling Jr., Wheaton

The writer is chief of the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad Inc. For membership information, call 301-962-0852 or e-mail [join@wvrs.org](mailto:join@wvrs.org)

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► The Seventh Day Adventist Community Center, 7 Berryman's Lane, will be open Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to provide food and clothing for those in need. For emergencies, call Uratle Long, 410-833-6711.

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**Kitzmiller VFD  
Sets Open House  
For EMS Week**

The town of Kitzmiller has slated its own observance of National Emergency Medical Services Week, Sunday through Saturday, May 19-25, as Kitzmiller mayor James Browning and the town council have signed a proclamation that recognizes the "accomplishments of the EMS personnel who dedicate themselves to respond to the call for help and to educate the public about how and when to utilize EMS services."

The town's observance will include a family-oriented open house event at the Kitzmiller Volunteer Fire Department from 2 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22. That day marks the second annual EMS for Children Day, from 5 to 7 p.m. and in cooperation with the Garrett County Sheriff's Office, families can obtain fingerprint IDs for their children. In cooperation with the Garrett County Health Department kids can bring their bikes for a safety inspection and should be sure to wear their bike helmets to be checked for proper fit. Personnel will also be available to answer ques-



**KITZMILLER PROCLAIMS EMS WEEK** — The town of Kitzmiller has joined municipalities and organizations across the country in recognizing the upcoming National Emergency Medical Services Week of Sunday through Saturday, May 19-25. Shown during a recent proclamation ceremony denoting the observance are a number of members of the Kitzmiller Volunteer Fire Department and some local town servants. Seated from the left are KVFD president Marty Smith, vice president and town mayor Jim Browning, and EMS captain Sharon Paugh. Standing are Town Council member Robbie Reckart, fire chief Shawn Nesselrodt, second lieutenant Jim Armstrong, EMS lieutenant and Town Council member Missi Nesselrodt, and fellow KVFD members Brian Noble and Jake Tasker. An open house will take place at the Kitzmiller fire hall from 2 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, an event that will incorporate an EMS for Children event from 5 to 7 p.m. featuring cooperation of the Garrett County Sheriff's Office and the Health Department.

tions and deliver information on child safety seats.

Throughout the event, blood pressure checks will be held, and in cooperation with Wal-Mart, "Vials for Life" will be given to people wishing to participate. Re-

freshments will be available, and door prizes will be distributed.

The annual National EMS Week recognizes the lifesaving care services EMS providers offer across the nation, 24 hours a day, sev-

en days a week. "EMS is a vital public service, a system of care for victims of sudden and serious illness or injury. This system depends on the availability and coordination of many different elements."



## DAILY BANNER

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# Emergency Medical Services Week observed

SALISBURY - Peninsula Regional Medical Center will honor Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers during EMS week, May 19-25. The theme "EMS: Help Is a Heartbeat Away" emphasizes the responsiveness, commitment, and dedication of EMS providers around the country, while underscoring the importance of the national 9-1-1 EMS system.

The nine counties of the Eastern Shore comprise region IV of the state network, Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS). Since the early 1970s, EMS on the shore has developed into a complex and sophisticated system, which provides emergency care at the scene and close monitoring of the patient en route to the hospital.

### National leader

"Maryland is one of the national leaders in the development of advanced pre-hospital cardiac care techniques and paramedical skills," explains Dr. William C. Todd, EMS medical director for the lower eastern shore. "EMS providers fall into two categories: Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS), both serving vital functions for local communities. The BLS providers are comprised of First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians - Basic (EMT-B). The Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) and the Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic (EMT-P),

better known as the paramedic, provide ALS. All these EMS providers are extremely important in a rural area like ours, whether on the ground or in the helicopters."

### Jobs

The First Responder is trained to provide basic patient assessment, control of bleeding and bandaging and other emergency management measures. The Basic EMT is trained in more advanced patient assessment skills, recognition and initial treatment of life threatening emergencies, administers CPR, oxygen, and can stabilize and transport the victim.

Cardiac Rescue Technicians (CRT) is trained to recognize cardiac problems. Under supervision, they may administer drugs, monitor patients, start IV's and perform CPR as needed. The CRT-I has all the skills of the CRT, but can also perform more sophisticated methods of drug administration and airway management.

The EMT-P or paramedic, has the highest level of training and can institute sophisticated protocols of patient care management in the pre-hospital setting.

### Training

The minimum number of hours required for certification according to provider category is:

First Responder - 40 hours;  
EMT-B - 131 hours; CRT-basic  
EMT plus approximately 220 additional hours; CRT-I-basic EMT

plus approximately 340 additional hours; EMT-P-basic EMT plus 600 to 1000 additional hours.

MIEMSS and the State Board of Physicians Quality Assurance have collaborated to develop the standards and protocols under which Maryland's ALS providers practice. In addition, MIEMSS maintains, administers, and records the testing and certification of all BLS and ALS providers.

### Valuable skills

As the designated training center for the region, Peninsula Regional Medical Center facilitates education and training, as well as quality assurance support for certification of these EMS providers.

"Rapid assessment and treatment of life threatening injuries or serious medical conditions can make the difference between life and death," Dr. Todd said in a prepared statement. "This role requires physical as well as learned skills."

"We collaborate with the EMS providers in our emergency department on a daily basis and are fortunate - to have well-trained and extremely dedicated EMS professionals serving our region," added Randeem Cordier, director of emergency/trauma and critical care services at Peninsula Regional.

### High standards

Dr. Todd and Cordier said because of the high education level and professional training among

these local men and women, the standard of care is above the national average.

Throughout EMS week, Peninsula Regional will treat all EMS personnel in the lower three counties to refreshments in the Emergency/Trauma Center and recognize each with a special token of appreciation.

For information on how to become an EMS provider, call Peninsula Regional at (410) 543 7088.



**ANN  
LANDERS**

**Dear Ann Landers:** I would like to ask you to mention National Emergency Medical Services Week in your column. It is the third full week in May, which means this year, it is May 19-25.

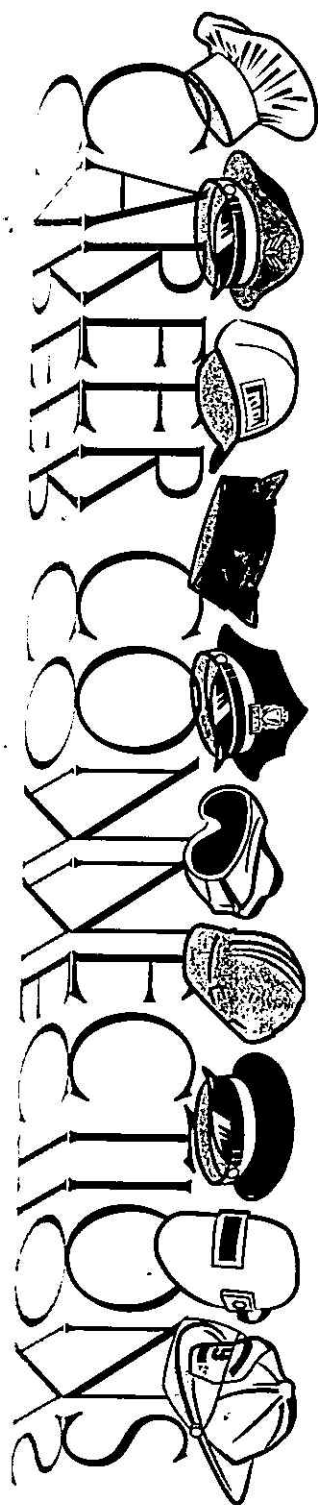
Some EMS systems are run by law enforcement or fire departments, but many are run by hospitals, large manufacturing plants and local communities. Some EMS workers are paid, and others are volunteers. Some are also firefighters or police officers, and many are civilians connected to police or fire organizations, but ALL stand ready to respond to save a life at a moment's notice.

Will you please mention the EMS workers in your column? I think they have earned it.

— **Richard C. Berger, N.Y.**  
State Emergency  
Medical Technician

begins tomorrow. I hope all EMS workers in the country know how much they are appreciated.

**Dear Richard Berger:** They certainly have. I am pleased to mention National Emergency Medical Services Week, which



## Shore Health System creates innovative recruitment strategies

**EASTON** — Last July, Shore Health System embarked on a new adventure utilizing some familiar tactics and creating new ones to help introduce young people to health careers.

Over the past year, the Nurse Support Program has had representation at over 15 health and career fairs and presented information to more than a dozen classrooms about gaining entrance into the world of nursing.

Shore Health System has joined forces with the Maryland Board of Nursing and participated with the Commission for the Crisis in Nursing. As a member of the commission recruitment committee Cynthia Watson, Nurse Support Program specialist at Shore Health System, has helped facilitate getting a nursing recruitment video to every high school in the state of Maryland.

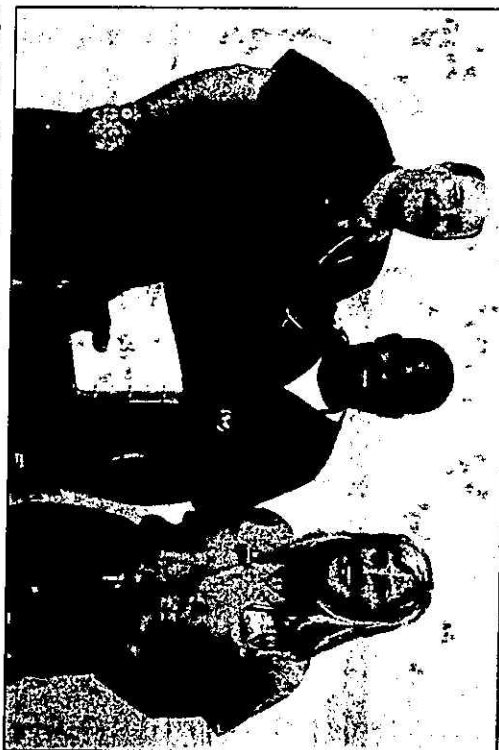
On a new web site, <http://www.marylandhealthcareers.org>, there is a tool kit that assists guidance counselors in helping their students navigate career choices. There is a Health Career Club template on the web site, created by Watson, who helped pilot a career club at Easton High School.

The Easton High School Health Career Club will expand its audience to the Mid-Shore area when it is hosted at Memorial Hospital on a monthly basis. The club will offer a variety of health career representatives giving information on their first-hand experiences followed by concrete information on preparation and scholarships.

In addition to these efforts, Shore Health System has collaborated with public schools and colleges to help make the transition from students to professional a smooth one. Over 400 students have participated in internships and career shadowing programs at Shore Health System. A closer relationship with the area schools of nursing has also been developed. Shore nursing students will participate in a summer nurse intern program that will help

bridge the gap between academic education and the clinical environment for nursing students. Also starting this summer is a critical care fellowship program that will give 20 students a continuing educational experience for 10 months as they prepare to enter the critical care arena.

These collaborative efforts between Shore Health System's Nurse Support Program, post-secondary schools and nursing agencies (such as the Eastern Shore Health Education Center, the Maryland State Mentoring Board, Upper Shore Career Connections, the Eastern Shore Task Force and area faith-based organizations) have made a tremendous impact on serving our youth in their quest for career guidance in health.



Left to right are Shore Health System employees Terry Scobell, RN; Bradley Cusis, Respiratory Therapist; and Eileen Goffney, RN. Shore Health System has joined forces with the Maryland Board of Nursing and participated with the Commission for the Crisis in Nursing to interest more youth in the nursing profession. Recently, they distributed a recruitment video to every high school in Maryland.



**PAT JACKSON**  
...Surgical technician  
Shore Health System

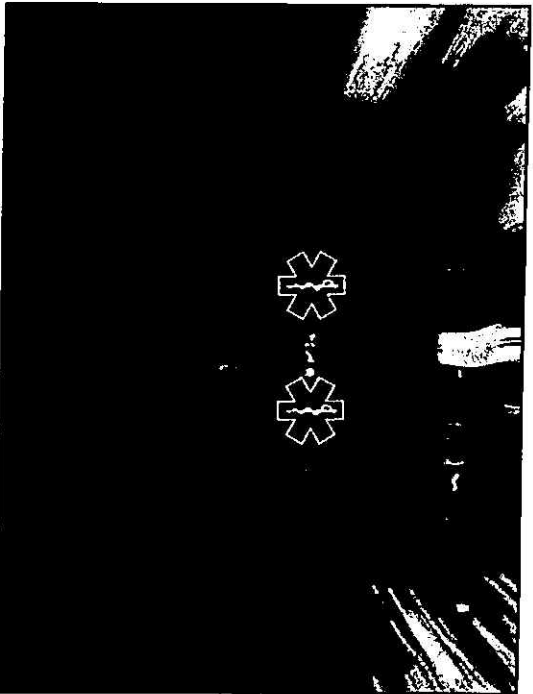
Shore Health System's Nursing Support Program specialist, at left, Cynthia Watson, Shore Health System, extension 5657.

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Emergency Medical Services Week

May 19-25, 2002

# SALUTING OUR COMMUNITIES' EMS PROVIDERS



You're the heroes on the front lines when disaster strikes...when every second counts, you are the team of EMS professionals we count on to help the sick, aid the injured and bring comfort to friends and families.

We thank you for your service, your compassion and your constant dedication to a tough job. We're proud that you're part of the Shore Health System team, helping to bring care and healing to the communities we serve.



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# Emergency personnel celebrate EMS Week with display, events

From Staff Reports

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CUMBERLAND — In recognition of Emergency Medical Services Week in Maryland, which begins today, the Cumberland Fire Department will offer blood pressure screenings on the downtown mall Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m.



to 1 p.m.

The department has set up an EMS Week window display at the Edward Jones Investment office at Baltimore and Liberty streets. Equipment will also be displayed on the mall.

With the theme "EMS: Help is a Heartbeat Away," EMS Week recognizes the emergency service providers and organizations for their performance in providing prehospital emergency care.

Cumberland Fire Chief William Herbaugh said that "time is the enemy" when it comes to saving lives of seriously injured and ill victims.

Dr. R. Adam Cowley, the "father of EMS" for whom Maryland's Shock Trauma Center is named, discovered the "Golden Hour." The Baltimore City, ex-military doctor, said, "if an

accident victim receives aggressive, surgical intervention within one hour of the event, they live; if they don't, they die. It's that simple."

Cowley was a pioneer in the emergency medical field who was a leader in prehospital care and the development of shock trauma centers around the country. Trauma is a severe injury, such as an amputation or injuries to multiple systems. Your body responds to trauma by lowering blood pressure and redirecting the available blood away from the bleeding extremities, preserving the blood flow to keep the brain alive.

Cowley had stated that shock is a good thing in the short term. He explained that when in shock, the body is reserving its most critical resource, blood, for its most important organ, the brain. However, after one hour, with the reduced blood pressure, the body begins to die.

With a heart attack victim, the patient may suffer from a life-threatening arrhythmia and go into respiratory or cardiac arrest. These patients only have four minutes before irreversible brain damage begins, unless CPR is

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performed. The Cumberland Fire Department, along with agencies such as the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association, encourage citizens to take CPR courses.

Herbaugh said, "Response time is crucial in saving victims in these types of emergencies."

The Cumberland Fire Department is prepared to respond to all types of medical emergencies. The city's four ambulances are equipped with advanced life support equipment. The department has 48 emergency medical technicians and 16 paramedics.

The city's fire engines are equipped with advanced life support equipment and assist on emergency medical calls.

Cumberland's response and advanced life support coverage is above the state average. The Cumberland Fire Department's average from the time the call is received until response is 48 seconds to the time the unit leaves the station, compared to the state average of 1.83 minutes.

Herbaugh said the city advanced life support coverage is 98.7 percent, compared to the state average of 75.83 percent.

Last year, city ambulances responded to 3,991 ambulance calls, of which 824 were outside the city.

## DAILY TIMES

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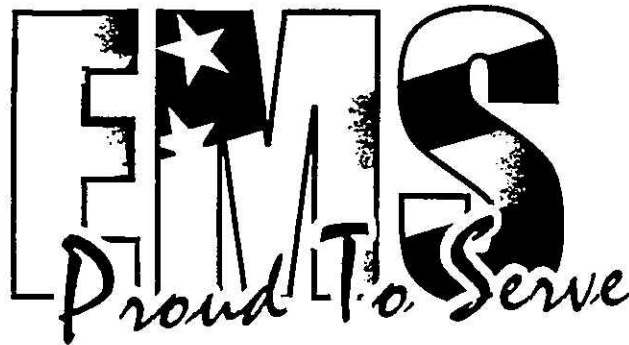
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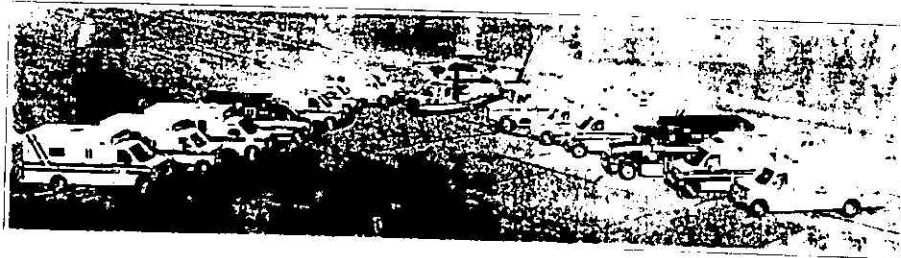
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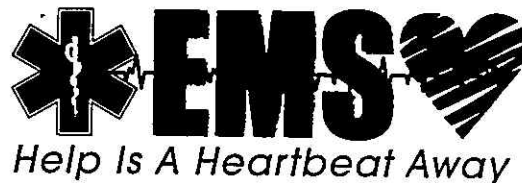
# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK MAY 19 - 25, 2002



*A Special Thanks* To Allegany County's  
EMS Community!



L - R: Frostburg Area Ambulance Service, Oldtown Vol. Fire Department, MeadWestvaco EMS, Bowman's Addition Vol. Fire Company, Cresaptown Vol. Fire Department, Mt. Savage Vol. Fire Department, LaVale Volunteer Rescue Squad, Maryland State Police Trooper 5, Cumberland Fire Department, Ellerslie Vol. Fire Company, Flintstone Vol. Fire Company, Tri-Towns EMS, Corriganville Vol. Fire Department, George's Creek Ambulance Service. Absent from photo: McCoole Fire & Rescue Department



## 2001 Allegany County Stats

Number of EMS Calls: 9,621

63 First Responders

406 Emergency Medical Technicians

15 Cardiac Rescue Technicians

47 Paramedics

Total EMS Personnel: 531

## Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in Volunteering,  
Please contact your Local company!

## First Responder Support

Baltimore Pike Vol. Fire Company  
Barton Fire & Rescue Department  
Bedford Road Vol. Fire Department  
Bowling Green Vol. Fire Department  
Clarysville Fire Department  
District 16 Fire Department  
Frostburg Fire Department  
Good Will Vol. Fire Company  
LaVale Vol. Fire Department  
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## Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad



## Help Is A Heartbeat Away® EMS Week: May 19-25, 2002

The Maryland and National Emergency Medical Services Week occurs from May 19 to 25, and is a celebration to honor the EMS providers who deliver lifesaving emergency care.

In Garrett County this care is provided by Northern and Southern Garrett County Rescue Squads, who respond to over 2500 calls. They are assisted by First Response units from Buttner VFD, Deer Park Community VFD, Eastern Garrett Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Friendsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue, German VFD, and Kitzmiller VFD. Special First Response care is also provided by the Department of Natural Resources Search Team, Mettiki Mines First Response, and the Wisp Ski Patrol.

Staffing for these services consists of 93 First Responders, 160 EMT Bases, 7 Cardiac Rescue Technicians, and 15 EMT Paramedics. All of these individuals have undergone extensive training and state certification exams, and all are volunteers. Training requirements vary from 40 hours for the First Responders to over 500 hours for EMT Paramedics.

Coordinating the communications and response is the Garrett County 911 Center, which handles over 23,000 calls each year, and is staffed by trained Emergency Medical Dispatchers.

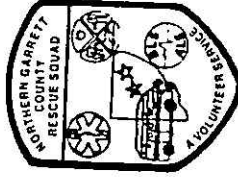
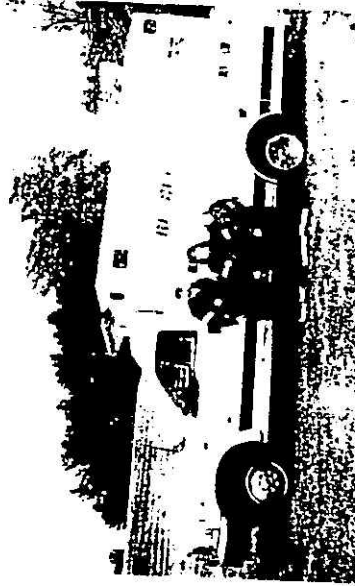
Providing medical direction and 24-hour emergency department physician coverage is the Garrett Memorial Hospital, which sees over 18,500 patients in its Emergency Department every year.

The EMS System in Garrett County is an integral part of the world-renowned Maryland statewide EMS system, coordinated by the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services System.

Congratulations and thank you to all of the individuals and organizations which make up this outstanding system.

Region I EMS Advisory Council  
Garrett County Commissioners

To join the county EMS team call either:  
Northern Garrett County Rescue, 301-895-5520  
Southern Garrett County Rescue, 301-334-3000  
or your local fire department



## Northern Garrett County Rescue Squad





# Banquet honors rescuers

**■ The EMS Awards Banquet was hosted by Washington County Hospital.**

By MARLO BARNHART  
marlob@herald-mail.com

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The event was hosted by Washington County Hospital and emceed by Dr. Michael Pepper, assistant EMS medical director.

Also honored Wednesday were Michael Diamond, training award; Jason Sturm, emergency department chairman's award; Donald Lehman, trauma director's award; Rob Snider, emergency department nurses' award; Keith Bowen, dispatcher of the year; Kevin Lewis and Tim Gargana, paramedics of the year; Dave Hays, cardiac rescue technician of the year; Terry Gearhart, basic emergency medical technician of the year.



By Joe Crocetta/Staff Photographer

Robert Shank, right, presents pins Wednesday to Community Rescue Service members, from left, emergency medical technician Mark Taylor, paramedic Matt Blosser and paramedic Walt Lee. The

three men saved Shank's life last August when his heart was beating erratically. Dozens of EMS personnel were honored at the EMS Awards Banquet held at the Four Points Sheraton.

## 2001 EMS Awards honorees

The following personnel were recognized for participating in the cardiac resuscitation of patients during 2001:

**Clear Spring, fire or rescue** — Ryan Adkins, Angie Bussard, John Greenlee, James Miller, Doug Moore, Charles Munday, John Printz, Ricky Rowe, Warren Royce, Chuck Singleton (and CRS), Rob Snider (and CRS), Michelle Trumpower, Frank Watkins (and Halfway), Christina Wolfe, Scott Wolff, Greg Yeargan, Missi Dittman, Justin Fisher, Frank Hart, Dave Irvin Sr., Brian Imyre, Frank Kimble and Tim Keeney.

**Halfway, fire or rescue** — Lester T.

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**Hancock, fire or rescue** — John Clingerman, Anthony Lane, Danny Pelton, Herbert Rankin, Adam Rollins, Michael Stewart and Jason Willison.

**Potomac Valley Fire Co.** — Eric Gray, Mike Lowman.

**Hagerstown Fire Department** — Will Ball and Warren Keyfauber.

**Washington County Fire and Res-**

**cue Communications** — Jim Blevins, Bob Hoopengardner, Bill King, Dave Phell, Mike Shiffer and Alicia Wyatt.

**Community Rescue Service** — Chris Amos, Matt Blosser, Donnie Bolyard, Susan Cooper, Vinnie Dieterich, Junior Harrison, Dave Hays, Walt Lee, Sarah Laffer, Jeremy Mackrell, Doug Maddux, Walter Maddux, Matt Malcolm, Jason Malloy, Will McCammon, Bob Midkiff, Jen Miller, Steve Mitchell, Mike Mooers, Barry Nickelsberg, Karin Nicol, Erin Ross, Bob Shank, Melanie Shank, Lacey Simmons, Melvin Smith, Jimmy Sprecher, Amy Tapley and Mark Taylor.

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By Joe Crosetta/Staff Photographer

Robert Shank, right, hands pins to Community Rescue Service staff members, from left, Mark Taylor, Matt Blosser and Wait Lee, who saved Shank's life after a heart attack last August.

# 'If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be here'

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## EMS workers thanked for life-saving actions

■ List of honorees, A9  
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marlobarnhart@mail.com

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## Rescue

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emceed by Dr. Michael Pepper, assistant EMS medical director.

Also honored Wednesday were Michael Diamond, training award; Jason Sturm, emergency department chairman's award; Donald Lehman, trauma direc-tor's award; Rob Snider, emer-

gency department nurses' award Keith Bowen, dispatcher of the year; Kevin Lewis and Tim Gar-gana, paramedics of the year; Dave Hays, cardiac rescue techni-cian of the year; Terry Gearhart, basic emergency medical techni-cian of the year.



Photos courtesy of Prince Georges County Fire Department

## Pupils get a lesson on safety

Above, Chief Ronald D. Blackwell and a young boy talk to True the Trauma-Roo about safety Wednesday at H. Winship Wheatley Special Center.

Right, a firefighter explains the importance of safety to pupils. Firefighters and other safety officials visited the school, which is the first in the nation to adapt a safety education program for special-needs students.



Prince George's Journal  
May 23, 2002

# Emergency Medical Services week recognizes responsiveness

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Story and photos by Caressa Bolden  
Staff writer

This week, cities across the nation are honoring the efforts of individuals who work in emergency medical services (EMS) by celebrating Emergency Medical Services Week, an annual, national event that focuses on the hard work and dedication of emergency medical personnel, such as paramedics, emergency medical technicians and firefighters.

This year's theme, "EMS: Help is a Heartbeat Away," emphasizes the responsiveness of emergency medical personnel nationwide, while underscoring the importance of the national 911 emergency telephone number system, according to information from the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP).

Most people, if not from personal experience, through familiarity with others, have experienced a medical emergency — an unforeseen event or condition that required prompt action. But, what some people may not realize is the experience, skill level and precision teamwork that are part and parcel of handling emergency medical situations.

In some jurisdictions, emergency medical service is primarily provided through the fire department. Here, it is part of the Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center (KACC).

"The Army has tasked the medical facilities with providing emergency medical services," said Larry Potter, a paramedic with Kimbrough's EMS unit.

Potter said the installation's EMS unit provides a multi-functional service.

Rather than using an outside contractor or private ambulance, it functions as transport from Kimbrough to another medical facility for patients who require a higher level of care. And, the unit responds to the post's 911 calls.

"In the event that we (the EMS unit) are not available, the installation's 911 calls are handled by Anne Arundel County," Potter added.

Potter said the unit has a mutual-aid agreement with Anne Arundel County. "Anything that is outside the norm, as far as operational procedures are concerned, we rely on them, and they rely on us," he said. "They rely on us to a lesser degree than we rely on them. You are more likely to see their (county) units here than you are our unit out in the county."

Potter said Kimbrough's EMS unit supports the Fort Meade Fire Department at fire scenes with hazardous material (HAZMAT) incidents. The unit also assists the fire department with motor vehicle accidents that occur here and any other medical support the fire department may require, during its daily operations.

Potter said the interaction between



Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic Raymond Hedrick, with the Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center Ambulance Unit here, performs inventory of supplies and checks emergency medical equipment on board the ambulance. The Emergency Medical Services Ambulance Unit is located on Emile Pyle Street between Mapes Road and Llewellyn Avenue.

EMS and the fire department is a two-way street. They support each other. The fire department comes to the EMS unit's aid when it needs assistance removing people from upper level floors or in other unusual situations, he said.

Unlike the emergency medical technicians (EMTs) who work out of the fire department's engine company, as well as the military police, both of whom act as "first responders," the Kimbrough EMS unit is considered advanced life support (ALS); it is the "primary responder."

"We are like an emergency room on wheels," said Jim Goetz, another paramedic with KACC's EMS unit. "Depending on the patient's needs, we have the ability to do invasive and non-invasive techniques and drug therapy, which is a higher level of care."

In comparison, the first responders are trained to provide basic life support (BLS), such as bandaging wounds, checking vital signs and giving oxygen, until the ALS unit arrives, Potter said.

"A basic EMT unit is one that comes in, and if there is bleeding, they stop it; or, if there are bones out of shape, they splint them," he explained.

"When we (ALS unit) arrive, if there is bleeding, we can offset it with intravenous therapy (IV) to keep blood pressures up. If there is an airway obstruction and a person can't breathe, we can go in through the neck and open it up," he said.

However, Potter said this does not minimize the BLS providers support, because without them, ALS services would be less effective.

"The marriage between the two is very close," the paramedic said. "Without one you can't have the other. By the time we arrive at the scene, the BLS unit can have a lot of questions answered."

In an emergency, having a patient's crisis already identified is invaluable, Potter said.

"EMS is technology driven," Goetz said. "Right now, you can go to any jurisdiction in the country and find that EMS runs 80 percent of the calls."

"There are more sick people than there are fires," he added.

Because of this, Goetz said, there is new, greater technology in use.

First responders are now carrying automatic heart defibrillators, he said.

"If a person goes into cardiac arrest, you now have first responders who are equipped to handle the emergency until the ALS team arrives," Goetz said.

"Years ago, that kind of equipment would have been primarily found in emergency rooms," he added.

Although the paramedics work in 24-hour shifts, Potter said that since the Sept. 11, 2001 incidents, EMS duties have increased.

"Before 9/11, chickenpox or anthrax was not a concern," Potter said. "But, they are a concern now."

Mass casualty situations, as well as the loss of peers, were not as much of a focus as they are now, Potter said.

"There have been a lot of significant changes in the approach, attitudes and general knowledge of the surroundings," he offered.

There is also a focus on increasing the level of service to the community, Potter said.

according to Michael Henry, Ambulance Section chief.

"We were down to one paramedic unit on post," said Potter. "However, following a risk assessment, it was determined that this was not sufficient for the installation and that we needed to have two."

"We are now one person shy of completely staffing two units."

Potter said that although the mission has not actually changed since 9/11, it has become more defined regarding attentiveness and awareness.

In some areas, such as Washington, D.C., EMS week is geared toward public information. Events are held daily in different areas of the city to educate the public on EMS activities and equipment, according to D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department Lt. Ronald Troupe, EMS Continuous Quality Improvement Unit supervisor.

"The activities are designed to let the public know what we are here for and what we are doing," said Troupe.

Indeed, in many areas, this year's event focuses on the personnel who responded to the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"EMS Week will honor the rescuers and medical teams who answered the call to the World Trade Center and Pentagon rescue efforts and especially to those who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives," said Dr. Michael L. Carus, ACEP president. "The courage and heroism displayed during these disasters is emblematic of the bravery, commitment and sacrifice EMS providers bring to their jobs 24/7, 365 days a year."



The Kimbrough Emergency Medical Services Paramedic Ambulance pulls out after an equipment check. The vehicle is one of two units that services the installation.





Photo by Dick Mettetal

Eric Smothers, second from left, was named EMS Provider of the Year on Thursday. Pictured at the Annapolis ceremony are, from left, Rick Himes, EMS director; Mr. Smothers; Dr. Jeff Fillmore, Frederick County ALS medical director; and Dr. Robert Bass, executive director of Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems.

## Area residents get 4 EMS awards

By SUSAN C. NICOL  
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Four top awards presented by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems on Thursday are in the hands of area residents.

Eric Smothers, a volunteer with Frederick County's Advanced Life Support program, was named EMS Provider of the Year.

Jason Gordon, 27, of Knoxville, was given the Maryland EMS Citizen Award. Scott Doyle, a firefighter/paramedic in Montgomery County, received the Maryland Star of Life Award, while Steve Suddath, of Montgomery County, was named EMS Dispatcher of the Year.

The annual awards are presented to people for outstanding contributions and dedication to the EMS system. A citizen who went beyond the call of duty to save someone also is lauded.

This year's choice was Mr. Gordon, of Harpers Ferry Road, Knoxville, who was credited with saving the life of a woman pinned in a burning car.

During a snowstorm in January, the woman lost control of her car on U.S. 340. It went into a guardrail and burst into flames.

Mr. Gordon broke a shovel trying to break the glass to free the woman, but despite his injuries he kept punching at the window until it was open enough to get the driver out, witnesses told police.

Mr. Gordon could not be reached for comment.

Mr. Smothers, of Brunswick, was honored for his many years of contributing and volunteering with various EMS organizations, not only locally and across the state, but nationwide.

Mr. Smothers was certified as a cardiac rescue technician before graduating from Brunswick High School, and is a former chief of Brunswick Ambulance Co.

He has been a volunteer paramedic with Frederick County's ALS program since 1983, and exceeds the annual requirement of 360 hours, said Rick Himes, county EMS director.

He is past president of the Region II EMS council, and represents Frederick and Washington counties on statewide issues. He is chairman of the ALS personnel committee, and is active on the quality assurance committee.

Mr. Smothers regularly teaches courses in basic and advanced trauma, and instructed airline crews how to manage in-flight medical emergencies.

Trained in Critical Incident Stress Management, Mr. Smothers counseled some of the workers at the World Trade Center last September.

Mr. Smothers, a flight para-

medic with the Maryland State Police, said of his award: "It was very humbling. It was an honor just to be nominated, but to be selected..."

The two firefighters from Montgomery County were honored for saving the lives of children.

Mr. Doyle, a three-year veteran, was honored for his quick actions last June when he arrived at a crash scene to find that a car had gone off a bridge and into the water with a toddler still in his car seat.

He dove into the water and was able to cut the belts that were restraining the boy, who was released from the hospital two days later.

Mr. Suddath, a master firefighter and paramedic, was honored for calming a distraught mother and giving her life-saving instructions.

The frantic call came in last June from the woman, who said her 8-month-old had fallen into a pool. The baby was bluish and not breathing.

Following Mr. Suddath's instructions, the parents performed cardio pulmonary resuscitation. Before the medics arrived, the baby started crying.

The baby was released from the hospital the following day.

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### County firefighters honored for contributions

Two Montgomery County fire and rescue services personnel were honored Thursday for their contributions to the emergency medical services system.

Master Firefighter Steve Suddah and firefighter paramedic Scott Doyle received Maryland's Stars of Life Award, given by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems.

On June 20, 2001, fire and rescue units responded to the 21000 block of Bunyan Circle in Germantown where an 8-month-old boy was found in a backyard pool. Suddah, a 27-year fire and rescue veteran who was working at the Emergency Communications Center, answered the 911 call and relayed life-saving CPR techniques to the boy's father.

The same night, units responded to a collision on East Randolph Road in Colesville where a vehicle left the roadway and went over a bridge into the water. Several people were trapped inside the car, including a 2 1/2-year-old child who was drowning.

Doyle, a 3-year veteran, entered the water and extracted the child by cutting the seatbelt and removing the car seat. The child was taken to the hospital and released several days later.

Suddah received the Emergency Medical Dispatched Provider of the Year Award and Doyle received the Maryland Star of Life Award Thursday at a ceremony in Annapolis.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

### EMS Day set in Rising Sun

The Community Fire Company of Rising Sun will host EMS Day on Saturday at the fire company on Biggs Highway in Rising Sun. From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. visitors can learn about safety and injury prevention, meet with EMS personnel and police, and obtain information about a variety of public safety topics. Food and entertainment will be available and there will be several activities geared to children. There will also be two helicopters on hand for tours. For more information call 410-658-5115.

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### EMS workers deserve thanks *547fB*

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But this year, National EMS Week (May 19-25) takes on a deeper meaning — and we're more appreciative for their service, given the tragic events of Sept. 11.

For many in our communities, EMS Week is not known or celebrated widely. In fact, few people outside public safety and health care organizations even know it exists.

You won't find a greeting card or note on a calendar to mark the occasion — nor a parade down Main Street U.S.A. to commemorate the week.

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As a valued partner in the delivery of quality health care, we salute our emergency medical service workers for the tremendous jobs they do every day.

KEVIN J. SEXTON  
President and CEO  
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# Pittsville EMS award is first for Eastern Shore unit

By George Rosche

ANNAPOLIS — Pittsville's young EMS company was recognized for being the fastest responding company in Wicomico County by the state EMS system during ceremonies in Annapolis last Thursday.

The Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department EMS earned the Outstanding EMS Program Award for developing a model program known for its dedication to patient care and fast responses to emergency calls.

"During its five years of existence, it has been unable to answer a call only once," according to the Baltimore-based Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems. "That's an outstanding record — especially for a small, new company."

It's the first award ever given to an Eastern Shore volunteer company.

Pittsville EMS also conducts a wellness program to assist the sick and elderly of the community with weekly visits by Ambulance Captain Anthony Webster to take blood pres-

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Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems

sure and check on their general well-being. Captain Webster is a founding member of the company and its sole paid provider.

"Such volunteer companies — and such dedication to mission — are of immeasurable value to county government's commitment to one of its highest priorities: public safety," said L. Russell Molnar, president of the Wicomico County Council and honorary member of the Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department after having served six years as an active member. "No two ways about it: it wouldn't be possible without them. Earning this award is an outstanding achievement."

Award winners are nominated and selected by their peers.

The award was one of nine EMS Stars of Life Awards presented at the Joint Hearing Room of the Legislative Services Building in Annapolis. The annual activity was part of National EMS Week, first proclaimed by President Gerald R. Ford 28 years ago.

EMS Week 2002 was May 19-25, a celebration honoring approximately 750,000 EMS providers nationwide. About two-thirds of the more than 30,000 prehospital emergency medical service providers in Maryland are volunteers.

Pittsville EMS started five years ago with two used ambulances, three advanced life support personnel and 10 basic life support personnel. It now has two new ambulances, nine advanced life support members, 21 basic life support members and an associate program.

"Overall I am very proud of all of the people associated with the Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department," Chief George E. Whited Jr. said. "It takes a lot of time and effort to do what our department does."



Photo Courtesy George Rosche

The Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department EMS received and EMS Stars of Life award from the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services in Annapolis last Thursday for having the fastest response times in Wicomico County. From left is Jenkins Molnar, president of the Maryland State Firemen's Board, George E. Whited Sr., George E. Whited Jr., PFD chief, Richard Chapman, Anthony Webster, PFD ambulance captain, Wayne Napp, John Frazier, Baltimore City Fire Department staff chief and MIESS board member, and Dr. Robert Bass, MIESS executive director.



# State recognizes Ocean City, partners with prestigious award in Annapolis

BY JOHN BOZMAN  
Staff Writer

The state's most prestigious emergency medical organization recently honored Ocean City and its partners with one of its "Maryland's Best" awards at a ceremony in Annapolis.

Ocean City Emergency Services, the Ocean City Paramedic Foundation, Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin and Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury received the Outstanding EMS Program Award from the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems.

MIEMSS saluted the partners for the Save A Heart Program, which benefits Ocean City residents and vacationers alike.

Capt. David Collins, one of the representatives on hand May 23 to receive the award, said the resort's program has several components.

"The first area is public access to AEDs, which are automatic external defibrillators," he said.

"We place them on the beach and in some public buildings, at Northside Park, the convention center, the golf course. And the people there are trained to use them."

The devices use electric current to stop fibrillations, which are rapid, uncoordinated heart

muscle contractions that may signal the onset of cardiac arrest.

Another aspect of the Save A Heart Program is the CPR Marathon held at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 40th Street and Coastal Highway.

Ironically, this year's marathon — the third — was taking place the same time as Ocean City and its partners were in the state capital to receive the MIEMSS honor.

The marathon is sponsored by the Ocean City Paramedic Foundation, in conjunction with the Town of Ocean City's Department of Emergency Services Fire/EMS Division.

Unlike running events associated with marathons, the CPR Marathon is an opportunity for resort employees and residents to receive free cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, every hour on the hour during a two-day period. Each class lasts about two hours.

This year's CPR Marathon was held May 22-23.

Collins said this potentially live-saving training usually attracts "a couple hundred" people a year. More than 200 employees from the Town of Ocean City and area businesses participated in the 2001 CPR Marathon, for example.

Again, the idea is to provide an even safer environment for the resort's residents and vaca-

tioning families.

"The CPR Marathon not only enhances the public's safety, it serves as an important public relations message that Ocean City cares to save a heart," said Clay Stamp, Director of Emergency Services.

Another part of the Save A Heart Program is to make available other essential monitoring equipment, such as electrocardiogram machines used to electronically record heart functions. The results are used in the investigation of suspected heart disease.

"We have the new Life Pak 12s which allow the paramedics to do 12-lead EKGs or ECGs," Collins said.

He explained that an EKG and an ECG are similar terms.

"The 'K' for some reason, came about way back, then they changed that to 'C,'" the lieutenant said.

"In the past, paramedics were only able to look at one or two heart functions. They did a three-lead test. Now, they can get a better look with 12 different views, or angles, of the heart."

That equipment is similar to what a person might see in a cardiologist's office and is quite expensive. Ocean City has about \$200,000 worth of these monitors.

"The state of Maryland got

us a price break, so we bought (the equipment) through them. Then the Paramedic Foundation kicked in some money. It (the total cost) is spread out over a period of time. We basically borrowed the money to buy them; it's a lease thing," Collins said.

All nine of Ocean City ambulances are equipped with the state-of-the-art devices.

They cost about \$20,000 each, he noted. The portable automatic external defibrillators cost about \$2,000 apiece.

The Fire/EMS Division of the Ocean City Department of Emergency Services provides pre-hospital emergency medical services to the residents and visitors. In addition to EMS, the division works with Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company to provide fire suppression and rescue services.

There are 32 full-time paramedic/firefighters, 15 part-time/seasonal EMS providers/firefighters and seven command staff (five lieutenants, a captain and Stamp, the Emergency Services director) in the department.

The Ocean City Fire/EMS Division responds to about 5,000 to 6,000 calls for service each year. Many of them occur during the summer season. The Fire/EMS Division has a fleet of nine advanced life support ambulances, a command vehicle and a special operations trailer. Fire/EMS response vehicles and personnel are housed at fire stations throughout Ocean City and in West Ocean City.

The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) is mandated by state law to be the lead organization responsible for coordinating the statewide

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emergency medical services system.

Another key element of the Save A Heart Program is the cooperative agreement between Atlantic General and the heart center at Peninsula Regional. This arrangement allows emergency crews to get a patient to the catheterization laboratory at PRMC more efficiently.

"That saves time, which is critical," Collins said.

"For a heart patient, time is muscle, heart muscle. You don't want heart muscle to be dying," the 26-year veteran of Emergency Services said.

("I started when I was 5 years

old," he joked.)

Collins said the cooperative arrangement between the hospitals and the Ocean City EMS allows the emergency crew to wait a few minutes when the patient receives an immediate evaluation. If it is determined the person needs a catheterization not available at AGH, the emergency crew can provide emergency transportation to Salisbury in a matter of minutes.

Why not just go directly to PRMC when heart problems are suspected?

"We don't like to bypass a hospital," Collins said, punctuating with a slight laugh.

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### Open house *5/11/02*

Seven-year-old Katey Hoffman of Mechanicsville takes a peek inside the MedEvac helicopter that was on display during the health fair and open house at the Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad on Saturday. In addition to the MedEvac crew explaining their jobs, squad volunteers manned informational display areas and explained their equipment to visitors.

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PAUL C. LEIBE

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24**Fire prevention materials distributed to schools**

Fire prevention materials were distributed to all Baltimore County public elementary schools last week during Emergency Medical Services Week.

The Baltimore County Professional Firefighters Association gave out coloring books with information on exit drills in the home, "stop, drop and roll" techniques and smoke detectors.

Students also received fire safety booklets with activities to complete at home.

When the students return their activities to their teacher, they will receive a firefighter/paramedic badge and a fire eraser.

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**EMS Week**

From left, paramedic Melissa Brown explains her job to her stepmother Maryanne Brown and Christopher and Sarah Rothgeb of Princess Anne during an open house at the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company last Wednesday in honor of National EMS Week.

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To the Editor: *54753*

Last week was an important one for anyone who works in injury prevention, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), or law enforcement. Overlapping within the same week were Buckle Up America Week, Operation ABC Mobilization, and National Emergency Medical Services Week. Although they each have their own emphasis, their combined goal is the same — to reduce injury and save lives.

Each May, Buckle Up America Week marks a high point in the push for greater seat belt and child safety seat use. This year, in conjunction with Operation ABC Mobilization, police focused on one of the most at-risk populations: teenagers. Due in part to low seat belt use, fatality rates for teen drivers are four times higher than for older drivers. In addition, Maryland has also started a Click It or Ticket seat belt campaign.

This year's theme of EMS Week is "EMS: Help is a Heartbeat Away." It emphasizes the responsiveness of EMS around the country, while underscoring the importance of the national 9-1-1 emergency

number system. It also addresses the commitment and dedication of the 750,000 EMS providers who serve their communities.

In my dual role as injury prevention coordinator and highway safety coordinator at the Garrett County Health Department, I want to commend our law enforcement and EMS communities on their efforts to

reduce injury and death in Garrett County.

All three local police agencies — Maryland State Police, Garrett County Sheriff's Office, and Oakland Police Department — have committed themselves to saving lives through the strict enforcement of safety belt and child safety seat laws as a part of the Chief's Challenge program of the Maryland Committee for Safety Belt Use and the Maryland Highway Safety Office. The McHenry Barrack of Maryland State Police currently has eight troopers who are child passenger safety (CPS) technicians, having successfully completed a tough 32-hour class. The Garrett County Sheriff's Office has

two CPS technician officers on staff. The Sheriff's Office and Oakland Police Department each anticipate adding two more CPS technician officers to their forces as their new recruits graduate from the academy in June.

In addition to the efforts of the police agencies, the EMS community is always ready to respond to motor vehicle crashes, as well as any emergency. Their commitment to continuing education and updated training prepares them to give the best possible care to the sick and injured, increasing the patients' chance of a favorable outcome.

What better time to thank both police and EMS

for a job well done.

Sincerely,  
Diane Lee  
Injury Prevention  
Coordinator  
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Garrett County Health  
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## Overheard

"Everything seems to be really fresh and everyone's excited about rebuilding and renovating. They're on a roll."

— Linda Wright, executive director of Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, on the Model Street project in Ocean City.

"We've had a good winter. We're on time and on budget — two great things to be."

— Gary Comegys, project engineer for several portions of the Route 50 bypass.

"We are spending money, not just for the people of Ocean City, but for the entire state of Maryland."

— Nancy Howard, Ocean City town councilwoman, on this year's beach replenishment project.

"As far as the sharks go, we're just taking it to the next step. But it's not like a hurricane or tornado where conditions are favorable and you can predict where they will occur. It doesn't work that way with sharks or any sea life."

— Capt. Butch Artia, Ocean City Beach Patrol, on shark alerts to aid Ocean City lifeguards.

"By bringing this online, we've relieved the distribution load from north Salisbury."

— Dick Work, regional vice president, Conectiv, on a city power station to prevent blackouts during the summer and prepare for developments in western Wicomico County.

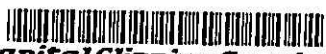
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— Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems spokesman on Pittsville's EMS company being awarded for being the fastest responding company in Wicomico County.



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**Firefighter honored**

Hillandale Firefighter Paramedic **Scott Doyle** received the Maryland Star of Life award last week for his heroic efforts in saving a 2-year-old from drowning after the car the child was in went off East Randolph Road, over a bridge and into the water. Doyle, a three-year veteran of the Hillandale station, received the award from the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems as part of its Emergency Medical Systems Week celebration.

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5 receive 'Stars of Life' honors

From The Montgomery Bureau

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ROCKVILLE — Montgomery County Delegate Bill Bronrott and four people from Montgomery and Frederick counties are recipients of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) "Maryland Stars of Life" awards.

Mr. Bronrott was recognized for a commitment to trauma prevention and highway safety demonstrated by his leadership on bills passed this year to make fleeing a fatal or life-threatening crash a felony, establish a child booster seat law, combat drunken driving and underage drinking, and address pedestrian safety.

Frederick residents honored are

Jason Gordon, who received the Citizen Award for pulling a woman out of her car before it burst into flames, and Eric L. Smothers, who received the Provider of the Year award for his many years of service and contributions to EMS as a paramedic, teacher, critical incident stress manager counselor and coordinator.

Montgomery County award recipients are firefighter/paramedic Scott Doyle, who received a Star of Life award for rescuing a 2-year-old child trapped in a car under water, and firefighter Stephen Suddath, who received the Dispatcher of the Year award for communicating instructions to a 911 caller that resulted in the successful resuscitation of her 8-month-old infant.

# Local rescue, EMS workers win award for saving boy's leg

BY CODY THIERRIEN  
STAFF WRITER

Local emergency medical services agencies were honored on May 23 by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems for the June 2001 rescue of a then 7-year-old boy. The awards ceremony took place in the Legislative Services Building in Annapolis.

Members of the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Calvert Advanced Life Support, Inc., Maryland State Police Aviation Division and Children's National Medical Center, were presented with a Star of Life Award as recognition for the rescue of Sam Luke, of Dunkirk, who fell off a riding lawn mower and nearly severed his leg.

"It was a pretty big honor for us because we had never received a Star of Life Award," said Sgt. Mary Sealey, of the Dunkirk VFDs.

Sealey said he was working in his back yard when he heard the call over his portable scanner that a young boy had met with a lawnmower accident.

Because the Luke home was only a short distance away, Sealey was the first to arrive on the scene. He said when he arrived he was amazed by what he saw.

"His [Sam's] foot was hanging off by a bit of tendon," Sealey said.

According to Sealey, it wasn't long before Jim Bonner, a paramedic with Calvert ALS, arrived on the scene and stabilized the young man. The decision was soon made to airlift him to Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C. A landing site for the Maryland State Police helicopter was quickly cleared in Sealey's backyard by William Kuhn, Kevin Dunn, Matthew Kershaw, William Keug and

Deputy Chief Merrill Wells of the Dunkirk VFDs.

Sealey said that Sam remained calm and cool throughout the entire ordeal and he was most impressed by his courage. During the awards ceremony, Sam Luke was made an honorary member of the Dunkirk VFDs and was given a red shirt to remember the occasion.

"The real hero out of this whole ordeal was probably Sam Luke," Sealey said.

Sealey said Sam was eventually transported to First Children's Union Memorial Hospital, Curtis Hand Center, where his foot was reattached.

Curt Davis, a pilot with the MSP Aviation Division, Trooper William J. George, a medic with the MSP Aviation Division, Dr. Keith A. Segalman and Dr.

Christopher Stroud, both of Union Memorial Hospital, were also honored with the Star of Life Award.

Sealey said it is great to receive an honor like this and it was more than they ever expected to receive.

"You do this day in and day out and when someone says thank you, that is enough for us," Sealey said.

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# An important award to a well-deserving doctor

Dr. John Roache of Mechanicsville serves as chairman of the St. Mary's Ambulance and Rescue Association, but he clearly hasn't kept up with all of its activities.

Its members, mostly chiefs of the county's rescue squads, nominated him for a state award, and he won it.

"Dr. Roache is the chair, but he didn't know anything about the award," according to Winnie Sullivan, chief of the St. Mary's Advanced Life-Support Unit. "We had to be kind of sneaky about it."

The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, at an event last month in Annapolis, named Roache as the recipient of the Leon W. Hayes Award for Excellence in Emergency Medical Services, "for demonstrating over the past 42 years his dedication to excellence in patient care and his commitment to the Maryland EMS System, especially in St. Mary's County."

The award is named for a deceased emergency-medical technician from Southern Maryland, MIEMSS spokesperson Jim Brown said, and a statewide panel of emergency caregivers chose Roache as the winner.

Noting the award description's references to dedication, excellence and commitment, Sullivan said, "That would definitely explain what Dr. Roache is about. That description fits him."

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Roache was performing surgery during the award ceremony, but Sullivan said it will be presented to him in September during an event in Southern Maryland.

## Two days of crabs and much more

If it's early June, it's time for the 16th annual St. Mary's Crab Festival, and they'll be served up this Saturday and Sunday, June 8 and 9, on the shaded grounds outside the governmental center in Leonardtown.

Sponsored by the Leonardtown Lions Club, the event runs from 2 to 7 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, rain or shine, and features far more than just table-loads of hot, spicy crustaceans.

The caterers will offer other seafoods and even non-seafood items, and there will be antique cars and crafts on display, plus live music from Jay Armsworthy's Eastern Tradition bluegrass band on Saturday and Cool Country and the Chesapeake Country Cruisers on Sunday.

The food costs extra, but the admission charge for adults is \$13 for both days, \$10 for just Saturday and \$5 for just Sun-

day. Children under 12 will be admitted at no charge.

For information or tickets, call Jack Duchesne at 301-475-6910.

## Take a tour at the firehouse

While in Leonardtown on Sunday, stop by the firehouse on Lawrence Avenue between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to enjoy a free open house featuring fire truck rides, car-extrication demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., and a rappelling rope-ladder demonstration at 12:30 p.m.

Visitors can pick up balloons, fire hats, coloring books and fire-safety brochures, and they can visit "McGruff" the Crime Dog and "Sparky" the Fire Dog.

Refreshments of cookies and punch will be served.

It's a chance to not only see the firehouse, but to meet the volunteer firefighters who respond to fires, wrecks and other emergencies at all hours of the day and night.

For more information, call 301-475-8996.

## Learn about Lyme disease

Librarians at the St. Mary's County Memorial Library in Leonardtown remind us that as the weather gets warmer, and people spend more time outside, they're at a higher risk of being bitten by a deer tick. With this comes the possibility of Lyme disease.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has determined that one of the endemic areas — areas of high incidences — of Lyme disease includes non-urban communities throughout much of the northeast, from Massachusetts to Maryland.

At the library on Monday, June 10 at 7 p.m., St. Mary's Hospital's Health Connections will present the facts about Lyme disease, including what the deer tick looks like, what to do and look for if bitten by a tick, the symptoms of Lyme disease, prevention, and the available treatment.

This program is free, and no registration is required.

## Eating right never tasted so good

Chef Loic Jaffres of Cafe des Artistes in Leonardtown no doubt could make anything taste good, even liver or lima beans, so don't be scared off when he and Health Connections team up this month for "Enhancing the Natural Flavor of Foods With Fresh Herbs."

On Sunday, June 23, enjoy a light luncheon at the restaurant from 2 to 4 p.m. and explore how fresh herbs can indeed liven up the taste of food. The chef will share tips on the preparation of the luncheon menu, and Sandy York of Scarbrough Farms will present techniques on growing herbs.

The three-course meal costs \$19.95 and includes non-alcoholic beverages, bread and butter and a choice of taragon, walnut and chicken salad stuffed in a fresh tomato, or salmon and asparagus with fine herbs en papillotes and lemon butter sauce. Dessert will be a fresh fruit tart.

Call 301-475-6019 for reservations.

## Women law officers coming to Solomons

Female sheriff's deputies in St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert counties have been working since last summer to raise enough money to host next year's annual Mid-Atlantic Association of Women in Law Enforcement training conference in Solomons.

At this year's conference held recently in Ocean City, the Southern Maryland law officers won the privilege to host the event in May 2003. They're still raising money for the event, including selling raffle tickets for a Yamaha XL 700 three-seater Waverunner.

To buy tickets or otherwise support the effort, call St. Mary's sheriff's deputy Kathy Dassing at 301-475-4528.

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## County residents honored at statewide EMS awards reception 547FB

Firefighter III/Paramedic Scott Doyle received an EMS Star of Life Award for rescuing a two-year-old child trapped in a car under water. At the same ceremony, Master Firefighter Stephen Suddath was honored with an Emergency Medical Dispatcher of the Year Award. They were among 30 people and organizations honored at the "Maryland Stars of Life" awards reception at the Legislative Services Building in Annapolis. The awards were presented by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), the state agency responsible for the delivery of emergency medical services in Maryland.



Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Doyle surrounded by fire service administrators. Doyle won an award for rescuing a trapped two-year-old.