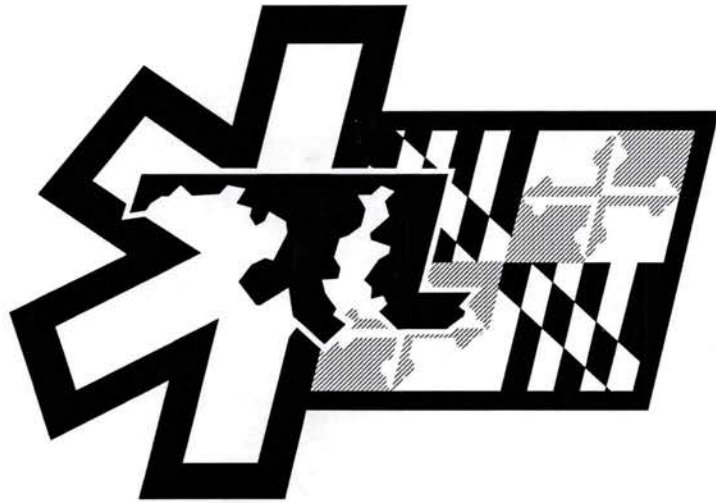


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MERCY PRESIDENT & CEO THOMAS R. MULLEN MIEMSS' MARYLAND STARS OF LIFE AWARD WINNER

The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) annually presents the Maryland STARS OF LIFE Awards to recognize individuals and programs for their efforts in assisting in emergency responses. Robert R. Bass, M.D., FACEP, Executive Director of MIEMSS, has announced that Thomas R. Mullen, Mercy President and CEO, is the 2004 recipient of the Maryland Stars of Life EMS Citizen Award.

Mr. Mullen was chosen by the statewide Awards Selection Committee for his efforts on Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, his quick actions resulting in the rescue of 13-year-olds Elliott Woessner and Ricky Wylie whose kayaks had overturned on the river outside his home in Oxford, MD.

Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., is scheduled to present Mr. Mullen with the Maryland EMS Citizen Award on Monday, May 17th at noon in the Governor's Reception Room on the 2nd floor of the State House in Annapolis.

"Tom embraces the mission of the Sisters of Mercy each and every day. If you ask him, he'd say there was nothing heroic about his actions, that he simply did what needed to be done. But of course, perhaps that's one definition of a hero," said Sister Helen Amos, RSM, Executive Chair, Board of Trustees, Mercy Health Services. "On behalf of everyone in the Mercy family, we wish Tom our heartiest congratulations for this well-deserved honor," Sr. Helen added.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below is a copy of the nomination essay sent to MIEMSS by Sister Helen Amos, RSM, Executive Chair of the Board of Trustees of Mercy Health Services on behalf of Thomas R. Mullen.

In October 2003, the Baltimore Area Council of the Boys Scouts of America recognized Thomas R. Mullen, president and CEO of Mercy Medical Center, for taking to heart the Scout Oath, "On my honor, I will do my best." On Monday, February 16, 2004, Tom turned these words into action that resulted in saving the lives of two 13-year-old boys, Elliott Woessner and Ricky Wylie. Tom and his wife, Rosemary, were preparing for lunch at their home in Oxford, MD. Noticing something strange on the Tred Avon River outside their home, Rosemary motioned to Tom who quickly discerned that two people were floating in the icy water next to a kayak, water that had been frozen over just the previous week. Within the span of 30 minutes, Tom had sprinted up the shoreline to a neighbor's home on Bachelor's Point Road, coached the boys (who were screaming, "We're dying!") to swim closer to shore, then waded in the water nearly to his shoulders to pull them out. According to media reports, Department of Natural Resources Police Officer

Barry Ball commented, "I declare, when Tom pulled them out, they were incapacitated. It was an amazing day. And I realized this morning that the current took them toward Tom. If the current had been going out, it would have put them at the mouth of the Tred Avon, and they would have been dead in moment, I'm sure. They're very lucky." In this case, luck manifested itself in Tom Mullen, who noted that "their legs were frozen," and without his help, would not have made it to shore. By the time Mr. Ball had arrived, Tom and Rosemary were both on the scene and had the boys wrapped in blankets. With Feb. 16th being the President's Day holiday, Tom and Rosemary were the only ones on hand and if they had not acted quickly, it seems assured the boys would have died. Tom's actions reflect his commitment to the mission of the Sisters of Mercy—not to be a hero, though he is certainly that, but to be ready to help others when in need.

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Rescue squads recruit at Westmar

BOBBIE L. CARPENTER

TIMES-NEWS STAFF WRITER

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LONACONING — Students at Westmar High School never imagined they'd be coming to school to perform CPR, get bandaged or learn about the automated external defibrillator, but 32 students took advantage of the Emergency Management Technician Recruitment Program sponsored by Tri-Towns EMS and

Georges Creek Ambulance Services.

Both squads joined forces recently to educate students on the fundamentals of being an emergency medical technician and the importance of serving the community. "We're hoping to recruit members for both squads," said Denny Youngblood, a driver for Georges Creek. "It's a way for the kids to help their community and it's no pay but a lot of fun."

Students were divided into groups par-

ticipating in eight different stations set up by the squads. EMTs and drivers instructed the groups at individual stations that ranged from bandage and bleeding instruction, medical field information, backboard demonstrations, medical emergencies and CPR simulations.

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Rescue: Squads looking for volunteers at Westmar High

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After participating in all of the stations, students shared their thoughts on what they enjoyed best about the program and also whether they're planning on becoming an EMT. "I live in Gilmore so I may serve in Georges Creek," said freshman Chris Adams. "My favorite part was giving CPR to the choking victim."

Sophomore Stephanie Broadwater from Barton is uncertain as to whether she will join the squad. "I am thinking about becoming an EMT," she said. "I'd like to learn more about it."

Harold Nicol, president of

Georges Creek squad, said he's trying to get the program in place to use for the future. "We hope more people will become interested and through this program they will know what we do on an ambulance with a patient."

One of the stations provided students with ambulance information and applications to both the Tri-Towns and Georges Creek squads. Students were able to take a look at the actual books used in the 131-hour course required to become an EMT along with locations of where to take the class.

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On Dec. 1, 2002, Georges
Creek Ambulance Service
marked a milestone: 25 years

of dedicated service to residents of Lonaconing, Midland, Nikep and surrounding areas. To culminate the year-long celebration, a 25th anniversary/Christmas dinner was held Dec. 13, 2003, in the Lonaconing Firemen's Armory.

To conclude the gala, door prizes were awarded through the generosity of the following individuals, businesses and organizations: AlGar Credit Union of Cumberland, Arby's, Auntie Anne's Pretzels, Bassin' Box, Best Western Braddock Motor Inn, Big Guy's Pizza, Mark Bittinger CPA, Blockbuster Video of LaVale, Boal-Funeral Home, Bob Evans Restaurant, Bonnie's Corner Market, Broadway Liquors, Chessie Federal Credit Union of Cumberland, Chi-Chi's Mexican Restaurant, D&D Motors, Dairy Queen of LaVale and Dave McKenzie Hone Improve-

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The officers and members of Georges Creek Ambulance Service take this opportunity to extend special recognition and heartfelt thanks to each and every one who helped to make this a most memorable and enjoyable event. Our Motto: "Your Life — Is Worth Our Time."

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City fire equipment action riles volunteers

By John Vandiver

Daily Times Staff Writer

SALISBURY -- Officials for the Salisbury Fire Department and some volunteer firefighters from Station 2 are at odds again, this time concerning the city's appropriation of equipment.

Fire Chief David See said the department is consolidating its two rescue vehicles to eliminate redundancy of services. By combining specialized tools and equipment onto one truck, See said rescue missions will be made more efficiently.

One of the rescue vehicles will be taken out of service and its equipment will be transferred to the newer truck from Station 2 on Naylor Street. The modified rescue vehicle will be assigned to the Fire Department's North Division Street station.

However, Station 2 volunteer President Harold Scott said the city has no right to the equipment.

"The chief has the right to move city-owned equipment. The rescue truck belongs to the city, but the equipment was purchased by the volunteers," he said Monday.

Scott said the city took possession of roughly \$100,000 worth of equipment Saturday that was purchased with Wicomico County funds and state grants. The property is used to extricate accident victims from automobiles.

City officials and members of Station 2 have frequently been at odds. Last year, volunteers threatened to secede over what they said was mistreatment of their members by city officials, who made changes in command structures and staffing in the department.


Though a memorandum of understanding was reached by the two sides last May, Scott said conflict has again resurfaced.

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See said the city is entitled to the property and that consolidating Salisbury's rescue vehicles is part of an ongoing effort to streamline the fire department.

"This is not a career versus volunteer issue," See said.

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In a gesture of support for
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Community emergency response team training set

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Citizens interested in learning how to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities are encouraged to attend an introductory seminar on how to become part of a community emergency response team at 7:30 tonight in the county commissioners' meeting room of the county government building in La Plata.

Through a cooperative effort of the Charles County Department of Emergency Services, American Red Cross and other public agencies and community organizations, citizens who become a CERT member will be taught how to give critical support to first-responders, provide immediate assistance to victims and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site.

CERT members also can help with nonemergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

The training includes CPR and first aid, disaster preparedness and psychology, basic fire suppression, medical operations, search and rescue techniques, the characteristics of biological, nuclear, chemical and incendiary events, and team organization and deployment.

"A CERT will be an extension of first-responder services offering immediate assistance to victims until professional help arrives," said Mike Zabko, chief executive officer of the American Red Cross, Southern Maryland chapter, headquartered in La Plata.

For additional information about the program, call the Red Cross at 301-934-2066.

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Rescue demonstration at Pocomoke High School

POCOMOKE CITY - Last Wednesday morning members of the Pocomoke Volunteer Fire Company, Pocomoke Emergency Medical Services, Pocomoke Police Department, and the Maryland State Police Aviation Division participated in a mock rescue demonstration at Pocomoke High School as part of the school's prom week activities.

The circumstances of demonstration included a car contain-

ing three high school students being involved in an accident with the victims trapped inside. The 911 system was activated and various emergency service agencies were dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, rescue personnel from the fire company utilized hydraulic tools to remove the roof of the car. Once access to the car was achieved, paramedics from Pocomoke E.M.S. assessed the victims and determined that the rear seat

passenger was deceased; the front seat passenger was a priority one trauma victim that would require transport by helicopter; and the driver was not injured but was obviously under the influence of alcohol. She was arrested by Pocomoke Police. A number of beer cans and bottles were removed from the car by police.

Trooper 4, the Maryland State Police medivac helicopter stationed at the Salisbury Airport,

was dispatched and landed in the athletic field at the high school. Once the front seat passenger was stabilized, he was placed on the helicopter for transport to the regional trauma center at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. The rear seat passenger was pronounced dead on the scene by the Medical Examiner and he was placed in a hearse to be taken to Holloway-Melson Funeral Home in Pocomoke.

Tyrone Mills, Principal at Pocomoke High, invited all students, especially those who are attending the PHS prom, to watch this demonstration to see the effects of drinking and driving first hand. The fire company also provided each student with a handout containing a poem written by Pocomoke Firefighter Larry Cowger entitled "I Promise" which encourages students to play it safe during prom and graduation season.

The "victims" who participated in the demonstration were Caitlyn Morrison, Jamar Mancano, and John Brittingham. Hensler's Auto Center provided the car for the demonstration.

The participating agencies thank Pocomoke High School for the opportunity to put on the demonstration and hope that the students understand the consequences of drinking and driving.



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Adventist emergency center plan in jeopardy

by Ellen Shuman
Staff Writer

Adventist HealthCare officials expressed concern last month that state regulatory approval would not be granted for a freestanding emergency medical department proposed for Germantown.

Adventist would like to operate a 27,000-square-foot emergency department on Route 115 near Middlebrook Road in Germantown Town Center as a satellite of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville.

Last year, Adventist submitted plans for the department that would provide 24-hour care and five inpatient beds to the Maryland Health Care Commission, which must grant the project a certificate of need to proceed. The 13-member commission has not rendered a decision yet.

However, the response from the state thus far indicates that the project will not be approved, according to William Robertson, Adventist president and CEO. "All of the signals out of the Maryland Health Care Commission are that this is not something they're interested in," he told The Gazette's editorial board April 23.

"There is skepticism about the need. There's also skepticism about doing something different," Robertson said.

If approved, the department would be the first of its kind in Maryland although not unique to other states, such as Virginia.

Concerns about the project have been raised by state agencies including the hospital rate-setting Health

Services Cost Review Commission, the hospital-licensing Office of Health Care Quality and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System, which coordinates the statewide emergency medical services system, according to Robertson.

Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Montgomery General Hospital in Olney and Carlefirst Blue Cross Blue Shield of Maryland also have lodged their opposition.

In a phone interview Friday, Robert Murray, executive director of the Health Services Cost Review Commission, questioned whether approval of the project would set the precedent of allowing hospitals to build freestanding emergency departments for the strategic purpose of drawing patients from competing hospitals rather than need.

Just this idea of allowing hospitals to set up full-blown emergency rooms on a freestanding basis and potentially have them proliferate across the state ... those types of things need to be considered and thought through," he said.

Adventist's project should be designated as a new hospital, which must meet stringent requirements for need, rather than as an extension of Shady Grove, Murray said.

Murray also questioned the cost efficiency of the project, which would be allowed to charge hospital rates as a satellite of Shady Grove. "The patients then absorb the costs for the action," he said.

The best solution would be to build an urgent care center, which would not face the regulatory re-

strictions a satellite emergency department would, Murray said. "They might as well make that investment and serve the community that way," he said.

Patricia Barclay, deputy director of health resources for the Maryland Health Care Commission, said she could not say whether the commission likely would or would not approve the proposal. "We still have it under review. We have to issue our decision and that will be our analysis of it," she said Thursday.

Barclay said the commission will consider all opinions about the project. "We certainly have a lot of comments from the public, and there's a lot in the record," she said. Upcounty residents, civic groups and local government officials have voiced strong support for the emergency department they say will be vital to the area's rapidly growing population.

"I thought it was a 'gimme.' It made complete sense that there'd be an emergency center for Germantown. Any other township of 80,000 would have its own hospital. It's certainly something all of the community wants," said Lawrence Evans, chairman of the Germantown Alliance.

Among others, the department would serve the athletes at the Maryland SoccerPlex in the South Germantown Recreational Park, the senior citizens in the community, the emerging Clarksburg area and the western county community of Poolesville, he said.

"If the state were living in Ger-

mantown, they would see the need. We don't only need it, we demand it," Evans said.

Del. John A. Hursan (D-Dist. 18) of Chevy Chase, chairman of the Health and Government Operations Committee, said hesitation toward the project may stem from the "Baltimore-centric" approach of the Maryland Health Care Commission.

"The biggest problem we have with the Maryland Health Care Commission is we have nobody from Montgomery County on it. They don't understand the needs of our county," he said.

"It's become glaring that the absence of geographic diversity on the commission is not just causing policy problems but a true health care emergency problem," Hursan said.

Although the Montgomery County population has grown, Shady Grove essentially has not expanded in 25 years, Robertson said. No new hospitals have been built in Montgomery County since the construction of Shady Grove, however, some of the county's hospitals have expanded.

Shady Grove has plans to expand at its Rockville campus, Robertson said. However, that expansion will not occur for another four years. The Germantown emergency department, a relatively low-cost solution, could open in less than a year, he said.

Shady Grove's emergency department receives approximately 87,000 visitors a year, a number in the state second only to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, he said.

About 30,000 of those visitors come from Germantown.

Five years ago, the emergency department had 65,000 visitors a year. The proposed Germantown department would receive about 25,000 visits a year.

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital President Deborah Yancer expressed concern about the hospital's ability to serve the community without the additional capacity.

"We're very capacity constrained. Wait times become a challenge when you have more and more people in queues," Robertson said.

An urgent care center, which would be forced to charge rates lower than hospitals, could not be self-sustaining or adequately serve the needs of the population, he said.

Traffic congestion and the strain on Montgomery County Fire and Rescue units having to travel from upcounty points to Shady Grove also support the need for the satellite department, he said.

"People in regulatory environments don't like precedents. Our risk is to not do something new. Their risk is to do something new," Robertson said.

Donald E. Wilson, chairman of the Maryland Health Care Commission, declined to comment. Barclay said she expects a recommendation to be made to the Maryland Health Care Commission regarding the project in the next few months. The commission will vote on the recommendation approximately one month after its release.

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Shady Grove Adventist Hospital's emergency room is bursting at the seams. It was the second busiest in the state last year, treating 67,000 patients.

Serving fast-growing upper Montgomery County, the hospital has seen visits rise almost 50 percent over the past five years, from 60,000. That growth seems likely to continue unabated, and hospital officials are projecting visits will exceed 100,000 soon.

Shady Grove has plans to expand its emergency department. But that cannot happen for at least four years. In the interim, patients will face daunting delays.

So, Adventist HealthCare officials have proposed building a freestanding emergency medical department on Route 118 near Middlebrook Road in Germantown Town Center. The Germantown center would be a satellite of the Rockville hospital, and could handle 25,000 patients a year, significantly reducing the overcrowding at the main emergency room. The care would be the same, so the rates would also be the same. To change full hospital rates, Adventist needs permission from the state of Maryland, which regulates hospitals more closely than any other state. And that is where the process has come to a complete halt.

The state should have ruled on Adventist's application within 90 days, but it has sat on it for about a year, and makes no promise of ruling soon. Such satellite emergency centers have been success-

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ful elsewhere, including Virginia. But this would be the first in Maryland.

Adventist can point to all sorts of advantages. The center would be seven miles north of the hospital, so patients from the upcounty would have a much shorter trip. Fire and rescue ambulances carrying less-than-critical patients to the new emergency room would be out of service for a much shorter time. Further overcrowding at the main hospital would be averted, keeping waiting times to a more reasonable length.

It certainly sounds like a good idea, yet the state continues to delay. Adventist President and CEO William Robertson told The Gazette editorial board that he believes the state will not approve the plan. Now, he is just waiting for the official rejection so he can begin the appeal process.

It must be said that everyone does not like the plan. Suburban Hospital in Bethesda and Montgomery General Hospital in Olney have objected, saying it might interfere with their future plans. And CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield of Maryland also lodged a complaint, saying the rates would be too high.

But Robertson said the most important reason that the Maryland Health Care Commission has not approved the project is that it just does not understand the needs of this fast-growing region. The commission is structured to restrict the growth of health care facilities, because the Baltimore region has excess capacity. John A. Hurson of Chevy Chase, the chairman of the

Health and Government Operations Committee in the House of Delegates, agrees.

"The biggest problem we have with the Maryland Health Care Commission is we have nobody from Montgomery County on it," Hurson told our reporter. "They don't understand the needs of our county."

It's become glaring that the absence of geographic diversity on the commission is not just causing policy problems but a true health care emergency problem.

The mindset of the Baltimore medical establishment is exemplified by Robert Murray, executive director of the Health Services Cost Review Commission, which also must approve the project. He told our reporter that he questioned whether approval would set the precedent of allowing hospitals to build freestanding emergency departments for the strategic purpose of drawing patients from competing hospitals rather than need. Maybe that is a possibility in Baltimore, but in Montgomery hospitals need to expand just to keep up with growth, not to pinch patients from each other.

The state should recognize that Montgomery County needs more capacity for its emergency departments, and it needs the capacity in the upcounty. It should approve the Shady Grove satellite promptly. If Maryland refuses to allow the project, it is condemning all county residents to increasingly protracted waits for treatment whenever they need to visit an emergency room. Unless they want to drive to Baltimore.

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Benner earns April 'Atta Boy' award

The Recognition and Recruitment Committee of the Boonsboro Ambulance and Rescue Service has selected Darryl "Breeze" Benner as the Technician of the Month for April, an honor also known as the "Atta Boy" award.

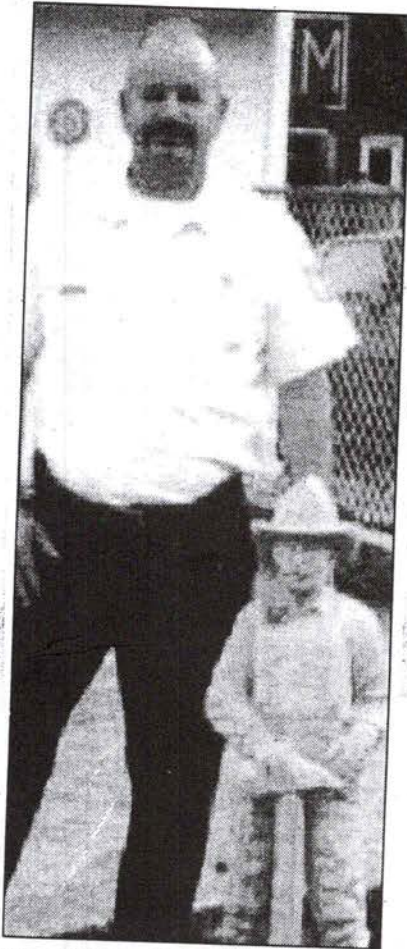
Benner has been a career member of the department since July 2000. He is an EMT-B, Rescue

Technician and Firefighter 3. Breeze is also employed by Montgomery County Fire & Rescue at Station 26, is the Deputy Chief of Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Company and is on the Sharpsburg Area Emergency Medical Services' Board of Directors.

When Breeze is not working or volunteering with fire and EMS companies, he likes to spend his time with his fiancée, Patti Knight, his daughter, Lacey, and Patti's daughter, Kayla.

Breeze was selected by the committee for completing his assigned tasks on time, interacting well with company members and patients, his positive attitude and for the extra duties that he fulfills by assisting with the maintenance and testing of the company's air packs. Breeze was presented with this award after the company's monthly meeting in April.

— Bardonna Woods



Darryl "Breeze" Benner



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Increased coverage improves ambulance response rates

By JUSTIN PALK
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Carroll County has increased the rate at which ambulances respond effectively to emergency calls since 24-7 ambulance service has been improved in Westminster and Sykesville.

The county's emergency services workers try to maintain a standard of responding to 95 percent of emergency calls within four minutes, said Tom Van de Bussche, the association's president.

When an ambulance either takes too long to respond to a call or fails to respond, a second ambulance is sent out, he said.

Ambulances in the county were late or failed to respond 208 times in the first three months of 2002, according to 911 center data. That number fell to 111 in the first three months of 2004.

Van de Bussche attributed that reduction to expansion of 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week ambulance coverage in recent years.

The county's proposed

First-quarter ambulance response rates

Year	Total responses	Late and failed responses	Percentage late, failed responses
2002	1,575	208	13.21
2003	1,505	118	7.84
2004	1,545	111	7.18

budget includes funds for adding a 24-7 unit at the Gamber fire company, and making second units available in Westminster and Sykesville 12 hours every day, he said. The fire companies themselves will designate which 12 hours the second units will be in service.

Because the county has limited funding, this will still only be a partial implementation of the program, Van de Bussche noted. A full program would include making the second units in Westminster and Sykesville full 24-7 units as well, he said.

The county's delegation to the General Assembly rejected the commissioners' request for

a transfer tax, which would have funded the rest of the program.

It's too early in the budget cycle to predict what might happen next year, Van de Bussche said.

Although this is a high priority for the commissioners, there is no plan for funding the rest of the program right now, said Ted Zaleski, the county's director of management and budget.

It would cost roughly \$900,000 to implement the full program, he said. The budget doesn't have room for that this year without cutting something

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else, Zaleski said.

However, if a new revenue source becomes available, the county would reconsider moving forward with the plan, he said.

The budget still needs to go through its public hearing before the commissioners can give their final approval.

However, looking to the future, the firemen's association is concerned about what will happen once the county's development moratorium ends this summer, Van de

Bussche said. The association will have to monitor growth carefully to ensure that the system doesn't become overly stressed as the county continues to grow.

Reach staff writer Justin Palk at 410-751-5909 or jpalk@lcniomd.com.



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Fallen Heroes Day set for May 7

TIMONIUM — Maryland's police officers and firefighters who died in the line of duty during the past year will be honored at the 19th Annual Fallen Heroes Day Ceremony on today at 1 p.m. at the Fallen Heroes Memorial within Dulane Valley Memorial Gardens, 200 East Padonia Road, one mile east of York Road.

The ceremony salutes police and correctional officers, firefighters, emergency medical and rescue personnel who risk their lives to protect the citizens of Maryland. Since May 2003, three police officers and four firefighters have died in the line of duty. Fallen Heroes Day is the only statewide ceremony in the nation that brings together all segments of the public safety community.

The seven public servants who will be honored on Fallen Heroes Day are Lt. Walter A. Taylor Sr., Baltimore Police Department (April 17, 2003); Assistant Chief Doug Thomas, Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department (July 9, 2003); Lt. Joseph A. Mattingly, Jr., Montgomery County Police Department (Sept. 13, 2003); Cpl. Anthony Walker, Prince George's County Police Department (Nov. 15, 2003); Firefighter/EMT Nadar Hammett, Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department (Dec. 1,

2003); Fire Specialist Thomas Brown, Baltimore County Fire Department (Dec. 18, 2003); and Firefighter Richard A. Jones, Maryland Line Volunteer Fire Company (Jan. 15, 2004).

The ceremony will begin with a procession of more than 25 honor guards from across the state, motorcycles, mounted units, bagpipers and drummers. Memorial addresses will be given by Baltimore County Executive James Smith and Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley. Frank DeFilippo, political columnist and commentator, will deliver the keynote address. Mary Beth Marsden of ABC 2 will serve as the emcee.

"Those men and women who choose a career of public service do so at an incredible risk to themselves and their families," said John Armiger Jr., president of Dulane Valley Memorial Gardens and founder of Fallen Heroes Day. "The loss of these dedicated public servants should make us grateful for all those who, to protect the citizens of our state, put themselves in harm's way each and every day."

Keeping with tradition, Gov. Robert Ehrlich has issued a proclamation declaring May 7 Fallen Heroes Day in Maryland and has

ordered Maryland flags flown at half-staff at the state House and all state facilities. During the service, a replica of the Fallen Heroes memorial and a resolution from the Maryland House of Delegates will be presented to the families of the eight fallen heroes being honored this year. In memory of all past fallen heroes, a copy of the Governor's Resolution will be presented to the families of a fallen firefighter and a police officer honored in previous years.

Prior to the public ceremony, survivors of Maryland's fallen heroes will gather for a private reception. The Healing Hearts Reception will provide an opportunity for the survivors to renew friendships and to welcome and comfort families who have lost a fallen hero since the previous Fallen Heroes Day.

In 1976, 330 burial spaces at Dulane Valley Memorial Gardens were set aside for fallen heroes and their spouses by John Armiger, Sr., founder of the cemetery. In 1986, John Armiger, Jr. established the tradition of honoring those who have given their lives for the community in the only statewide ceremony for Fallen Heroes. Forty-one members of the public safety community are buried at the Fallen Heroes Memorial.

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BOWIE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bowie fire stations

The city of Bowie is covered by three fire stations, with mixed career and volunteer personnel. Bowie Volunteer Fire Department is headquartered near Free State Mall on Route 450, which is also the home of Belair Co. 39.

The north end is covered by Huntington Co. 19 and the south end by Pointer Ridge Co. 43.

During 2003, Bowie stations fielded a total of 12,010 calls for service, including the paramedic unit at Co. 43 in Pointer Ridge. That breaks down to nearly 33 calls per day.

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301-809-0122; fax 301-809-0123;
e-mail: bq@bowievd.org.
● Co. 19 (Huntington): 13008 9th Street, Bowie, MD 20715
301-262-0501, fax 301-809-9713
e-mail:
company19@bowievd.org

● Co. 39 (Belair Station): 15454 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20715
301-262-0502, fax 301-809-0609;
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company39@bowievd.org.
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16408 Pointer Ridge Drive, Bowie, MD 20716
301-249-6525, fax: 301-249-2062;
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301-805-0651; e-mail:
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Calls for service 2003 (2002)

Co. 19 Huntington
Fire: 1,100 (994) +10.7 percent
EMS: 1,048 (956) +9.7 percent
Total: 2,148 (1,950) +10.2 percent

Co. 39 Belair
Fire: 2,004 (1,952) +2.7 percent
EMS: 1,910 (1,785) +7 percent
Total: 3,914 (3,737) +4.7 percent

Co. 43 Pointer Ridge
Fire: 1,718 (1,613) +6.5 percent
EMS: 2,079 (1,969) +5.6 percent
Net Total: 3,797 (3,582) +6 percent
Paramedics: 2,151 (2,190) -1.8 percent

In 2003, the three stations ran a total of 4,822 fire calls, up from 2002's 4,559. For emergency medical service, calls rose from 4,710 in 2002 to 5,037 last year. That figure does not include the paramedic unit runs out of Pointer Ridge which actually decreased slightly from 2,190 to 2,151.

However, the decrease can be attributed to the departure from Co. 43 of a breathing unit that used to log about 40 calls a year. From 2001 to 2002, paramedic calls for Co. 43 climbed from 1,972 to 2,190.

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PG looks at placing an ambulance at fire station

BY HAROLD GOODRIDGE 541FB

The Prince George's County Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department issued a directive last week that could lead to an ambulance being placed at the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department.

The directive, issued by Chief Ronald Blackwell of the county department, could also place the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad's new fire engine in service by July 1.

"There has been no absolute decision at this point, but clearly there's

a need" for an ambulance at the Laurel fire station, said Chauncey Bowers, spokesman for the county Fire and EMS Department.

Laurel fire department officials referred inquiries to department Chief Kevin Frost, who did not return calls.

Bowers said the Laurel rescue squad is currently training on its fire pumper, which it acquired in November, with members of other county fire departments.

"They are basically running it for the final stages of preparations," Bowers

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Rescue squad Chief David Morgan, right, and Capt. Jack Fleeman work on a renovation project at the station that is to create a new kitchen and eating area.

STAFF PHOTO BY ADITHYA SAMBAMURTHY

Rescue squad upgrades its station

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said. "Come July 1, everything will be set."

In recent years, the Laurel rescue squad has pushed to be recognized as a fire-fighting as well as rescue and emergency-medical-services unit. The Laurel fire department has staunchly opposed this.

Rescue squad Chairman Richard Sien said the squad does not intend to neglect its traditional functions. He said

the squad plans to buy one and possibly two new ambulances.

Sien said the first ambulance would replace the oldest of the squad's three present ambulances. A second one, if the squad can afford it, would expand its ability to answer EMS calls, he said.

Sien said the rescue squad also is in the process of renovating part of its station on Bowie Road to create a new kitchen and eating area, and is planning to build a new storage facility behind the station for vehicles and equipment.

The storage facility is to replace a storage building the squad has leased on Eighth Street, which a commercial development is about to displace.

Sien said he hoped city officials would take note of the squad upgrades.

Last year, the mayor and City Council cut their annual contribution to the rescue squad from \$140,000 to \$66,000, saying the squad is planning to move from its city location on Bowie Road to a South Laurel location.

Prince George's County has plans to eventually build a new fire station in the Muirkirk Road area. Rescue squad officials have discussed with the county the possibility of staffing it.

"We don't have any intentions of moving out of Laurel," Sien said. "Building this (storage) facility shows our commitment to the city of Laurel. We are here to serve them."

"We've been the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad since our creation," said squad Chief David Morgan. "We're committed to staying in Laurel."

Sien also pointed to a squad report

showing that 42 percent of the squad's 1,345 runs for the first quarter of this year had been to locations inside the city.

Sien and Morgan said they would ask city officials Monday to restore funding to help purchase the ambulances and assist with expansion plans.

That request will have to go through a new city Emergency Services Commission, which Mayor Craig Moe and the council created this year to determine the amount of city grants to the fire department and rescue squad.

The commission's members are former city police Lt. Michael Bleything, former mayors Joe Robison and Robert DiPietro, and former council members Rick Wilson and Edward Ricks.

Moe has proposed in his budget for next year that the commission get \$180,000 for fire and rescue grants.

Sien said he was concerned that the commission is made up of people who have spoken against the rescue squad branching into fire services.

Council member Michael Sarich said last week that the commission could hold onto part of its funds to purchase an ambulance for the city in the event that the rescue squad moves to South Laurel. "We don't know if they're moving," he said.

"My hope is that (the city) will reinstate our funding to represent our contributions to public safety in Laurel," Morgan said. "If not, we'll look at other options, which do not include leaving the city."

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By GAIL DEAN

The ritual of prom is preceded by rituals — lining up the limo, selecting a knock-out dress, getting measured for a tuxedo — and attending the school assembly, by warning of the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Last week students at Cam-

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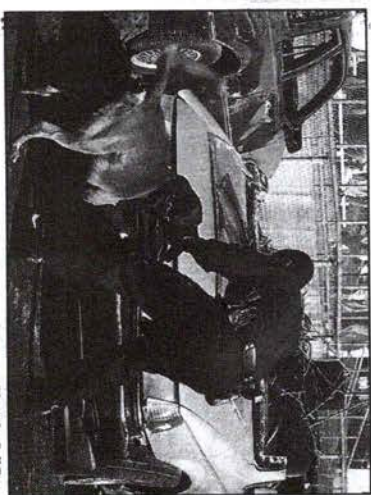


Photo by Gail Dean

Pfc. A.D. Patton of the Cambridge Police Department and his canine partner, Ricco, search for illegal drugs during last week's mock crash at Cambridge-South Dorchester High School.

bridge-South Dorchester High School got much more than a dry lecture and a wrecked car on the school lawn to remind them of their mortality as local law enforcement, paramedics, volunteer firefighters and others staged a mock accident here in Viking Stadium. It was complete with a touch-down by the Trooper 4 Maryland State Police medevac helicopter.

medevac helicopter.

The event was coordinated through the C-SD Wellness Center for student health and held just before the C-SD prom Saturday evening, May 1. Students at North Dorchester High School also learned about the dangers of drinking and driving during an assembly held Wednesday, April 28. The NDHS prom was also May 1.

The people who regularly face the real tragedies of impaired and wreckless driving gave up their time Thursday to try to impress C-SD students with the fact that young people can die and traffic accidents are a leading cause of those deaths.

Among mock crash participants were volunteers from Rescue Fire Co.; representatives of

A black and white photograph capturing a large crowd of people gathered around a vintage car, likely a Ford Mustang. In the foreground, a person wearing a dark t-shirt with 'PIT BULL' printed on the back is seen from behind, looking towards the car. The car is a dark-colored coupe with a distinctive front grille and wheel design. The crowd consists of many people, some standing and others sitting, all appearing to be fans or spectators. The background shows a building with a grid-like facade, possibly a stadium or arena. The overall atmosphere suggests a significant event or a car show.

Photo by Gail Dean

Volunteers from Rescue Fire Company, Cambridge EMS and local law enforcement were among the participants in a mock crash staged Thursday, April 29, at Cambridge-South Dorchester High School before proms were held May 1 for both C-SD and North Dorchester High Schools. Both high schools were among the first in the state to have breathalyzers ready for use at prom. Members of the county's committee to deter underage drinking said there were no incidents at either prom.

the Thomas Funeral Home, who carried a student from the mock accident scene in a body bag; Cambridge Emergency Medical Services responders; Cambridge and state police officers, Ricco, the Cambridge Police Department's drug-detect-

ing canine, and his handler, Pfc. A.D. Patton, demonstrated

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Crash

ing how quickly the dog could sniff out illegal drugs amongst the three wrecked vehicles.

MSP Sgt. Steve Aaron spoke to students in the football stadium bleachers, explaining what was happening in the mock crash scene as firefighters, EMTs and other police carried out the real roles they play during accidents. C-SD students acted the parts of impaired drivers, injured passengers and corpses.

"You think you're bullet-proof," Aaron said, advising students that if they learned only one lesson Thursday, it should be, "Use a seatbelt."

He told C-SD students they would be among the first high schools in the state to have breathalyzers available at their prom which will be used if authorities suspect a youngster has been drinking alcohol.

When the topic later turned to other kinds of substance abuse, Aaron told students that one of the effects of smoking marijuana is inability to accurately perceive distances. This loss of depth perception is often a factor in accidents caused by a driver who has been using marijuana, the trooper said.

Among students participating in the mock accident who spoke at the school assembly which followed were seniors Lauren Effron and Charles Pinkett. They reminded students that they have, so far, escaped having a classmate's funeral to attend.

"We are the first class in a long time that has not had to say good-bye to someone before graduation," Effron said. "Let's keep it that way," said Pinkett.

Continuing to play his role as someone who was arrested for driving under the influence, Pinkett spoke of the respect once given a high school senior, gone now after making such a mistake. "My mama can't look me in the face anymore... My little sister doesn't want to talk to me... Everything I thought I had, I lost."

The reality of what can be lost by a moment's misjudgment was dramatically presented by two nurses from the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

Wearing their pink STC scrubs, Deborah Yohn and Beverly Dearing brought messages from some of their trauma patients and their families.

Wednesday, April 28, they visited North Dorchester High School and made a similar presentation. Both visits were arranged by the Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center.

"This is not the kind of place where you want to spend your summer," Yohn said as she showed slides of trauma patients to students at C-SD. She explained that the trauma center makes a video each year of the hard-learned lessons of others. The subjects of these videos and their families participate in hopes of preventing others from suffering similar fates.

"I would say more than 80 per-

Parents told: Learn the law

By GAIL DEAN

Dorchester County's two high schools were among the in the state to have breathalyzers available at their prom which would be used if authorities suspected a youngster had been drinking alcohol.

The breathalyzers were made possible by a grant from the Maryland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration obtained by Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol, the Dorchester County coalition working to stop underage drinking.

Before the proms, students and parents were both told the school system was working with the committee and would have breathalyzers ready to use if there were reason to suspect a promgoer had been drinking alcohol.

"We had no incidents at either of the proms," Erin Roop of the Dorchester County Health Department, community organizer for the CMCA committee, said this week.

During meetings to plan the use of breathalyzers, members of the CMCA committee spoke about evidence of alcohol use by students attending school dances in the past.

This week Roop said the committee will continue to make the breathalyzers available at both schools for future dances.

The proms are over but the proms are often just the first of several milestone events for high school students which traditionally have been followed by illicit partying, including graduation night and June's traditional week-long vacations in Ocean City.

Roop said that just because the proms are

past, the committee's work is far from over. "We plan on being just as diligent through graduation and beyond," Roop said. "We are going to be continuing our efforts."

Among those efforts is involvement in a statewide Parents Who Host Lose the Most campaign in Maryland to make parents of teenagers aware of the laws regarding underage drinking, which are:

- Maryland law states that parents can serve their own children alcohol in their own home but no one else is allowed to provide alcohol to a person under the age of 21, under any circumstance, even with their parents' permission.

- It is illegal to allow anyone under the age of 21, other than your own child, to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol.

- If you break the law, you can be fined up to \$1,000 and others can sue you for giving alcohol to someone under 21 if they hurt someone, themselves or damage property.

The coalition urges parents to talk to other parents about underage drinking and encourages everyone to report underage drinking to local law enforcement.

Parents and others who learn of parties being planned to include underage use of alcohol should tip-off law enforcement to these plans, Roop said, to prevent problem situations occurring for their children and others.

When a youngster drinks alcohol and then drives, Roop said, "it's not just putting that child in danger but everyone in the car and everyone they meet on the road."

cent of the teens coming to shock trauma are there because of something they could have prevented," Yohn said.

Among the slides is one of a pretty blonde in her early 20s in a slinky black dress, leaning against a pool table. Yohn said the woman had just bought a new car, which she totaled after stopping after a long day of work for a beer with friends.

Because she hadn't eaten much during the day and was tired, Yohn said, the beer's effects were heightened. Her prize sports car was destroyed along with much of her body. A crushed ankle required bone fusion. The woman can no longer ski or hike. Internal injuries have created chronic health problems.

"One beer for her was one too many," the young woman asked the nurses to emphasize.

The trauma center treats many urban area young people with multiple gunshot wounds. But the messages from some of these young men, including one who must use a wheelchair the rest of his life, are also worthwhile for rural youth. "Be aware of what's going on around you, because in a second, it can change your life... You need to think about who you are hanging with."

The program ends with video of two teen-agers who came to the trauma center after their compact car passed a stop sign and was T-boned by a SUV.

Students from Loch Raven High School near Baltimore, they were joyriding on an early spring day.

None of the four can tell the story of what happened. The fa-

ther of the boy who was driving said his son had been smoking marijuana, which was enough of a distraction to cause him not to see the stop sign.

The video shows Sean, 17, the driver, now on life support at shock trauma. As machines push oxygen through Sean's body, Dr. Max Weiman explained that Sean's brain is dead. "It's not reversible. It's not treatable. It's not recoverable."

"I don't want to deal with this," Weiman said, standing by Sean's bed, explaining what it is like to have to tell people their children are brain dead and suggesting organ donation.

Weiman said Sean's story is not unique. "... there are three or four every week, from preventable accidents."

Wearing a sweatshirt from Vail, Sean's father spoke of his son's interests. "He's into sports, he likes to ski."

The father said he suspected Sean had some less healthy interests and asked him about alcohol and drugs but was told, "Dad, you don't have to worry about me."

Now Sean's life is gone. "It just took one split second."

Sean "thought he was invincible." Now, the father said, after Sean's friends have come to say goodbye, the plans were to turn off Sean's life support that night. He said the next place he would be taking Sean was the funeral home.

"It's not natural for a parent to bury a child," the father said. "No one is trying to take a good time away from you, just do it responsibly."

One young man who survived

the accident is Rob. The video notes that some people say Rob was the lucky one. But how lucky is Rob?

Rob's body basically has been reduced to that of a rag doll. He needs a tube down his throat to breathe, which prevents him from talking. His brain damage seems so severe that he would probably have little to say if he could talk.

The nurses said Rob spent four months at shock trauma before he was released to live in a nursing home. Medical complications required repeated hospitalizations. Now Rob's mother has taken him home, where she must provide 24-hour nursing care.

"None of his friends come to visit," Yohn said. One of his few visitors is Sean's father, she said. "But he can only visit for about 15 minutes each time because he can't stand to see Rob the way he is."

Dorchester State's Attorney Michelle Barnes gave C-SD students information about the laws against driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

She also reminded students of the number of people who died on Dorchester highways because of drunken and drugged driving. "It happens here on a regular basis," she said, "driving country roads."

Previously a public defender, Barnes also told of a client she defended who was convicted of drunken driving and vehicular manslaughter. The client went to prison. She has served her time but now, Barnes said, "the woman will spend the rest of her life paying restitution to her victims' families."

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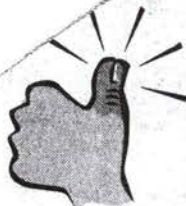
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Improved ambulance response time in the county is good news. County emergency workers have almost cut the late and failed responses in half since 2002. The ambulance association believes the improved response time is due to increased 24/7 coverage in Sykesville and Westminster. The improvements that have been made help the community, as a trained emergency worker arrives faster, which could save a life.



Ann McCaslin of Easton, said she talks to her son, Army Spc. Dennis A. Coulbourn, at least once a week. Coulbourn has been stationed on the east coast of Africa since December.

Service members send gift of pride on Mother's Day and every day

By VICKI FISHER
and CLAY OWENS
Staff Writers

Mother's Day should be a care-free day for mothers to spend time with their children. Unfortunately, that won't be the case for some lo-

cal moms whose sons or daughters are away from home while serving in the U.S. military.

"He just came in one day and said he wanted to join," said Ann McCaslin of Easton, whose son, Dennis Coulbourn, 20, is a U.S. Army specialist. After graduating from Sts.



Kathy Wood is proud of her son, Bradley, who is in the Marines and is set to go to Iraq this summer. She is seen holding pictures of him after he finished Boot Camp and when he was six.

Peter and Paul High School in 2002, Coulbourn joined the Army and graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. After training, he was sent to Virginia and has participated in ceremonial burials at Arlington National Cemetery.

"It's kind of lonesome. You miss them when they're gone," she said. "He's doing well and he seems to like it."

He gets numerous prepaid telephone cards so he can call home," she said. McCaslin said that her son gets so many cards that he shares them

him since before Christmas. She does, however, get a telephone call from Coulbourn at least once a week.

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with his friends so they have a chance to call home.

"He's actually doing very well," she said.

Coulbourn currently is serving with the Old Guard Task Force Bravo on a military base that is used jointly by the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force. The soldiers there are serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, McCaslin said, and his company helps provide anti-terrorism force protection and performs military-to-military training exercises.

"I am proud of him," said McCaslin. "I'm glad he's decided to do something that he considered worthwhile. He's doing what he wants to do."

Although she recently reminded him of Mother's Day, McCaslin said she doesn't know if she will hear from her son today.

When Coulbourn comes back to the U.S., McCaslin said he will be stationed a little closer to home at Fort Meyer in northern Virginia.

"I have a whole lot of concerns," said Pamela O'Connor of Easton, whose daughter, Sarah V. Hoxster, 18, is on her way to Iraq.

"You don't hear anything and you don't know," she said.

Hoxster is a U.S. Coast Guard seaman who graduated from the Coast Guard's Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J., after which she went to Norfolk, Va. O'Connor said she talks to her

daughter every three days or so and doesn't think she will be able to talk to her on Mother's Day.

Hoxster joined the Coast Guard after she graduated from Colonel Richardson High School. O'Connor said her daughter decided to join because "joining the military was a very adventurous thing" to her and was a place where she could "hopefully find her niche."

"She'll do what she has to do," said O'Connor.

O'Connor said she will be spending Mother's Day with her other daughters, Jeanne, 22, and Rachel, 24, in Virginia.

"The Coast Guard accepted her with open arms," she said of Hoxster. "We're confident that she'll do well."

Kathy Wood has no qualms about her son being in the U.S. Marine Corps.

"This was the best thing ever for him," she said, beaming with pride and admiration. "It gave him direction when he didn't know what to do."

Bradley Wood was 19 when he joined the Marines in 1999. After graduating from North Carolina High School, he attended Chesapeake College for a semester and a half, where he played soccer.

But he soon realized that college was not the place for him.

"When soccer season was over, he was ready to go on to something else. We went with him to

see the recruiter and were convinced that he would be well taken care of," she said.

After he completed Boot Camp in Parris Island, S.C., Wood became a combat engineer. He serves with the Combat Engineer Battalion, Second Marine Division, Charlie Company, stationed at Camp Lejeune, Calif. He is currently in urban warfare training and is set to go to Iraq this summer.

His mother said he likes what he is doing.

"Of course he enjoys blowing things up, but his favorite part is building. He really enjoyed building schools in Korea and Thailand," she said.

When she was asked if she worries about her son being in harm's way, she took a relaxed approach to the subject.

"I can't say that I don't worry about it. But of course, I do. I can't dwell on it. The Marines are well trained and he knows

"I have a whole lot of concerns. ... You don't hear anything, and you don't know."

Pamela O'Connor, mother of Seaman Sarah Hoxster

what to do. He is doing what he was meant to do. He is a good Marine," she said.

She also mentioned his devotion to his fellow Marines.

"They are his brothers. He would walk through hell in a gasoline suit for them," she said. Her wishes for him are what many mothers wish for their children: that he stays safe and calls home more often.

"He talks to his girlfriend more than he talks to his parents," she said.



SEAMAN SARAH HOXSTER
... heading for Iraq

"I miss him and wish he was home for Mother's Day, but he is happy to be a Marine and enjoys his job," she said, as she held a hand-drawn Mother's Day card he sent her while in Boot Camp.

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PRMC honors providers during EMS Week

SALISBURY — Peninsula Regional Medical Center will honor Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers during EMS week, May 16-22. The theme, "There When You Need Us," emphasizes the responsiveness, commitment, dedication and professionalism of all EMS providers around the country and especially the EMS providers on the lower Eastern Shore. Additionally, it underscores the valuable importance of the 911 EMS system.

Nine counties of the Eastern Shore comprise Region IV of the state network, Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services (MIEMSS). Since the early 1970's, EMS on the lower shore has developed and grown into a complex and sophisticated system. EMS provides emergency care at the scene to patients, close monitoring of patients and urgent and critical care interventions of patients at the scene or en route to the Medical Center.

EMS Providers contribute many volunteer and career hours through their years of

service. They are comprised of two categories: Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS), both of which serve vital functions for the local communities. BLS providers are First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians-Basic (EMT-B). ALS Providers are Cardiac Rescue Technicians (CRT), Cardiac Rescue Technicians-Intermediate (CRT-I) and the Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics (EMT-P). Whether an ALS Provider or a BLS Provider, transporting by ground or air, all levels of EMS providers are extremely important in the rural areas on the lower Eastern Shore.

The First Responder is trained to provide basic patient assessment, control of bleeding, bandaging and other acute emergency measures. The EMT-B is trained in more advanced patient assessment skills like recognition and initial treatment of life threatening emergencies, the administration of CPR, providing of oxygen and the stabilization

and transport of the patient.

The CRT is trained to recognize cardiac problems. They can administer medications, monitor the cardiac patient, start IV's, stabilize and maintain the patient's airway — including intubation and transport patients. The CRT-I has all the skills of the CRT, but additionally is able to perform more methods of drug administration and airway management.

The EMT-P has the highest level of training and can utilize sophisticated protocols of patient care management in the pre-hospital setting for the well-being of the patient.

Peninsula Regional Medical Center is the regional training center for lower Eastern Shore providers. It facilitates continuing education and training and provides quality assurance support for the many area EMS providers. William Todd, MD is the EMS regional medical director for the lower eastern shore.

Peninsula Regional's Emergency/Trauma staff works collaboratively with

EMS providers on a daily basis. The Eastern Shore is very fortunate to have professional and extremely dedicated EMS providers, whether career or volunteer, serving our local communities. "These EMS providers are the loyal and respected men and women who are always ready to face the crisis, not flee from the crisis," added Jean Lynch, EMS nurse liaison at Peninsula Regional.

Whether a career or volunteer EMS provider — and often times both — their dedication and expertise expands most professions. The EMS provider is always ready to serve, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; a commitment that goes unspoken. "The entire Eastern Shore community should feel blessed with the commitment, dedication and devotion to EMS care that our EMS providers offer our citizens," added Dr. Todd.

Throughout EMS Week, Peninsula Regional will acknowledge all EMS personnel from the tri-county area.

Singerly Fire Company Annual Awards Banquet



Andrew Budzialek

- Top 5 single EMS Responder with 358 calls



Michael White

- Top 5 married EMS Responder with 150 calls



Allen Ferguson

- Top 5 married EMS Responder with 168 calls



Catherine Farrell

- Top 5 single EMS Responder with 303 calls
- 504 Fire calls



Robert Muller

- Top 5 single EMS Responder with 260 calls



Christopher Fowler

- Top 5 married Fire Responder with 356 calls

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KEVIN RYAN
with 555 fire calls

JAMES EWING
with 190 EMS calls
and 478 Fire calls

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Michael Berth

- Top 5 single EMS Responder with 231 calls



Connie Fowler

- Top 5 married EMS Responder with 152 calls



Adam Wolle

- Top 5 married EMS Responder with 141 calls



Kay Trego

- Top 5 single EMS Responder with 220 calls



Robert McKinney

- Top 5 single Fire Responder with



David Caldwell

- Top 5 single Fire Responder with 410 calls



Bennie Henderson

- Top 5 single Fire Responder with 386 calls



Frank Lewis

- Top 5 married Fire Responder with

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Upcounty residents need Shady Grove's ER

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I live in Germantown and work in Gaithersburg. My job leads me to work with people who are in need of health care. The thought that a freestanding emergency center in Germantown would "poach" from other hospitals is so far-fetched that Robert Murray and others on the Health Services Cost Review Commission must be truly out of touch with what is going on in our jurisdiction (Editorial: "Unfair wait for emergency care," May 5).

It makes me wonder how people get onto this commission and why some type of oversight of the thoroughness of the knowledge of its members is not exerted.

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital has the second busiest emergency department in Maryland, with more than 85,000 patients in 2003. Johns Hopkins in Baltimore is the busiest emergency depart-

ment in the state with a volume that is just a few thousand more than Shady Grove. And yet, Johns Hopkins has an overall hospital inpatient bed capacity that is three times as large as Shady Grove's 274 inpatient beds.

The lack of emergency care beds in the upcounty is frightening. Surely the commission could decide to take each request on a case-by-case basis, so that, instead of promoting the idea that they might be "setting a precedent" they can, with full information in each case about the presence or lack of emergency services in a particular region, make an informed decision.

More emergency beds are in the best interests of these upcounty residents.

Linda Morganstein,
Germantown

*The writer is Gaithersburg's
director of citizen services.*

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The course will be given throughout the remainder of the year to every employee and volunteer that might be called on in the event of an emergency. Here, local law enforcement, health and emergency services officials listen in Elkton.

Officials take terrorism-response course

By Deanna Tortorello
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Top officials with Cecil County law enforcement, emergency services, schools and health services are concluding a 20-hour terrorism-response training course today.

By the end of today's final session, held at fire headquarters in Elkton, participants will have a more complete understanding of the cooperation and communication between forces that must come into play in case of a terrorist emergency.

The course is based on an emergency-management system called the Incident Command System, which Maryland fire and EMS responders have employed

for years, said Frank Muller, Cecil County Department of Emergency Services director.

The system differs somewhat from traditional law enforcement in that it brings together emergency personnel who might generally work together, but not necessarily direct one another.

Officials from the University of Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute were brought in to teach the "pilot" course held today and the prior two days.

"(Instructors) give an oversight briefing on terrorism from both the domestic and international perspective," said Daniel H. "Skip" Mahan, county department of emergency services homeland security coordi-

nator.

"When you have a room full of agencies, you can talk about how you would respond to different types of issues" such as HAZMAT cleanups or evacuations, he said.

The course was created by the Texas A&M University Texas Engineering Extension Service, or TEEX, and is part of the Texas Weapons of Mass Destruction/Terrorism Incident Exercise Program. It is a nationally accepted Incident Command System program used by emergency services personnel across the country.

Such courses will be given throughout the remainder of the year to every employee and volunteer that might be called on in the event of an emer-

gency, Mahan said.

"We have close to 600 people to train, maybe even a little more than that," he said.

After initial training is finished, emergency personnel will go through training exercises, Mahan said.

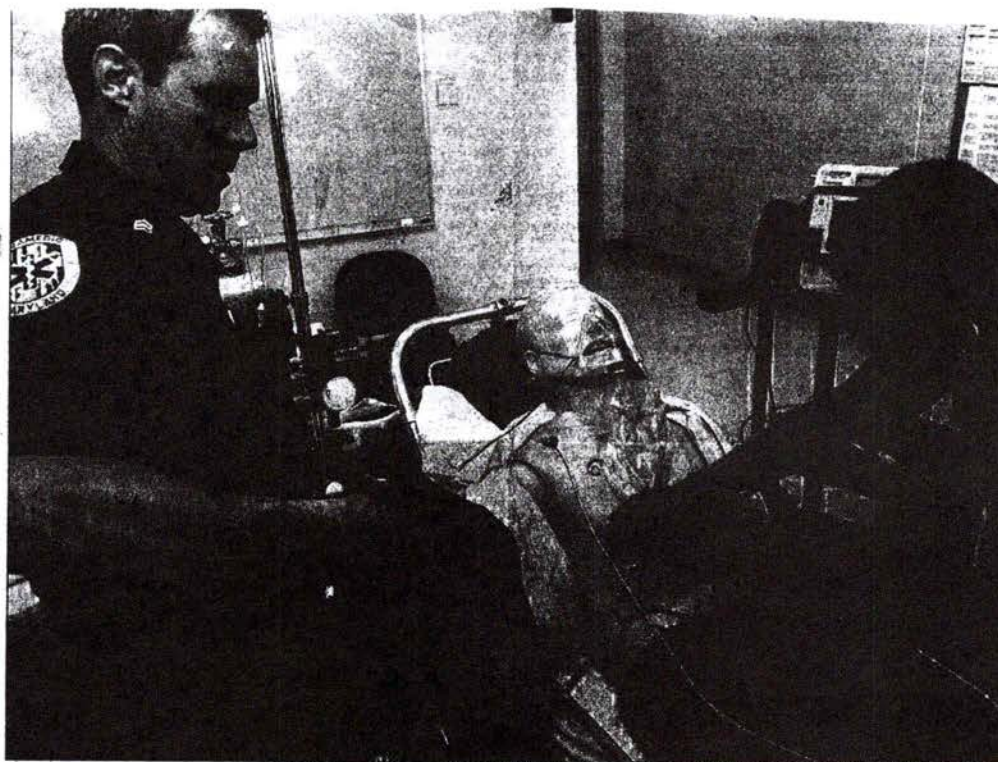
"We'll do this until we get the first responders and the paid law enforcement personnel in this county trained in this concept," he said.

All entities receiving funding through homeland security grants must train personnel in some form of Incident Command System to be compliant with the National Incident Management System that was introduced by U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge in March.



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Ocean City Emergency Medical Services paramedics Guy Rickards, left, and Doug Scott practice life-saving techniques on the life-like 'SimMan' mannequin at the Public Safety Building training classroom in Ocean City. Eric Overmash photo

'SimMan' helps refine EMS care

Open house to show off training dummy, new vehicles

By John Purnell
Staff Writer

The telltale sounds of a man in the throes of stomach sickness echo across the large classroom in the Ocean City Public Safety Building, as Christine Vickers and eight emergency medical technicians listen intently.

The man gurgles, then suddenly stops. "That's gross," says Vickers, an Ocean City emergency medical technician/paramedic, looking down at her lifelike "patient" — known to local emergency responders as SimMan.

Did SimMan expire? No. The \$36,000 training simulator never does.

"He's coming back," says EMS instructor Charles Barton, a lieutenant with the Ocean City EMS.

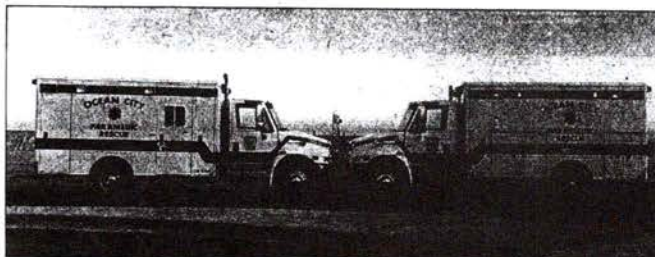
A few chuckles can be heard during the training class, where shifts of emergency workers are learning dozens of different medical scenarios with their lifelike "patient."

SimMan is a remarkable, computer-operated, human-patient simulator that permits resort emergency workers to refine their procedures in a controlled environment.

"You want to give him a Valium?" Barton asks the class. No.

An electrocardiogram? No.

How about an endotracheal tube that goes down the throat of the patient? Yes.



The two paramedic rescue vehicles that will be displayed at the open house. Submitted photo

SimMan is just one of the several new pieces of equipment that Ocean City's EMS staff wants to show the public at an open house, set for Sunday, May 16, from 1-4 p.m. at the Public Safety Building on 65th Street and Coastal Highway. The event is part of the 30th annual National EMS Week that runs from Sunday to May 22.

Also on display will be two recently purchased, fully equipped paramedic rescue vehicles that cost about \$140,000 each, and a mass casualty unit that can handle as many as 75 injured patients, according to EMS personnel.

Also featured at the open house will be free blood pressure checks, dive team equip-

ment and a number of EMS displays.

It's the SimMan that catches the eye and attracts attention.

The remote-control mannequin provides realistic simulation education that includes difficult airway system management and the practice of chest tube insertion. The mannequin also provides physiologically correct carotid, femoral, brachial and radial pulses, with a preprogrammed library of heart, lung, bowel and vocal sounds.

In addition, SimMan allows for blood pressure tests, including sounds that are synchronized with the pulse.

For more information on the open house, call 410-723-6616.

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Correction 547FB

In the article titled "FMH launches capital fund-raiser for \$7.5 million" that appeared in the May 12 edition incorrectly identified Frederick Memorial Hospital's new emergency department as the George I. Shields Emergency Department. The correct name is the George L. Shields Emergency Department.

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Ambulance subscription club

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The Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company has mailed information about its Ambulance Service Subscription Club to all residents in its first due response area. Subscribers will not incur any additional expenses in the event emergency service is utilized. Rates are

\$15 for seniors, \$25 for individuals, and \$50 for a family or business. MAVFC honors residents who are Frederick County subscription members. If you have any questions or wish to receive a packet, please call the station at 301-829-0100, ext. 23.

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Resort to salute
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OCEAN CITY — Ocean City will again pay tribute to the nation's first responders with the return of "Salute to the Services," the special discount program honoring military, police, EMS and fire personnel. The 2004 "Salute to the Services" program begins Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 15, and runs through Wednesday, June 16.

Planned by the Ocean City Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, numerous local businesses including hotels, restaurants, attractions, golf courses and shops will offer discounts to military, police, EMS and fire personnel showing their credentials

during the program. The participating businesses and activities are posted on a special Web site, www.salutetotheseervices.com.

Also during Salute to the Services, the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, located on the Boardwalk at the Inlet, will offer half-price admission to firefighters, police officers, military personnel and their families.

On Saturday, May 22, at 8:30 a.m., the campaign revs up with a Red, White and Blue Cruisin' Parade on the Boardwalk featuring the hot rods and classic cars of Cruisin' Weekend 2004. The parade will be led by three antique fire engines from New York.

On Saturday, May 29, get an American flag and join all of Ocean City for a salute the services at noon on the

Boardwalk and beach at North Division Street near the Boardwalk Arch. Patriotic music will be performed by three singers and remarks will be given by Ocean City Mayor Jim Mathias. Small hand-held flags will be available at several hotel front desks.

A traditional Flag Day ceremony will be held Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m. on the Boardwalk at North Division Street, featuring patriotic music and everyone taking time to pause for the Pledge of Allegiance. On June 16, Salute to the Services will conclude with the annual Maryland State Fireman's Association Parade down Baltimore Avenue at 1 p.m.

For more information about Salute to the Services, call 1-800-OC-OCEAN or visit www.salutetotheseervices.com.

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OCEAN CITY SALUTES THE SERVICES

The Ocean City Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, Ocean City, Md., will pay tribute to the nation's first responders with a "Salute to the Services," through June 16. The special discount program will honor military, police, EMS and fire personnel. Local businesses including hotels, restaurants, attractions, golf courses and shops will offer discounts to eligible personnel showing their credentials during the program. The Ocean City Life Saving Station Museum, located on the Boardwalk at the Inlet, will offer half-price admission to firefighters, police officers, military personnel and their families.

For more information, call 1-800-OC-OCEAN or visit
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'A Night for Heroes' honors shock trauma, emergency medical system professionals

BALTIMORE - A traumatic injury can happen in an instant. It is a moment that will forever change the lives of the victims and their families. But it's also what happens in the first moments after the injury that can make a huge difference in these people's lives. In Maryland, a trauma call triggers a coordinated network of highly skilled caregivers, all racing against the clock and striving toward the same goal: saving a life.

On May 22, more than 1,600 people will gather at the Baltimore Convention Center to honor the dedicated professionals at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center and Maryland's Emergency Medical System, including more than 40 who assisted in saving the life of Queen Anne's County resident Codey James.

The annual Shock Trauma Gala, "A Night for Heroes," pays tribute to the men and women who work around the clock, every day of the year, to save the most critically injured patients.

The event's Hero Awards ceremony highlights two dramatic cases from the last year. The re-telling of each story provides a dramatic illustration of the number of people involved in saving a life.

A total of 81 people will receive Hero Awards at the gala, 49 of them for saving the life of Codey James of Centreville. The 18-year old was driving to get horse feed on a July evening last summer when he lost control of his pick-up truck on a wet road. The truck rolled over three times, throwing James partially out of the rear cab window. The truck landed on its roof, pinning James underneath.

A firefighter who lived nearby responded to the scene directly and made a second call to

911 to request a Med-Evac helicopter. Other emergency personnel soon arrived, and rescuers lifted the truck off the unconscious teenager. Trooper 6, the state police Med-Evac helicopter out of Centreville, flew James to Shock Trauma.

While James had several broken ribs, the doctors' biggest concern was possible neurological damage. With the truck crushing his chest, James's brain had been deprived of oxygen for an unknown period of time. James had swelling of his brain and increasing cranial pressure. To relieve this pressure and avoid possible surgery, the critical care team decided to try something new. They placed James on an innovated "tilt table" which raised the teenager into a more vertical position.

James was one of the first patients to use the tilt table, and it proved to be a success. The pressure inside James's skull went down and he didn't need surgery. Twenty-six days after the crash, James left Shock Trauma. He's now doing well and preparing to start a new job.

"The case of Codey James exemplifies the amazing coordination, response and critical care expertise of Shock Trauma and Maryland's EMS system," says Thomas Scalea, M.D., physician-in-chief at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center and director of the Program in Trauma at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

During the ceremony, James will stand on stage with Dr. Scalea, who will present an award to each person who played a vital role in saving the teenager's life. They include everyone from 911 operators to EMS personnel, flight paramedics, doctors, nurses, therapists and others.

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Fund raiser under way for veterans' memorial

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FOR THE CUMBERLAND TIMES-NEWS

WESTERNPORT — The American Legion Post 155 and Tri-Towns EMS in Westernport are co-sponsoring an effort to construct a lasting memorial to veterans. The masonry memorial will be located on the site where the temporary memorial now stands in Franklin. It will hold names of those soldiers that are on the temporary memorial as well as all veterans who are sponsored. The caption on the memorial will read "All Gave Some, Some Gave All."

The memorial will honor not only the men and women that have died for this country fighting in the wars of the past, but will also honor those who are living who have fought and are still fighting for our country today. The memorial is to show gratitude for the men and women who fought for our freedom and have died defending us, as well as those who fought and

came home to talk about it. Veterans young and old, who have fought in past wars to the war that is going on today in Iraq, will be honored.

Engraved bricks are being offered for a donation. The bricks will be engraved with the honorees' names, ranks and wars served. The bricks will be placed in the memorial wall. There will be four lines on each brick, with up to 15 letters per line permitted.

Those interested in purchasing a brick for a loved one who has served, or is serving at this time, can obtain an application from one of the following places: First United Bank, Piedmont, W.Va.; First United Bank, Barton; Hoffman's Mailing Service, Lonaconing; Marshall's Confections, Lonaconing; City Building, Lonaconing; City Building, Barton; American Legion Victory Post 155, Westernport; Tri-Towns EMS, Westernport; Progressive Insurance, Westernport; City Building, West-

ernport; and City Building, Luke.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to Veterans Memorial Trust and be attached to the completed form. The forms may be mailed to the First United Bank and Trust branches at 51 Ashfield St., Piedmont, WV 26750, or 19200 Legislative Road, PO Box 338, Barton, MD 21521. Forms may also be dropped off at the two bank branches.

Financial support is crucial to this effort and any monetary assistance that can be provided will be appreciated.

For more information, contact Mike Hart at (301) 359-9316; Stuart Hahn at (301) 359-9201; Sam Metz at (301) 463-2775; or Melody Knisley at (301) 359-9102.

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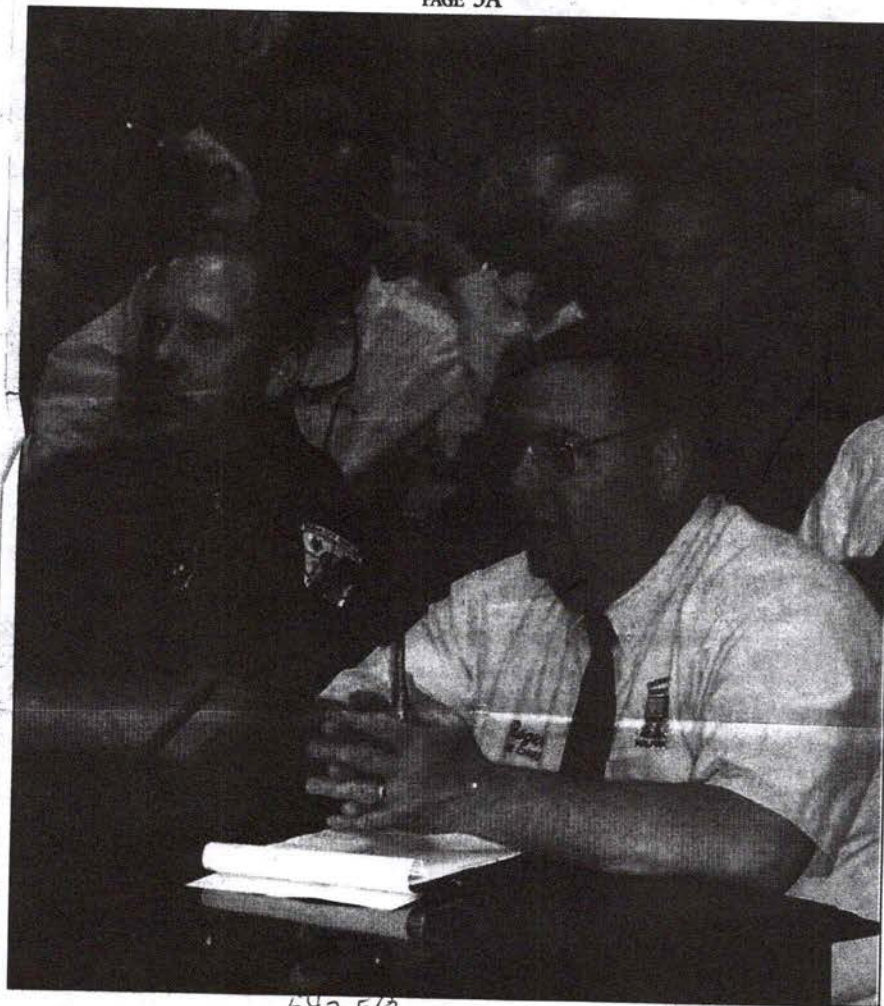
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— Planning board against building moratorium for OC

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Trevor Steedman of Fire/EMS (left) and Fire Chief Roger Steger answer questions from the Planning and Zoning Commission members in front of a large crowd at City Hall during the public hearing on whether Ocean City needs a moratorium on development.

'We have no unforeseen problems. We've been very proactive.'

—Hal Adkins,

Ocean City Public Works director, at Tuesday's moratorium meeting

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More than 150 people jammed the council chambers at City Hall on Tuesday night for the Planning and Zoning moratorium meeting. OCEAN CITY TODAY/THOMAS MELVILLE

OC officials say growth is not a problem

Resort has resources for current, future development

By Nancy Powell
Associate Editor

(May 11, 2004) Approximately 150 people, the largest crowd ever to fill the council chambers in City Hall, heard Tuesday night that Ocean City has no reason to have a moratorium on development.

City Planning Director Jesse Houston said a moratorium is a tool of last resort when unforeseen problems surface. There are no such problems in Ocean City, he and other department heads said.

The resort has seen some constant growth, but not inordinate growth, since 2000, Houston said. So far this year, the number of building permits has not been as high as last year and

the development has not been out of the ordinary from historical data. In 2003, there were 188 permits issued. Twenty years ago, there were 321 permits issued.

Zoning administrator Blaine Smith told the audience of concerned residents, developers, Realtors, business people, architects and others that all density was reduced for properties in 1986, permitting fewer units to be built. The developer for one project, Sunset Island, decided to build far fewer units than permitted.

Sunset Island could have had nearly 2,000 units, but only 570 will be built.

Since 2002, there has been a net increase of 1,390 residential units in Ocean City and 599 additional hotel units.

New developments, whether for hotels or condominiums or commercial buildings, are reviewed by several city departments, including but not limited to the planning and permitting departments, the Fire Marshal's Office, environmental engineering, plus city boards and commissions to see that they are in accordance with the city's comprehensive plan. The

departments also keep cumulative data as new projects are planned and built.

Those new structures are built to the highest standards the city has ever had, Smith said.

Public Works Director Hal Adkins said the resort's water and wastewater systems are meeting not only existing, but future demands. There is no shortage of wells or water and the wastewater treatment plant has improvements planned and scheduled through 2010.

"We have no unforeseen problems," Adkins said. "We've been very proactive."

Fire Chief Roger Steger said the equipment of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Co. is replaced on a schedule and the mayor and City Council established an equipment fund three years ago to help pay for needed engines or other vehicles or equipment.

Steger added that the new buildings are much safer than the buildings they replaced for occupants and emergency personnel. They are built to higher standards, have sprinklers and meet stringent life safety codes.

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Ocean City has plenty of resources for more growth

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Emergency planner Richard "Buzzy" Bayles said the resort's emergency operation plan is updated yearly and its emergency management plan was updated to include bio-terrorism and weapons of mass destruction after the attacks of Sept. 11. Lt. Trevor Steedman of Fire/EMS said that division has regular communications with the fire company, police, city services and departments to stay abreast of developments, building and otherwise, in the resort.

Police spokesman Barry Neeb said the year round force plus the additional seasonal help could handle the number of calls for service, which continue to grow. Although there were 54,000 such calls in 2003, less than 3 percent of those were for serious crimes, he said.

Gene Cofell, district traffic engineer for the State Highway Administration, presented statistics showing that the number of vehicles per day on Coastal Highway had decreased from 25,000 in 2000 to 22,000 in 2003. Several audi-

ence members laughed, not believing the information, but some audience members also did not believe other information presented.

One audience member, Jeannette Tressler, remained concerned about the availability of water, saying with continued development, "water is going to have to come from the ocean."

At least one audience member did not even believe Houston's statistics about the number of building permits issued and the total lack of need for a moratorium. "I wonder how much of that is the truth?" she said.

'If you have to wait in line to get a movie ticket, you don't put a moratorium on movies.'

— Bruce Krasner

Several audience members commended Houston for his excellent presentation plus his organization of the meeting, arranging for the additional speakers to provide data about development and its impact on the resort.

Developer Don Hoen said citizens' frustration about development had come from a lack of facts. Their concerns, he said, "were addressed tonight by professionals who serve the town."

Attorney Joe Moore, whose clientele for the evening read like a Forbes list according to one audience member, gave reasons against any

building moratorium.

The number of building applications are steady; the population is level; the water situation is "totally under control; the average daily traffic count has decreased; public safety is state of the art, the fire service is top notch and new construction is beneficial to the town, Moore said.

"To consider a moratorium in face of those facts is irresponsible," he said.

His comment drew loud applause and several speakers echoed his sentiments. Some, like Shawn Harman, businessman and past president of the Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, and Glenn Irwin, executive director of the Ocean City Development Corporation, said a moratorium would kill the renaissance of the downtown area and it would take years for progress to start again.

Some audience members were not convinced by the presentation and wanted a moratorium or temporary halt on new projects.

Margaret Sas said there was "fly-by-night development" and the town's two exits could not handle the number of vehicles that would be leaving during an evacuation.

One resident, Herb Pawlukewicz, even questioned whether the resort has an evacuation plan. (It does.)

The night's loudest applause went to Bruce Krasner who responded to some residents' concerns about traffic. Towns do not put moratoriums on building because he traffic, he said.

"If you have to wait in line to get a movie ticket, you don't put a moratorium on movies," Krasner said.

After numerous additional comments, almost all of the audience left, leaving only a few to hear the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission vote unanimously to send an unfavorable recommendation to the mayor and City Council regarding a moratorium for Ocean City.

There was simply no justification for a moratorium based on the night's testimony, P&Z member Lauren Taylor said.

"Our staff has proved beyond a doubt that our infrastructure is in place," P&Z member John Staley said.

The P&Z held the public hearing at the request of the mayor and council to alleviate residents' concerns about development. The goal might have been only partially met.

"If people don't want to believe those figures, there's nothing we can do," P&Z member Tom Singman said.

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Taneytown EMS providers to be honored

Group helped
save girl's life

BY DAVID SIMON
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Sometimes being in the right place at the right time can be the difference between life and death.

For five Taneytown Emergency Medical Services providers, this was never truer than one day last autumn.

On an early September afternoon, 5-year-old Morgan Longenecker was crossing East

For the incident with Morgan, the biggest reward was when she stopped by the firehouse and thanked us. That was all the reward I needed."

Josh Willett
Taneytown EMS provider

Baltimore Street in Taneytown when she was struck by a small Chevrolet pickup truck.

Returning from an emergency call, five EMS personnel from the Taneytown Vol-

unteer Fire Department watched Longenecker get hit.

They immediately stopped their ambulance and gave Longenecker emergency medical aid. She survived and

is now on her way to making a full recovery.

The five EMS providers — Wendy Bowersox, Bethany Six, Josh Willett, Wendy Parker and Stephanie Lowry — are being honored Monday for saving Longenecker's life. They will receive Maryland's Stars of Life Award, which is given annually for an outstanding rescue by EMS personnel, said Jim Brown, a spokesman for the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems.

Bowersox said it was just a coincidence that the ambulance happened to be passing

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Longenecker at the time of the accident. The group had stopped for a slice of pie before returning to the station from the previous call and probably would have missed the accident if they had gone straight back, she said.

EMS teams are accustomed to seeing trauma, but usually have some time to mentally prepare before arriving at an accident scene, Willett said. With Longenecker's accident, they had no such luxury, he said.

"Everybody just went right to work," Willett said. "By the time I [stopped the ambulance], they were out standing by that girl's side — it was instinct."

Bowersox was the first to reach Longenecker.

"I didn't think she was going to make it," Bowersox said. "We saw how hard she got hit. I just wanted to hear her cry because crying is preferable to silence in that situation."

As Willett radioed for help, Six and Parker brought life support equipment to Longenecker — who was not breathing on her own at the time.

The team stabilized Longenecker's spine and, with the help of a bag valve mask, restarted Longenecker's breathing for her.

Bowersox rode with Longenecker in the helicopter to Johns Hopkins Pediatric Trauma Center in Baltimore.



Brenda Longenecker, center, stands with her daughter Morgan who was saved by five Taneytown EMS members after she was struck by a small pickup truck while crossing East Baltimore Street in 2003. The EMS providers, from left, Wendy Parker, Stephanie Lowry, Wendy Bowersox and Bethany Six and Josh Willett, not pictured, will be honored on Monday with Maryland's Stars of Life Award for their outstanding rescue.

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"It was more of a relief, because she was breathing more on the helicopter," Bowersox said. "I was really, really glad we were in the right place at the right time."

After being in a coma for three days, Longenecker came to and began undergoing

intensive therapy for her injuries. Several weeks after the accident, she was well enough to visit the Taneytown firehouse.

"For the incident with Morgan, the biggest reward was when she stopped by the firehouse and thanked us," Willett

said. "That was all the reward I needed."

"Meeting the governor is nice, but it will have to take second place to that."

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Carroll County

EMS and fire groups unite

Volunteer associations
are combined into one
after a decade of trying

'Working well together'

By ELLIE BAUBLITZ
SUN STAFF 34 FB

Carroll County firefighters, fire chiefs and emergency medical services personnel united yesterday after a decadelong struggle to combine the three groups and became the revamped Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association Inc.

The change also brings the predominantly male group its first female president, Marianne Warehime of the Lineboro Volunteer Fire Department. Tom Van de Bussche, the departing president of the Carroll County Volunteer Firemen's Association, handed the gavel of leadership to Warehime.

The union of the three groups became official after officers were sworn in at the former Carroll County Volunteer Firemen's Association's 81st annual convention, of which the Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company was host.

"We are and have been the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association since we received our incorporation letter January 21," Van de Bussche said.

But the new group has to wait until Oct. 1 to tie up loose ends and disband the charter for the Carroll County Volunteer Firemen's Association because legislation for the name change doesn't take effect until then.

"We have to be a legal entity for the county to give us money," Van de Bussche said.

State Sen. Larry E. Haines, leader of the Carroll County delegation, said, "That's the norm for most bills. ... Some go into effect July 1, but anything before that is emergency legislation. It has to go in the books, and that takes time."

Warehime, who was first vice president. [See Firefighters, 9B]

Fire, emergency medical service groups unite

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dent of the Volunteer Firemen's Association this past year and second vice president before that, has been active in the changeover.

Previously, the firefighters association was the administrative branch for the firefighters, fire chiefs and ambulance associations. However, the fire chiefs and emergency medical services personnel maintained separate associations. At last year's convention, delegates from the county's 14 fire companies voted to combine into one organization in the hope of streamlining.

The new organization brings the three groups together for one monthly meeting, at which

decisions can be made on issues affecting the organization.

"We've accomplished what we set out to do [this last year], and everybody is working well together," Warehime said. "The next year is going to be quite a bit of transition, and that is what we're working with, making everybody comfortable, cleaning up little things."

"We're going to have to be really cohesive to make this work," she said.

Transition Committee Chairman C. Douglas Bostian told the delegates that although progress had been made in the past year, "there's more work to be done. We're going to have some errors and we'll have to change some things, but we'll do

it as they come up."

The new association will include five delegates from each fire company, who will attend the monthly meetings: president, fire chief, ambulance captain and two at-large representatives. The group will meet at a different firehouse each month instead of at the fire training grounds in Westminster.

Warehime's main goal is "just making sure this first year goes as smoothly as possible."

She stressed that she intends to keep active members involved in this year of transition "because these guys have been doing this for a long time, and we need their expertise."

Other officers elected at the convention were E. Richard

Baker Jr. of Mount Airy, first vice president; Richard Green Sr. of Gamber, second vice president; Ralph Dull of Manchester, secretary; and Dennis Brothers of Gamber, treasurer.

The ladies auxiliary to the firefighters group held its 62nd annual convention yesterday, electing officers during an afternoon meeting.

Auxiliary officers for 2004-2005 are Mary Jo Lilley of Lineboro, president; Sharon Sidler of Mount Airy, first vice president; Jeanne Green of Gamber, second vice president; June Black of Sykesville, secretary; Barbara Zepp of Winfield, treasurer; Kim Thomas of Pleasant Valley, historian; and Kristina Rodgers of Harney, chaplain.

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EDITORIAL

Emergency workers deserve recognition, and our thanks

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You know when you hear those sirens from ambulances or fire engines in the distance, that someone is in trouble. You often see the emergency vehicles pass you on the highway.

You also know that emergency help is readily available, and you may even take it for granted.

This is a good week to reflect on that and appreciate the work that full-time emergency medical services personnel perform and the many EMS volunteers in Cecil County who dedicate their time and effort to help those in distress.

This week is officially Emergency Medical Services Week, and Michael J. Browne, deputy chief of Cecil County's Department of Emergency Services, asked the Whig to convey his appreciation for the work of paid and non-paid emergency personnel in the county.

"As our lives get busier each day, it is important that we stop to look around at the people who dedicate their lives to caring for our safety and well being - often at great personal risk and sacrifice while asking for nothing in return," Browne said in a short letter to the editor received in the Whig offices on Friday.

In commemorating Emergency Medical Services Week, Browne praised the efforts of all those who answer 9-1-1 calls - from volunteer EMS personnel and career paramedics and to hospital emergency room staff who are on call, 24 hours a day to help accident victims and others in need.

"These amazing people work continuously with a sense of professionalism and integrity that exemplifies the passion they have for their careers and the empathy they have for the public they serve," Brown said.

"As the deputy director of the Department of Emergency Services, it is my sincere pleasure to come to work each and every day to be surrounded by such incredible people. To all of you who work in the emergency medical services field, thank you for all that you do," Browne wrote.

We are only too happy to pass along the deputy director's message and add our voice to the recognition EMS personnel deserve.

Hundreds of volunteers at fire companies throughout Cecil County devote numerous hours each week - not only to answering emergency calls, but also to the training and behind-the-scene work needed to keep their volunteer fire companies going. They need our support as they go through their annual fund-raising efforts to maintain the quality of service we've all come to expect.

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Local emergency responders, Marines test their capabilities

* Anti-terrorism exercise at Washington College today

By: LAURA GREENBACK , Staff Writer

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medium lift assault helicopter during "touch and go" landing practice on Shriver Field at Washington College in Chestertown yesterday.

Members of the Forward Command Element from the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism) disembark from a U.S. Marine Corps CH-46 Sea Knight

CHESTERTOWN - Three months of planning on the part of state and local emergency responders and the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism) will come together today in an orchestrated anti-terrorism exercise on the Washington College campus.

The purpose of the drill is to test the resources of local emergency responders and exercise the capabilities of the Marines and their Chemical, Biological Incident Response Force (CBIRF). Approximately 200 members of the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, 100 local emergency responders, and 100 volunteers posing as victims will collaborate to stage the drill.

"I don't think anyone views Chestertown as a terrorist target. But today, we don't know where terrorists may strike. This is a great rehearsal for local responders in the event of a natural disaster," said Chief Warrant Officer Steve Beintema, emergency

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services officer for the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

Kent County High School students will receive credit toward their community service graduation requirement for participating in the exercise. Although only 21 volunteers, composed of KCHS students and community members, were present at a training session for the exercise on Monday, more are expected for the actual event.

"I know that they distributed about 60 to 70 sets of permission slips. I think there will be a better turnout on the day of the event," said John Baker, a Kent County schools spokesman.

A tabletop exercise Monday gave state and local emergency responders an opportunity to discuss the drill with the Marines. Representatives from the Kent County Health Department, Emergency Medical Services, Red Cross, local fire departments, local and state police, and the Emergency Operations Center all played a role in the verbal rehearsal of the drill.

They began by discussing the background information of the drill. In the scenario, Washington College is holding a track and field competition for elite international athletes. The day before the athletes arrive, on May 17, vandals break windows and emergency lighting boxes and paint anti-athletic slogans on the walls of buildings on campus. As the college scrambles to repair the damage, terrorists posing as contractors install chemical cluster bombs in the emergency lighting units. The next day, 80 to 100 athletes arrive, and reside in Harford Hall.

The drill begins Wednesday when a car bomb explodes at 5 a.m. in the parking lot next to Harford Hall. The building's emergency lighting is activated, and it triggers several cluster bombs containing chemical agents. No explosions or pyrotechnics actually will be used in the simulation.

Washington College public safety will arrive at the scene to find a white, powdery substance covering the entire area. Volunteers posing as athletes and trainers will have assignments to act as either dead, conscious or unconscious victims. Some conscious victims will escape their rooms, while others have been told to remain in the dormitory.

"Imagine you are sleeping in your dorm and at about 5 a.m. you hear a car bomb go off. I want you to think what you will do in this situation," Beintema said at the training session for volunteers.

Local responders will face the strenuous test of dealing with victims who are affected by an unknown chemical agent. They will face an added challenge because they will receive notice that a similar event has happened earlier in the morning at the University of Maryland.

Maj. Gen. Douglas V. O'Dell, commanding general of the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism) said that the University of Maryland strike is an important part of the scenario because terrorists often orchestrate multiple stages into their attacks.

"The prospect of a two-stage attack is extremely high. Al Qaeda consistently uses two-stage attacks to disable first responders. Consistently, this is what we are finding across the globe," said O'Dell.

State resources will be very limited in the drill scenario because the nation

would be focused on the attack at University of Maryland. Local emergency responders must come together to remedy the situation on their own.

Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company Chief David Turner is the incident commander for the drill. He will be responsible for organizing resources and personnel and maintaining contact with the Marines. During the tabletop exercise, he ran through many of his plans.

"We would go in and knock the fire down, and try to assess the structural integrity of the building. We would try to evacuate the dormitory. The engine crew hopefully will get to the walking wounded and get them in one designated area to set up a decontamination operation," Turner said.

He also plans to set up a command post, decontamination site and a shelter for victims within the confines of the Washington College campus.

One major challenge for the organization of these measures will be communication, according to Turner.

"We're going to have to rely on radio and cell phones. We need to get everybody on the same page," Turner said.

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After the Marines decontaminate the victims, responsibility will be placed back in the hands of Turner and the local responders. The event is planned to wrap up at around 3 or 4 p.m.


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CENTREVILLE- The Queen Anne's County Commissioners presented certificates of appreciation to two dozen emergency medical technicians and firefighters from Queenstown and Goodwill volunteer fire companies and the Emergency Medical Services Division of the county Department of Emergency Services.

The emergency responders were recognized because of their extraordinary efforts in saving the life of a severely injured young man on July 30, 2003 on Wright's Neck Road, near Centreville. A pickup truck overturned and landed on the driver.

Three volunteer firefighters and an unidentified passerby lifted the truck off Cody James, 18. He was stabilized until other EMTs from Queenstown, Goodwill and the county EMS could arrive. James was flown by a state police helicopter to the R Adams Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. James received medical treatment for a month in the trauma center, then was discharged with no permanent injuries. He later joined the Goodwill Fire Company.

The 24 firefighters and EMTs will receive a Hero Award from the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at its "Night for Heroes" ceremony in Baltimore on May 22.

Nine firefighters and EMTs came to the May 11 commissioners meeting to receive their certificates: Fire Chief Wayne Bloodworth, Chief Engineer Cliff Green and EMT Shannon England from Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company; Larry Searce, Lennie Anthony, Jim Lewis and Thomas Nelson from Queenstown Volunteer Fire Company; and Lt. Lori Smith and EMT Morte Bedford from the county EMS division.

Others getting certificates included Fire Chief Lonnie Anthony, Lisa Anthony

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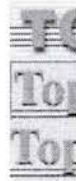
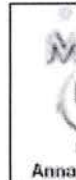
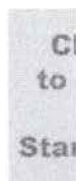
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Vince Anthony, J.C. Lewis, B.J. Duty and Frank Russum from Queenstown; Rodney Schelhouse, T.J. Palmatary, Joe Apple, Frank Callahan, Matt Pinder, D.J. Whitby and Nathan Powell from Goodwill; and Brian Ferguson and Scott Haas, supervisor, from the county EMS division. Lisa Anthony is also a dispatcher for the county Department of Emergency Services.

Also attending the May 11 commissioners meeting were Dawn Bedford, an EMT at Goodwill; and John Chew, director of the county Department of Emergency Services. Chew said Morte Bedford recently received a separate award from Gov. Robert Ehrlich for extraordinary service.

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Peninsula Regional Medical Center, front center, with downtown Salisbury in the background, is planning a two-phase expansion.

\$110M plan for PRMC expansion unveiled

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■ Project calls for new emergency room, more parking, multiple renovations

By Deborah Gates
Daily Times Staff Writer

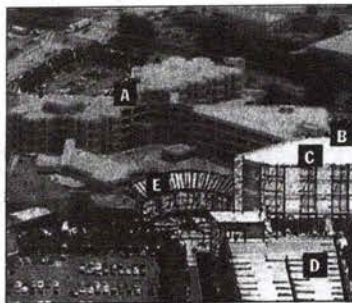
SALISBURY — A multimillion-dollar capital improvement blueprint that would see the largest expansion ever to Peninsula Regional Medical Center was formally unveiled Monday.

The construction plan, which would ultimately cost \$110 million to complete in two separate phases, calls for a parking garage that would accommodate an additional 400 vehicles and a new emergency department that would reduce wait times and service more patients.

The expansion is part of a master facilities plan that would include massive renovation and consolidation of the hospital's heart center, a comprehensive cancer center with additional space for radiation treatment and surgical services and a new outpatient tower that would eventually extend to five floors, PRMC officials said.

The front entranceway to the hospital would also undergo a dramatic change with the construction of a glass atrium.

The Phase I expansion should be completed by 2008 and includes 138,370 square feet in new space and renovation work to nearly 100,000 square feet of existing space. The cost for the first phase is projected at \$83.8 million, said Alan Newberry, PRMC president and



PRMC's plan

Features of the master facilities plan include:

- A. New heart entrance/atrium
- B. Surgery center expansion
- C. New tower with level 1 used for emergency and level 2 for critical care
- D. New 400-space parking structure
- E. New outpatient entrance

Cancer center expansion is also planned.

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chief executive officer.

The hospital would tap the bond market to borrow \$75 million, with the remainder

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Times Photo by Todd Dudek

President and CEO Alan Newberry discusses the hospital's capital improvement plan Monday.

PRMC: Plans expansion

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coming from fund-raising contributions and other sources. "This is the biggest dollar project in Wicomico County history," Newberry said.

A consulting firm is developing a plan to involve outside contributions, Newberry said. He also intends to discuss the project Wednesday with various local elected officials.

"There has not been a major building project in 10 years. We will need community support," he said.

Newberry also said expansion at the 65-year-old medical center would not require acquisition of additional land. "We will be able to rotate ourselves around a central hub," he said.

Initial expansion should begin in the next 10 months, and immediate plans include:

- Construction of a 400-space patient and visitor parking facility to be built just west of the current emergency department; work should begin in 2005. The cost is \$5.8 million, and the facility would improve access to the medical center that serves up to 500,000 outpatient visitors annually.

- A new 46,000-square-foot emergency department. With 63,000 patients passing through the emergency room annually, the department is in need of more space to meet a growing demand, said Bruce Patterson, who directs PRMC's facilities

management. The facility would cover two floors initially and should be completed within the next two years.

"That is most pressing," said Newberry about the emergency department project. The transport of trauma patients from other medical centers continues to stress the PRMC facility, he said.

Construction of temporary modular structures for the emergency department is expected to get under way by fall to help the trauma center cope until the new facility is completed, Newberry said.

"The interim (ER) construction will help offset waiting. It will bridge us for the next couple of years," he said.

Other plans in Phase I call for a new tower and 32 additional patient beds, the cancer center with expanded surgery and radiology services and the new heart center atrium and outpatient entrance that could include an enclosed skywalk.

Phase II of the expansion project is expected to cost \$26.6 million, but it could be a decade before that phase gets under way. The project likely would include the demolition of the old red-brick hospital building, with sections that date back to the late 1930s.

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EMS Day event set for Rising Sun

In celebration of National EMS Week, EMS and fire officials with the Community Fire Company of Rising Sun, Inc., are holding their third annual EMS Day this Saturday at their station at 300 Biggs Highway in Rising Sun. In addition to the usual food and prizes, said member Loren Anderson, three rescue helicopters with the Maryland State Police, Christiana Care LifeNet and Johns Hopkins STAT MedEvac will be on hand for demonstrations. Other attractions include activities with Cecil County Department of Emergency Services, child safety seat inspection and installation by state police and blood pressure and cholesterol checks by Upper Chesapeake Healthlink. Visits from Dora the Explorer and Trauma Roo, the American Trauma Society mascot, are also on tap. The event runs from noon to 3 p.m.

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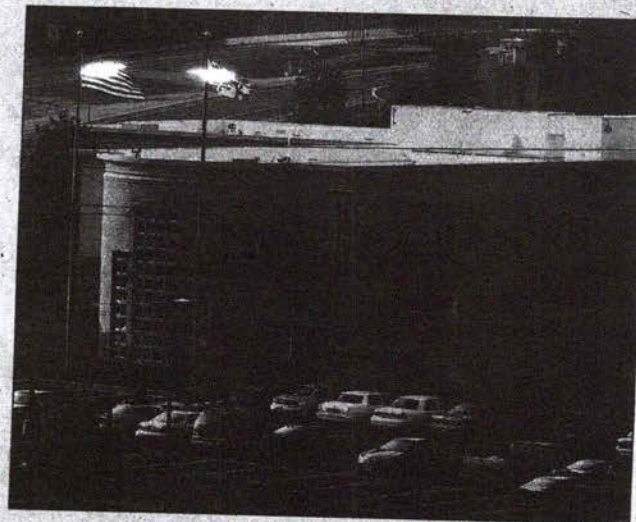
Hospital expansion fund tops target

The Atlantic General Hospital Foundation will host a grand re-opening celebration Friday, May 21, from 5-8 p.m. to mark the hospital's 11 anniversary and to show appreciation to its donors and the community for exceeding its \$7.5 million Capital Expansion Campaign goal.

The entire community is invited to join in celebrating not only the hospital's anniversary, but also the facility's significant growth throughout the years, the foundation said.

The celebration and ribbon cutting will take place at 6 p.m. and recognize the many supporters including elected officials, donors, board members, volunteers, medical staff, associates, community organizations and everyone who made this expansion possible.

After a brief address, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony unveiling the hospital's newly expanded Emergency Services Department, newly renovated Outpatient Diagnostic Services Center, expanded surgical services areas, new Center for Joint Surgery, sleep lab, chapel and two state-of-the art open and



Atlantic General Hospital will be hosting a grand re-opening celebration Friday for its 11th anniversary. File photo

closed MRI machines, which are housed in the expanded Imaging suite.

All area families are invited to witness the unveiling of the pediatric waiting area mosaic tile project that so many of the children in the community lent their time and talents to.

And a tree of life dedication recognizing all those who were honored or memorialized at the community hospital will

also be held.

Hospital administrators, physicians and staff will be on hand to welcome visitors into their department, provide tours and answer questions. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Toni Keiser of Atlantic General Hospital's public relations department at 410-641-9678.

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Local woman honored for saving dad's life

"I thought he was dead," said Gloria Jean Shives when her 75-year-old husband Ernie Shives experienced a cardiac arrest a year ago. "His eyes were staring straight up at the ceiling."

After calling the 911 dispatcher, Gloria Shives called the person she knew could save her husband's life, her daughter Carol Jean Grove, who lived about four miles away from the Shives' Tollgate Ridge home.

"I didn't even know if she was home," said Shives.

But she was, and Grove rushed to her parents' home before Hancock paramedics arrived and performed CPR on her father, saving his life.

On Friday, Grove received the Citizen's Award for her life-saving action.

She was among about 100 emergency rescue workers honored at the third annual emergency Medical Services Awards Banquet in Hagerstown for successfully reviving cardiac arrest patients.

"It took her by surprise," said her mother. "She cried when she gave her speech."

Grove, a registered nurse, works as a nurse educator at Washington County Hospital. A mother of two, she is married to Richie Grove.

The event was sponsored by Washington County Emergency Medical Physicians, LLC, and Washington County Hospital. It is held annually in coordination with National Emergency Services Week, which is being observed May 16 to 22 this year.

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VFW post offers volunteers some special honors



Kudos to Lt. Brian Stark and Paramedic Firefighter Eileen Endrayas for their recent awards from the Charles Lever-

ing VFW post.

Stark received the "Fire Officer/Firefighter of the Year" award for his leadership and time with the Rosedale Volunteer Fire Company.

A career firefighter assigned to the Baltimore County Fire Department's Eastview station, Stark trains new member and maintains Engine 282.

He's perhaps best known for his Fire Safety Education program for pre-school children.

Endrayas received the "Emergency Medical Technician of the Year" award for her work with the Rosedale Volunteer Fire Company.

In addition to being an active member who rides both the fire suppression and EMS apparatus for Rosedale, she also serves as the financial secretary for the company.

She has also served as a trustee and membership chair during her tenure of more than 20 years. That tenure earned her recognition as the first female "Life Member" in Rosedale's history in November 2003.

She is also a career paramedic assigned to the Baltimore County Fire Department's Perry Hall station.

On behalf of the communities in which you serve, we extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

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Bound and determined

High school student joined
Charles County emergency
medical team at age 16

By Carrie McDuffie
Special Sections Staff Writer

Hannah Watson, whose plate was already full, said she couldn't wait to become an EMT (emergency medical technician). As a high school student at Grace Brethren Christian School in Waldorf, she is involved in soccer, volleyball and basketball. Additionally, she helps with before care at the school, which begins at 6:30 a.m., for preschoolers through 12th grade. All of this while maintaining a 3.9 grade point average with a full day of academics, Monday through Friday.

But in December 2003 she added EMTB (emergency medical technician basic) to her list of accomplishments. It all started with her love for television programs like Rescue 911 and Paramedics, Watson said. And five days after she turned 16, she submitted her application to become an EMT. Once accepted, she started her 30-day tabling — a 30-day plan to teach you about everything on an ambulance. "I also had to watch a stiff-neck video," Watson said. This video reinforces proper medical procedures for injuries resulting, for example, from car accidents and includes back injuries and how to use a backboard. Upon completing her 30-day tabling, she received an oral test on where things are located on an ambulance, "basic knowledge like oxygen and how to handle different scenarios," she said.

After completing the 30-day period, Watson began a three-month probationary period, which allowed her to ride in an ambulance and go on calls with a member. During the three-month period, she also attended classes at the Southern Maryland Regional Training Center in La Plata. Watson received her certification in December 2003 after completing the required 131 hours of classroom and practical training, and now is an EMTB certified for the entire state of Maryland.

"Overall it was an excellent experience. It equips you for what you're going to see. It really prepares you," Watson said. "And the training helps you to remember things — you have an easier idea of what to do."

"When you join the station, it's like joining a family. You get to know each other very well and you have a good time with each other."

Hannah Watson
Charles County EMTB

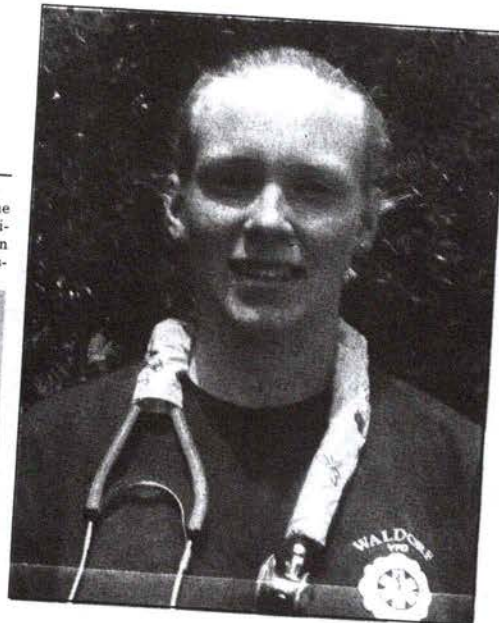


Photo by Carrie L. McDuffie
Hannah Watson's desire to become an EMT started with her love for television programs like Rescue 911 and Paramedics. And five days after she turned 16, she submitted her application to become an EMT. Watson encourages other high schoolers to join.

"You have hands-on training in the class and there's a written and practical test at the end of each chapter."

Watson finds her new skill set useful not just when she is volunteering for EMS 3 in Waldorf but also when she is helping with extended care children. "When I'm watching kids while they are playing and they fall or get hurt and have an injury, I can help them without too much attention," she said. Watson also had to help her mother in an emergency situation.

Watson encourages other high schoolers to join. "It's an excellent experience and you are better equipped in the real world for what you're going to see."

"When you join the station, it's like joining a family. You get to know each other very well and you have a good time with each other. It also helps you make friends and helps make you better with the public because you're not afraid to talk to people."

"I just enjoy doing it," she said.

Watson, now 17 years old, plans to go to college and study nursing.

Take the next step: Serve

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By Carrie McDuffie
Special Sections Staff Writer

Remember when you were a little lad or lass and as you watched the fire engine go by you said, "When I grow up, I want to be a fire fighter," or was it the scream of a siren from an ambulance that made you want to help people? At that point you would run and get the little

red plastic fireman's hat and a garden hose.

Now you are grown up and those feelings of wanting to be connected still grab you when an ambulance or fire engine goes flying by. The rush makes you wish it were you going to help.

Well, opportunities are knocking everywhere. There is a need for both fire fighters and

emergency medical technicians throughout the county. Even if you don't want to run into a raging house fire but want to help, there are positions to fit different personalities/different strengths.

Take the plunge; walk into any fire or EMS station and ask for an application. Fill it out, shadow a member and take the classes. This will put you on your personal road to service. You can start as early as 16 years of age.

There is a place for high school students in all departments — fire and EMS — at all stations, according to Dan Stevens, _____ Students come from all over the county, many funneling through the career and technology center. Students even receive 16-17 college credits, which will transfer to the University of Maryland University College

or the College of Southern Maryland's fire and science program.

Fifteen of the 24 students that recently completed the course have already signed to take the next level course — fire fighter II.

"Experience has shown that they stay with us. They are a source of new operational officers in the county."

"They are encouraged to continue their education and get a job in emergency services. Several have already signed with emergency dispatch, with fire fighting and emergency services departments with state troopers."

But who is going to pay for my training you ask. Not you, for you it's free — a free ride (no pun intended). All you need is the right attitude and a committed spirit.

"If [students] sign up now, [they] will have EMT certification by Thanksgiving. The skills can be used immediately. EMT Basics can get jobs with private ambulance services while in college and make twice as much as flipping hamburgers."



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Paul Wible is the lead instructor at Southern Maryland Regional Training Center in La Plata.

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A benefit that can't be measured is the opportunity to work with members that range in age from 16 to 75 years old (both males and females) from varied backgrounds, Taylor said.

However, the piece de resistance is that you've become "a member of a proud organization." The focus is clear — to serve the community by saving lives and property.

So give that plastic fireman's helmet to your little brother, sister or cousin and go get yourself a real one. Take that first

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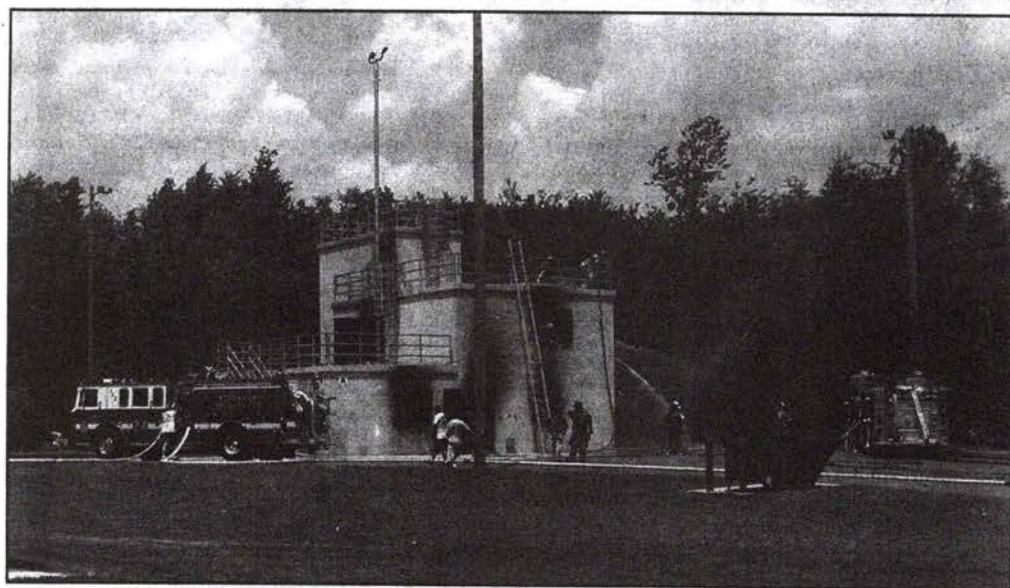
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Above, students at the Southern Maryland Regional Training Center pose for a group photo. Below, students receive practical experience at the burn building.



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Dawson sees study as a way to save lives

by Tiesha Higgins

Staff Writer

If you ask Benita Dawson, her life is pretty basic. But others would tend to disagree.

Dawson, 35, recently completed three years of study to become a paramedic with a 4.0 grade point average while juggling a full-time position at the Marlboro Fire Station and raising her 11-year-old daughter Chauntece alone.

"I had moments when I felt like giving up, but I'm not a quitter so I just kept going," said Dawson, an Upper Marlboro resident.

As an emergency medical technician (EMT) at the Marlboro Fire Station on Croom Road, there were days when Dawson would work a 24-hour shift, go straight to class at Prince George's Community College for eight hours and then come home and help her daughter with homework. "It's been a long road," she said.

Dawson, who spent nine years as a volunteer firefighter, has been a salaried fire department employee for five years and she loves her job. "I've always wanted to do something where you

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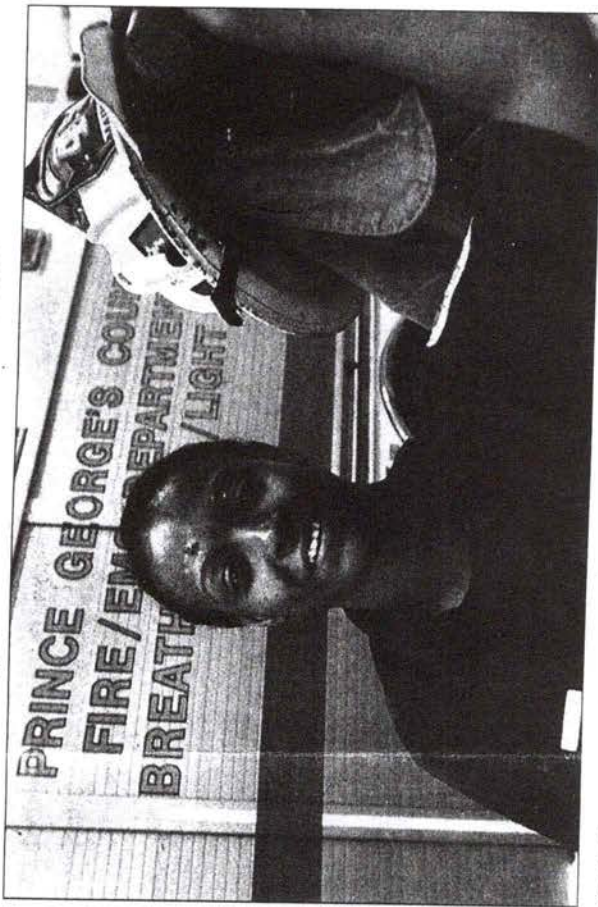
—Benita Dawson

could save somebody," said Dawson. "If you can do it for free, you can do it for life."

Getting into the Paramedic Program is an accomplishment in itself since only 25 students are accepted each year.

The EMT/Paramedic Program was so impressed with Dawson, they decided to give Dawson and another student awards for outstanding student achievement, rather than having to narrow it down to one recipient as they usually do.

"Benita had to really work hard to get where she is," said Joyce Lockwood, program director. "We saw in her the leadership role, drive and determination more than in some of the other students."



Benita Dawson, a mother and EMT at the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded the Outstanding Student Achievement Award from Prince George's Community College where she just completed three years of paramedic training, doing so with a 4.0 grade point average.

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Dawson graduates from the program May 27 and will take her paramedic licensing exam later this month.

Her next goal is to obtain a nursing degree, which will require another year of study. "There is one thing she wants smile.

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'Terrorists' attack campus in Kent * Drill staged by 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade

By: COOKY McCCLUNG , Special from the Kent County News

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Photo by CHARLIE CAMPBELL

Four members of the Chemical Biological Incident Response Force approach the mock disaster scene.

CHESTERTOWN - Two bodies lay crumpled against a rock pile, victims of a deadly car bomb explosion just outside Harford Hall,

the dormitory housing international athletes who had traveled to the United States to compete in a top-level event at Washington College.

But, it was all just a drill.

On Wednesday, in a scenario staged by the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism) to replicate an attack by terrorists, within minutes chaos engulfed the building as visiting "tri-athletes" staggered from their rooms, gasping for breath as they inhaled the vaporous contamination that had begun to seep under doors and through walls.

Screams echoed from the top floor as a young woman, acting as if she was blinded by deadly gasses that set her mouth and throat on fire, attempted to leap from the window, and others begged for rescue.

"Terrorists" had struck the campus, and horrified "victims" scrambled to stay alive in an exercise designed to test the ability of Kent County first responders to handle some of the most deadly crises

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imaginable.

Volunteer victims were Kent County High School students, local government workers, residents and a contingent of soldiers who traveled from Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"It is very important in the world we live in today that we're prepared for these kind of emergencies," said Maj. Matt Morgan, Public Affairs Officer for the 4th MEB (AT).

"This is kind of an upscale version of the Munich Olympics scenario," said Morgan, a fitting venue, since it is the last exercise the 4th MEB (AT) will perform before traveling to Greece to provide vital anti-terrorism protection at the Olympic Games in August.

Under the direction of Maj. Gen. Douglas V. O'Dell, Kent County resident and Commander of the 4th MEB (AT), 200 Marines, some arriving by helicopter and some traveling in a convoy from Indian Head, in Charles County, and 177 volunteer "victims," played out a daylong exercise that tested the capabilities of Kent County fire departments, rescue squads, law officers and governmental officials.

A member of the National Guard, O'Dell retired from a 27-year career in the investment business to take over the command position following the events of September 11.

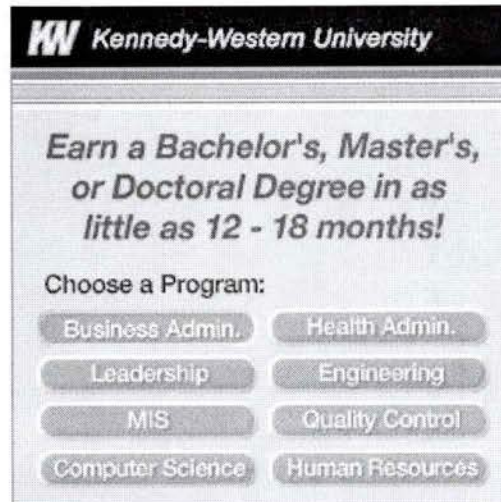
Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company Chief David Turner, named incident commander for the exercise, orchestrated activities from command central located in the Casey Academic Center.

The chillingly realistic scenario played out on the campus began with the simulated car bomb, escalating into an horrific panorama of additional injuries and casualties after terrorists disguised as maintenance men set several "chemical bombs" around the building timed to "detonate" in the morning.

Firefighters from Chestertown, Galena, Millington, Betterton and Church Hill, and members of Kent & Queen Anne's Rescue Squad were the first responders on the scene. Two firefighters, who entered the building without the proper breathing apparatus, acted the part of the first of the rescuers to succumb to severe respiratory problems, rendering them in need of immediate medical attention.

This is the first time a terrorism exercise of this type has been staged in a rural area. To date, all others hosted by the 4th MEB (AT) have been held around major metropolitan areas.

In Wednesday's scenario, with the chemical agent and explosive device suggesting terrorists were afoot, the FBI alerted the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security to call in the Marines, and within hours the 4th MEB (AT) had landed to assist in the potentially deadly situation.



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In a spectacular display of rapid response, the first wave of 4th MEB (AT) Marines arrived in twin C-53 helicopters on the college's athletic fields. From the time the "big birds" touched down, barely 10 minutes passed before a full complement of rescue equipment and manpower were unloaded and on their way to Harford Hall to rescue waiting victims.

Patients were carried, dragged and dropped to safety, some pulled to emergency medical facilities on plastic litters, and some loaded onto waiting military vehicles.

The Marine unit, which is capable of determining the origin of more than 300,000 chemical agents, immediately covered the ground surrounding the dormitory with a decontamination substance.

Among the Kent County High School students, county government workers and local residents who made up the 177-volunteer victim brigade, some acted unconscious, disoriented, wheezing, coughing, walking wounded, stretcher bound, and, alas, some got to play the part of fatalities.

Ever a good sport, Judy O'Dell, wife of the commanding general, offered her services as a "distraught mother," playing her part with such gusto she was quickly labeled a "hostile victim." Students Sarah Newnam and Erin Daggett opted to "play it out and stay alive," and Kendall Clark, Kerri Cochran and Jo Sorrentino, self-described as "the drama queens," chose victim roles that gave full range to their acting ability.

"This is the most fun we could have being waked up by a car bomb and stunned into unconsciousness by chemicals," joked one "victim" suffering from gory moulage (realistic plastic) wounds.


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Last-minute push attracts 177 volunteers

By: LAURA GREENBACK, Staff Writer

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CHESTERTOWN - At the last minute, 177 volunteers from Kent County High School, Aberdeen Proving Ground and the community at large rallied to pose as a mass of "victims." They gave the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism) and local emergency responders a hearty challenge in their anti-terrorism drill on Wednesday at the Washington College campus.

The large number of volunteers accumulated because organizers were alarmed when only 21 volunteers showed up for a training session on Monday. They scrambled Tuesday to find people to pose as international athletes who were bombed in a terrorist attack, and ended up with more than enough.

"I wasn't a happy camper yesterday. We promised 120 and the Marines wanted as many as possible. I guarantee you, they're just so impressed with this county that we could come together like this," said Ed Birkmire, an organizer of the event and chairman of the Kent County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Jojo Chames, the organizer of volunteers for the event, ran out of identification tags for the volunteers at around 150, and began writing numbers on their hands.

"I was worried at first, but everyone rallied together. I think it's a good evolution," Chames said.

County workers and residents pitched in for the effort. Also, 44 Marines from Aberdeen Proving Ground, who have recently completed basic training, were deployed to the drill.

Volunteers were given tags designating their status as either conscious, unconscious, decreased level of consciousness, or deceased. Their vital statistics were listed on the tags, and the role-players acted accordingly.

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Some of the "victims" had injuries simulated with makeup and plastic models. Others portrayed the effects of exposure to a dangerous chemical agent with labored breathing, coughing, confusion and collapse.

As the Marines entered Harford Hall, the site of the simulated bombing, high-pitched screams of "help me" echoed through the dark hallways.

Marines placed the victims, who were unable to walk, on stretchers in the back of a small, motorized vehicle called a "Gator." The majority could walk, however, and were led to a decontamination zone where they were hosed down.

Victims were then taken to a triage area where they received medical attention. Some also visited a Red Cross shelter set up in Washington College's Hodson Hall.

Many Kent County High School students enjoyed taking a day off from school to fulfill part of their community service graduation requirement. For senior Michael Gorman, volunteering was also an opportunity to see his dream career in action. He plans to leave in June for the delayed entry program for the Marines.

"I want to be in the air staff for helicopters. I don't know if I will be assigned to an expeditionary force, but I thought it would be fun to know what they do. Any experience of seeing what they do helps put you in the right frame of mind to do that someday," Gorman said.

His assignment in the drill was to play the role of a victim with a decreased level of consciousness.


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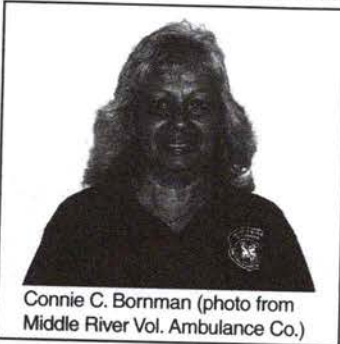
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Middle River Volunteer Ambulance Rescue Company Mourns Member's Death
First Female to Die in the Line of Duty in Baltimore County

- by Danielle Porter -



Connie C. Bornman (photo from
Middle River Vol. Ambulance Co.)

Middle River Volunteer Ambulance Rescue Company, a part of the community since 1948, answers approximately 3000 calls a year, either for their two ambulances or water rescue team, according to Chief Mark Falkenhan. One call yesterday has changed the Company, and Baltimore County history, forever. *547 F/B*

Firefighter/EMT Connie C. Bornman, 57, of the 300-block of Endsleigh Ave. in Middle River, died on May 17 of cardiac arrest while at-

fire and rescue companies as well as officials. Viewings will be at Connelly Funeral Home of Essex, 300 Mace Ave. on Thursday, May 20, 7 - 9 p.m.; Friday, May 21, 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. The funeral will be Saturday, May 22 at 10 a.m. from Connelly Funeral Home. She will be interred at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens in Timonium at the Fallen Heroes Memorial.

tending to a patient. She was responding to a call for a patient suffering chest pain in the 1100-block of Old Eastern Avenue when she mentioned to fellow firefighters and EMTs that she did not feel well. Thinking she was suffering from the heat, Bornman left the patient and went to sit in the air-conditioned medic unit; at about 2:40 p.m. she went into cardiac arrest. Her colleagues tried unsuccessfully to resuscitate her, and she was pronounced dead at Franklin Square Hospital. She is the first woman to die in the line of duty in Baltimore County among both the volunteer and career ranks. It is also the first fatality for the Middle River Company. Her death in the line of duty marks the 38th fatality for the Baltimore County Fire Department.

Paramedic Susan Varelli offered these memories of Bornman: "Connie overcame a lot. She was diagnosed with breast cancer about three years ago, but it didn't spread. She had a mastectomy and kept right on going. She was a second mom to me, and to everyone here. She never left the house without doing her hair. She was taking classes to be a fully certified paramedic."

Bornman had been a member of the Middle River Volunteer Ambulance Rescue Co. for four years. She had responded to five calls on the day she died. She spent one year as an EMS lieutenant, and for the last year concentrated her efforts on fundraising for the company, securing \$4000 alone in the month of April for hall rentals and other bookings.

She was a people person, according to Middle River Co. medic Leslie Baker. "Connie was the life of the party," Varelli added, "Her favorite phrase was 'Can I get a what - what?' while she threw her hands in the air."

Baker continued, "She was there for everyone. Even if she disagreed with you, she'd still listen. For some of us here, she was a replacement mom."

Her husband, George E. Bornman Jr., is also a member of the Middle River volunteer company; her youngest son volunteers at the Middle River Volunteer Fire Company, a separate entity.

A full Fire Department funeral is planned for Connie Bornman. According to Chief Falkenhan, approximately 1000 people are expected to attend from various

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NEWARK

County holds
mock drill

NEWARK — Worcester County's preparedness to handle a full-scale disaster was tested during a mock drill held Saturday at the Worcester Career and Technology Center in Newark.

The county emergency responders were evaluated by representatives of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services systems during the mock disaster/terrorist attack on a public school. Emergency personnel noted that though there was room for improvement, the county was ready to respond to such a crisis.

"Worcester County was tested on its preparedness to handle a terrorist event within a public school building to measure our readiness to respond and mitigate the situation," said David Fitzgerald, emergency management planner for Worcester County. "As a county, we can be proud of our responders' current ability to handle such an event."

The drill began at 8:35 a.m. with a mock emergency call from a WCTC student to the 911 center that a bomb had exploded in the school and an unknown individual was fleeing the scene. The county's emergency services, fire marshal and sheriff's offices, public works, health department and various fire and ambulance companies responded to the school to resolve the crisis.



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Bowie kids honored by state for EMS skills

By S.A. KALINICH
Staff Writer *SKB*

Since she has participated in the Risk Watch safety program at Chapel Forge Special Center, 4-year-old Rebecca Woods loves to show people how to "stop, drop and roll" in a fire.

However, at the Statehouse in Annapolis Monday, she stayed above floor level, probably because she didn't want to muss her navy blue polka-dot frock before first lady

The awards honored children whose actions ensure that people in Maryland receive "the right care when it counts."

Kendel S. Ehrlich gave her an award for "taking the right steps to prepare for an emergency and learn to prevent injuries." Rebecca represented all her classmates at Chapel Forge who continue to participate in the Risk Watch pro-

gram.

Rebecca was one of four Bowieites so honored at the awards ceremony before a packed house in the governor's reception room.

Sponsored by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, the awards honored children whose actions ensure that people in Maryland receive "the right care when it counts."



Blade-News photo by Stephanie Kalinich

Bowie children were among those honored at the Statehouse in Annapolis Monday for their participation in EMS-for-Children programs. Pictured, from left, are: Steven Widmann, 14, Tulip Grove Elementary School's before-and-after-school program director Anissa Hewitt-Logan and Tulip Grove fifth-grader Kallin Rhinehart. In front is 4-year-old Rebecca Woods from Chapel Forge Special Center.

Present to watch Rebecca get her plaque were her parents, John Woods Jr. and Ginny Woods, Ginny's parents, Mary and Kevin Smith, as well as Helen Seidel, Chapel Forge's registered nurse who nominated Rebecca and her classmates for the award.

"She's bright as a whip," Smith said of her 12th grandchild. Rebecca has taught Smith some safety tips, "mostly in the kitchen, like keep the curtains away from the stove and keep baking soda nearby."

Rebecca comes from a family steeped in safety and fire prevention. Her father is a Prince George's County firefighter/EMT; his father is a retired county firefighter.

"She came home and told us what to do in a fire," said John, who is probably still grinning from ear to ear with pride.

Why does she like the technique where you fall to the floor and roll to extinguish clothing (or person) on

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fire?

"It's nice," said the shy 4-year-old. As for what she taught her father about the move, "I made him better at it."

'Be prepared'

Steven Widmann, a 14-year-old ninth-grader at DeMatha High School, and his mother Marianna were on their way home from crew practice March 19 when they saw a one-car accident on Northview Drive near the ball fields.

Marianna is a county paramedic, so she stopped to help. She left Steven, his 10-year-old brother Andrew and one of Andrew's friends in the car. But soon, Steven was fetching Marianna's well-stocked first aid kit from the car and donning rubber gloves.

A Scout since the first grade, Steven had earned his First Aid and Life-saving merit badges. He'd also taken first aid and CPR classes and taught some of his fellow Scouts. But this was his first "hands-on" experience.

"He said, 'I've never done that before,' but I said 'you know what to do,'" Marianna said.

The victim was trapped in his car.

"I held traction on his neck," Steven said. "I held him still while she (Marianna) was trying to help him out and take his vitals."

Steven's dad Art was also at Monday's ceremony.

"I'm very, very proud of him — and his mom, too," said Art, who added that he wasn't surprised his oldest son had risen to the occasion.

"Steven is very prepared with stuff and is always willing to help people."

'Stop, drop and roll'

At Tulip Grove Elementary School, before-and-after-school program director Anissa Hewitt-Logan said all 40 kids in the program helped with the videotaped public safety service announcements that won an EMS-for-Children award Monday.

But Kalin Rhinehart and Londyn Beechum took the lead in writing and producing two videos that run a total of about 15 minutes.

"It's in them to perform," Hewitt-Logan said of the pair.

Kalin, 11, is in fifth grade. She's the dancer/rapper of the production and wrote the following lyrics:

*"When your clothes are on fire,
you need to stop, drop and roll ... roll ... roll."*

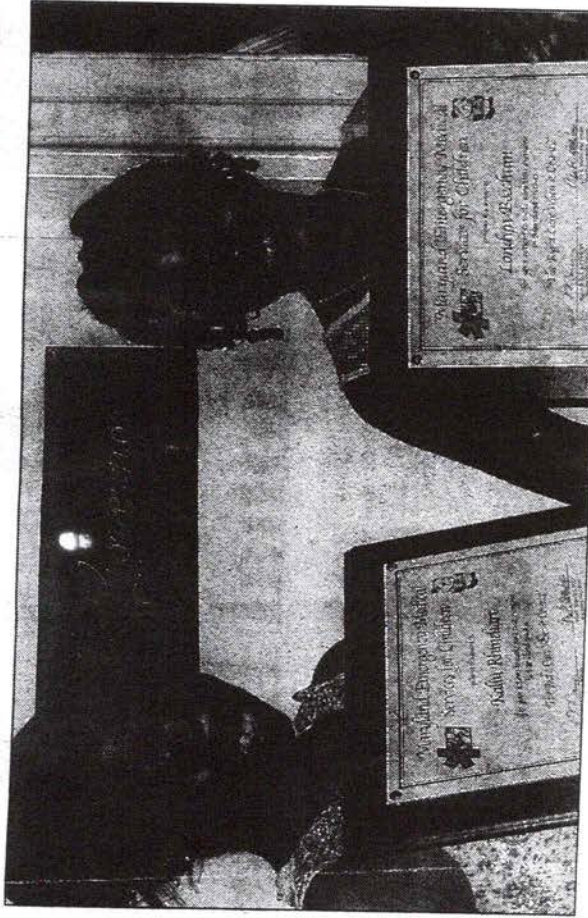
*This is how you smother
all the fire off your clothes;
you need to stop, drop and roll ... roll ... roll."*

Kalin also choreographed the dance behind the rap.

"She kept us in the dark" about the project, said her father Renard Rhinehart, who is also a singer/performer/writer. Tracy Rhinehart, Kalin's mother, is a singer, too, so she's carrying on the family tradition with her public service performances.

Marie Warner-Crosson is a regional EMS administrator for MTEMSS. Her son is a student at Tulip Grove and she helped the school get an EMS-for-Children Injury Prevention Special Project award in 2003. The award, basically a grant by another name, provided money for more than 200 free bike helmets, as well as funding for the two public service announcement videos.

The PSAs have already been screened at Tulip Grove and Hewitt-Logan said she expects to edit them



Blade-News photo by Stephanie Kalinich

Tulip Grove Elementary School students Kalin Rhinehart and Londyn Beechum show off the plaques they were awarded by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems Monday in Annapolis.

down to TV-length for additional airplay, perhaps on Bowie's cable station.

Warner-Crosson nominated Kalin and Londyn for the awards they received Monday.

"These kids really took it and made it their project," she said. "They wrote the scripts; they did the choreography."

Londyn Beechum was the announcer/anchor for the PSAs.

"She did an awesome job," said her mother Ebony Malone. "Just wonderful."

Londyn does it all.

"I sing; I dance; I act," said the 9-year-old fourth-grader. "I want to be on TV and announce things."

Londyn's father, Marcus, said his daughter worked without a script for the PSA videos, talking to the camera

off the top of her head. And she did it again at the Statehouse when a visitor asked what she had learned.

"Bike safety — remember to wear your helmet when you ride your bike ... or your scooter ... when you ride something, wear your helmet," she said. "Make sure it clicks; make sure it fits and make sure it covers your forehead."

As for fires, "get out and stay out," she said.

Anything else to add?

"Yes," Londyn proclaimed. "I'm looking for an agent."

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Cpl. Brian McCloskey of heavy smoke conditions as they knocked on each door and escorted people to safety. The officers stayed in the building until every apartment had been checked, despite the smoke, heat and poor visibility. All officers are commended for the great courage they displayed in coming to the aid of the citizens.



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action carried out by McCloskey and other county officers March 28, 2003. Without regard for their personal safety or the benefit of protective gear, they entered a burning apartment building and began a door-to-door evacuation. They encountered progressively

Arlington County Assistant Chief **James Schwartz** of Bowie has been appointed fire chief effective June 28.

Schwartz, 46, joined the Arlington Fire Department in 1984 as a firefighter. He was the first line firefighter (nonofficer) to serve as an instructor at the

Arlington Fire Academy, a position he held for two years. He rose through the ranks to lieutenant, captain, battalion chief and assistant fire chief.



SCHWARTZ

In 1998 Schwartz was named assistant chief of operations, overseeing all response-related activities, including fire, EMS, hazardous materials and technical rescue response, incident management and operational training.

Schwartz serves as acting director of Arlington's new Office of Emergency Management, which was created to focus on the county's strategic priorities, specifically, planning and coordination of emergency services.

In addition Schwartz is responsible for the development of Arlington County's Metropolitan Medical Response System, a federally funded program that focuses on the integration of a community's response capabilities for a terrorism event. While assistant chief of operations, he was also the program manager for the Washington Area National Medical Response Team, which consists of area Hazmat, EMS and law enforcement personnel trained

to respond to acts of terrorism. Schwartz is also a member of the Interagency Board on Equipment Standardization, which is developing national standards for terrorism response equipment for the nation's first responders.

The Arlington Fire Department was the lead agency for the response to the Sept. 11 attack at the Pentagon, where Schwartz served as incident commander. He has spoken to numerous local, regional, national and international audiences and media on emergency management and emergency preparedness.

Schwartz graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in fire science administration.

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**Service plans
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In recognition and celebration of Emergency Medical Services Week, the Georges Creek Ambulance Service will hold an open house/spring fling Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Union Street location, Lonaconing.

Indoor activities will feature free blood pressure screenings, health brochures, membership applications and subscriptions. The new Unit 386 2003 Osage Type I Ford 350 4WD ambulance will be on display.

On the parking lot adjoining the building, fun fair activities will feature the Moonwalk, games, baked goods, crafts, raffles and food.

A leather fire helmet raffle for the benefit of the squad is being conducted by acting Capt. Jeff Cutter at (301) 876-3110. A traditional-style New Yorker with 6-inch leather front helmet will be ordered to meet the winner's specifications. The drawing will be held June 5 at the Allegany-Garrett Counties Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association annual convention in Midland. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

The event is open to the public.

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Local Girl, EMS Agencies Receive Awards In Annapolis From MIEMSS

The Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) in Annapolis on Tuesday honored children from across the state and presented its annual Stars of Life Awards to honor EMS (Emergency Medical Services) personnel, citizens, and EMS programs. The MIEMSS is the state agency responsible for the delivery of emergency medical services in Maryland.

Among those honored were a 9-year-old Red House area girl, who helped save her father's life, and various Garrett County and Allegany County EMS agencies for their response to the massive crash on I-68 last Memorial Day weekend.

The awards were presented

ed in a two-part ceremony in the Governor's Reception Room of the State House. The morning presentation honored Michaela Warsaw and eight other children "whose actions have ensured that people in Maryland receive the right care when it counts."

Michaela was nominated by Diane Lee and Sam Moon of the Garrett County Health Department for helping to save her father's life.

On June 11, 2003, Michaela went looking for her father Bruce on their southern Garrett County farm. She found him with severe injuries and remembered what she had learned at Yough Glades Elementary School. Michaela went to a neighbor's home to dial 9-1-1. When EMS personnel arrived, she took them to where her father was lying.

Assisting with the children's awards ceremony this year was First Lady Kendel Ehrlich. "The First Lady's support of the EMS System and the safety of Maryland's smallest citizens is extraordinary," said an MIEMSS spokesperson.

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EMS Awards

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During the afternoon ceremony, MIEMSS presented its annual Stars of Life Awards which honor EMS personnel, citizens, and EMS programs statewide. Governor Robert Ehrlich Jr. assisted with the presentation.

Receiving the MIEMSS Director's Excellence in EMS Award were several EMS agencies in Garrett and Allegany counties. This award was presented for their response to the Interstate 68 crash near Finzel on May 23, 2003.

Those recognized were the Garrett County Emergency Operations Center, Eastern Garrett County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Garrett County Fire/Rescue Association, Garrett County EMS Committee, Allegany County Emergency Operations Center, Allegany County Fire and Rescue Board, City of Cumberland Fire Department, Frostburg Area Ambulance Service, and Western Maryland Health System.

"The response to the massive crash scene, which involved 40 separate collisions, 80 vehicles, and lead

to 70 injuries and two deaths, was overwhelming," said a MIEMSS spokesperson. "The Maryland EMS System came together, working effectively in one of the most rural areas of the state."

Only seven other counties and Baltimore City were presented with awards during the ceremony.

The EMS Awards presentation was held in conjunction with EMS Week 2004, May 16-22. This is a national celebration to honor approximately 750,000 EMS providers nationwide. This year the theme is "EMS: There When You Need Us," which emphasizes the "responsiveness and compassion of our EMS providers, whose timely and attentive intervention saves countless lives," noted the spokesperson.

Maryland has approximately 30,000 prehospital care providers, both career and volunteer, according to MIEMSS.

"Working as an emergency medical services provider is different from any other career you can have," said Dr. Robert R. Bass, executive director to MIEMSS. "You get tremendous satisfaction from helping others and knowing you have made a difference between life and death. Our Maryland EMS providers perform a vital service for the community."

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Heroes and House Discussed

On Tuesday evening, the Sykesville - South Carroll Rotary Club held its weekly meeting, where Dennis Beard of the Sykesville - Freedom District Fire Department was the guest speaker. Beard discussed plans for the upcoming Maryland Fire Rescue Memorial to be built at the intersection of Bladen, Calvert and Row Streets in Annapolis. Firefighters and rescue personnel, both volunteer and paid, who have fallen in the line of duty will be honored in the massive memorial.

Currently 347 individuals have lost their lives, including one man from Frederick County who had a heart attack running beside an engine in the 1840's. Each will be memorialized with a bronze plaque stating their name, how and when they died. Provisions have been made for any future deaths to be honored as well.

Also featured in the memorial will be two figures - a fireman and an EMS worker - walking the stairs to heaven as three civilians say goodbye.

Beard also informed the club of upcoming projects at the Sykesville Road (Rt. 32) station house including carnival week and an expanded and resurfaced parking lot. The parking lot expansion will begin the week following carnival. Thanks to fundraising efforts the project will be completely paid, without need of a long-term loan.

Rotarians in attendance were John Balfour, Jay Block, Stephen Bourexis, club president David Fryman, Harry "Mo" Haight, Duke Harrison, Robin Harrison, Richard Howes, Bill Hudson, Jr., Rusty Johnson, Mac McGreevy, John Morgan, Bob Tabler and Lewis Wimmer. Nancy Fryman attended as a guest.



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Thank local EMS providers, more workers sought

To the editor:

During the week of May 16-22, communities across the nation will be celebrating National Emergency Medical Services Week. This week is designed to recognize the contributions of the thousands of EMS workers all across the nation. While this is a national celebration, it is important that we pause to reflect the dedication of our local EMS workers, who stand ready to respond for your call for emergency help.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia is fortunate to have at its service a dedicated team of volunteer and career EMS providers. In all, 16 licensed volunteer agencies from Greenbackville to Cape Charles provide emergency care to our thousands of residents and visitors. Three private ambulance companies provide non-emergency and inter-facility transportation, logging tens of thousands of miles annually. Supplementing the volunteer staff are career personnel from the Accomack and Northampton counties, as well as the town of Chincoteague and the NASA-Wallops Fire Department. Combined, the Eastern Shore's EMS agencies respond to over 7,000 emergency calls annually. Oversight for the Shore's EMS system is the responsibility of the Eastern Shore EMS Council. This non-profit group is a sub-council of the tidewater EMS Council, based in Norfolk. This local group provides oversight in areas such as recruitment, treatment protocols, training, and other operational and administrative aspects of our regional EMS system.

Local physician Geoffrey Gubb, MD serves as the operational medical director for the agencies on the Shore, providing invaluable oversight of our training programs, as well as quality assurance and protocol oversight. Dr. Gubb has served in this capacity for over 20 years and continues to be active in the local system.

Training of our local providers is the responsibility of a group of dedicated individuals who spend countless hours lecturing and providing practical skill instruction to volunteer and career personnel seeking to fulfill initial or re-certification requirements. Providers are required to complete rigorous training programs, ranging from 120 hours of EMT-Basic, to over 900 hours for EMT-Paramedic. This does not include hours required for such training as

EVOC for ambulance drivers, basic trauma life support, advanced cardiac life support and pediatric advanced life support, infectious disease control, and CPR. Amazingly, a majority of the Shore's EMS system consists of volunteers, individuals who must give countless hours for training and emergency responses outside of their occupational and family obligations.

Agencies are in constant need of volunteers to assist with clerical work, fund-raising events and so forth. In addition, the community is encouraged to show their support by attending carnivals and other fund-raisers.

During National EMS Week, take time to stop by your local EMS station and speak with someone about your own volunteer or career opportunities in EMS. Feel free to have your blood pressure checked, view the latest in emergency equipment, but more importantly, take a second just to say "thanks" for what the local EMS workers are doing for the Eastern Shore 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, without hesitation.

We are indeed fortunate to be served by such a dedicated group or individuals, one of whom may be your next-door neighbor.

Kevin T. Holloway

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Recruitment & Retention Chair

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Southern GC Rescue Squad Slates "EMS Day In The Park"

The Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad, in cooperation with local fire departments and the sheriff's office, will observe Emergency Medical Services Week, May 16-22, with "EMS Day in the Park." The event will take place in Broadford Park on Saturday, May 22, from 1 until 4 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend this free event.

"We are planning this day at the park to cater to kids and their parents," noted an event spokesperson. "There are so many reasons that children should be aware of EMS providers and of the important services they provide. We are

planning an afternoon full of fun and learning for the kids."

Free helium balloons, coloring books, pencils, stickers, temporary tattoos, and helmets will be given out to the children. Ambulances, fire trucks, and a police car will also be displayed during the event.

"Our units will be out and open for anyone in attendance to look through," said the spokesperson. "Children will have the opportunity to spray the fire hose."

Additionally, Linda Lewis of the Garrett County Health Department will conduct safety seat checks from 1 until 3 p.m., and

emergency medical technicians will be available to take blood pressures throughout the day.

National EMS Week 2004 brings together local communities and medical

personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of the medical "front line." EMS Week celebrations will also be held in conjunc-

tion with National Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day, May 19.

The theme of this year's EMS Week - "EMS: There When You Need Us" - "focuses on the commitment

and dedication of the paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders, fire fighters, and police who

provide an essential community service every day," noted the spokesperson.

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The EMS Star of Life award was given to a medic crew from Taneytown Volunteer Fire Co. From left are Wendy Parker, Bethany Six, Josh Willet, Stephanie Lowry, Morgan, Wendy Bowersox, Gov. Robert Ehrlich and Donald DeVries, chairman of the Maryland EMS Board.



Photo by George Delaplaine

Maryland First Lady Kendel Ehrlich presents an award to William Aquero of Boy Scout Troop 371, Frederick, for administering CPR to his brother, Marco, center.

EMS stars include child, local fire crew

By SUSAN C. NICOL

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ANNAPOLIS — People who made the difference for others were honored for their heroics Monday by Gov. Robert Ehrlich.

Children were among those awarded for their actions during the annual EMS Stars of Life Awards ceremony.

Marco Aquero is alive today because his younger brother, William, leapt into action last year when Marco went into cardiac arrest.

The boys were watching television when Marco, who had a known cardiac problem, col-

lapsed. William, 11, a member of Boy Scout Troop 371, Frederick, started CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) while adults called 911.

William had learned CPR two weeks earlier during his Scout meeting.

In March, Marco received a heart transplant at Children's National Medical Center.

William wore his scout uniform to the State House ceremony on Monday.

The annual recognition is held during National EMS Week. This year's theme is "EMS: There When You Need Us."

Recognizing the state's 30,000 pre-hospital care providers, the executive director of the Mary-

land Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems said, "Working as an emergency medical services provider is different from any other career you can have."

Dr. Robert Bass continued, "You get tremendous satisfaction from helping others and knowing you have made a difference between life and death. Our Maryland EMS providers perform a vital service for the community."

A crew from Taneytown Volunteer Fire Co. received the Maryland Star of Life Award for their swift, appropriate care to a little girl they witnessed getting hit by a pickup truck.

Paramedic Wendy Bowersox

ran to the child who was unconscious and not breathing.

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) Wendy Parker, Bethany Six and Josh Willet grabbed the necessary equipment and assisted Ms. Bowersox with rescue breathing. Stephanie Lowry, another advanced life support care provider, initiated intravenous lines and attached a heart monitor.

The team stabilized the child, and Ms. Bowersox accompanied her on the flight to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Morgan, who has returned to being an active first-grader, has developed a special bond with the crew and has visited them at the Taneytown Fire Co.

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Board presents appreciation certificates

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CENTREVILLE - The Queen Anne's County Commissioners presented certificates of appreciation to two dozen emergency medical technicians and firefighters from Queenstown and Goodwill volunteer fire companies and the Emergency Medical Services Division of the county Department of Emergency Services.

The emergency responders were recognized because of their extraordinary efforts in saving the life of a severely injured young man on July 30, 2003 on Wright's Neck Road, near Centreville. A pickup truck overturned and landed on the driver. Three volunteer firefighters and an unidentified passerby lifted the truck off Cody James, 18. He was stabilized until other EMTs from Queenstown,

Goodwill and the county EMS could arrive. James was flown by a state police helicopter to the R. Adams Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. James received medical treatment for a month in the trauma center, then was discharged with no permanent injuries. He later joined the Goodwill Fire Company.

The 24 firefighters and EMTs will receive a Hero Award from the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at its "Night for Heroes" ceremony in Baltimore on May 22.

Nine firefighters and EMTs came to the May 11 commissioners meeting to receive their certificates: Fire Chief Wayne Bloodsworth, Chief Engineer Cliff Green and EMT Shannon England from Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company; Larry Searce, Lennie Anthony, Jim Lewis and Thomas Nelson from Queenstown Volunteer Fire

Company; and Lt. Lori Smith and EMT Morte Bedford from the county EMS division.

Others getting certificates included Fire Chief Lonnie Anthony, Lisa Anthony Vince Anthony, J.C. Lewis, B.J. Duty and Frank Russum from Queenstown; Rodney Schelhouse, T.J. Palmatary, Joe Apple, Frank Callahan, Matt Pinder, D.J. Whitby and Nathan Powell from Goodwill; and Brian Ferguson and Scott Haas, supervisor, from the county EMS division. Lisa Anthony is also a dispatcher for the county Department of Emergency Services.

Also attending the May 11 commissioners meeting were Dawn Bedford, an EMT at Goodwill; and John Chew, director of the county Department of Emergency Services. Chew said Morte Bedford recently received a separate award from Gov. Robert Ehrlich for extraordinary service.

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Saturday, May 22

Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad will host an event open to the community on May 22, 2004. We will be giving tours of our building located on Buck Hewitt Rd. There will also be blood pressure checks, St. Mary's Hospital's health van will also be there (in the afternoon). LPVRS will be hosting Pampered Chef and Tupperware products to benefit the organization. There will be on-going CPR demonstrations. There will also be several displays throughout our building.

The Southern Maryland Mustang Club will hold its monthly membership meeting on Saturday, May 22, 2004 at Bert's Restaurant on Route 5 in Mechanicsville, Maryland. The meeting will start at 4:00pm. For more information, please visit our website <http://home.earthlink.net/~smdstangs>. Ownership of a Mustang is not a requirement for membership, but enthusiasm is.

An indoor yard sale is planned from 7 to 11 a.m. May 22 at the Patuxent Presbyterian Church on Route 4. The event will be held rain or shine.

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad is planning a celebration of EMS Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 22 at the squad building. There will be free blood pressure screenings with Health Connections, equipment demonstrations, McGruff the Crime Dog and more.

A presentation on "Past Lives, Dreams and Soul Travel" is planned from 10 a.m. to noon May 22 at the Lexington Park library, meeting room A.

Little Flower School in Great Mills will be hosting a 1950s and '60s Sock Hop and dinner on May 22. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Come dance to the music of the 1950s and '60s. Advance tickets are \$20 per person. No tickets at the door. Funds from the dance will go towards Little Flower School's new roof. Call 301-994-0404 for more information and/or tickets.

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Ocean City pays tribute to services

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OCEAN CITY — Ocean City is again paying tribute to the nation's first responders with the return of "Salute to the Services," the special discount program honoring military, police, EMS and fire personnel. The 2004 "Salute to the Services" program began Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 15, and runs through Wednesday, June 16.

Planned by the Ocean City Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, numerous local businesses including hotels, restaurants, attractions, golf courses and shops will offer discounts to military, police, EMS and fire personnel showing their credentials during the program.

The participating businesses and activities are posted on a special Web site, www.salutetothetimes.com.

Also during Salute to the Services, the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, located on the Boardwalk at the Inlet, will offer half-price admission to firefighters, police officers, military

personnel and their families.

On Saturday, May 22, at 8:30 a.m., the campaign revs up with a Red, White and Blue Cruisin' Parade on the Boardwalk featuring the hot rods and classic cars of Cruisin' Weekend 2004. The parade will be led by three antique fire engines from New York.

On Saturday, May 29, get an American flag and join all of Ocean City for a salute the services at noon on the Boardwalk and beach at North Division Street near the Boardwalk Arch.

A traditional Flag Day ceremony will be held Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m. on the Boardwalk at North Division Street, featuring patriotic music and everyone taking time to pause for the Pledge of Allegiance. On June 16, Salute to the Services will conclude with the annual Maryland State Firemen's Association Parade down Baltimore Avenue at 1 p.m.

For more information about Salute to the Services, call 1-800-OC-OCEAN or visit www.salutetothetimes.com.



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Coast Guard Honors Locals Involved In Ocean Rescue

SNOW HILL - Coast Guard officials were in Snow Hill on Tuesday to present a plaque to members of the various emergency services groups from Worcester County who participated in the rescue efforts during the sinking of the tanker "Bow Mariner" off the coast of near-Chincoteague Island on Feb. 28.

The Singapore-flagged tanker "Bow Mariner" caught fire and exploded off the coast of Chincoteague at around 6 p.m., sending its crew of 27 into the chilly Atlantic, many with severe burns and life-threatening injuries. The 570-foot vessel was carrying 3.2 million gallons of ethanol, a highly flammable gasoline additive, at the time of the explosion.

Minutes after receiving the distress call, the Coast Guard quickly deployed several helicopters, rescue ships and airplanes to the site and were able to rescue six survivors from a lifeboat and plucked two more from the icy water. The Worcester County Emergency Management Agency, in conjunction with several local emergency services agencies, including the County Sheriff's Office, the Berlin Volunteer Fire Company and the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Company among others, responded to the calls and quickly deployed a rescue operations center at the Ocean City Municipal Airport. Worcester emergency services set up triage for incoming victims and also a decontamination station for



U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Commander Ron LaBrec, center, attended Monday night's meeting of the Ocean City Mayor and Council. LaBrec commended the work of Ocean City's Emergency Medical Services and the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company in the NV Bow Mariner tragedy. Resort emergency workers recognized, included, from left, Carolyn Walsdon, EMS; Del Baker, EMS; Bryon Trimble, EMS; Chris Shaffer, EMS; Buzzy Bayles, EMS; Capt. David Collins, EMS and Ocean City Fire Chief Roger Steger. Ocean City emergency workers participated in the multi-state and jurisdiction rescue effort that saved the lives of six crew members from the Bow Mariner. A similar ceremony was held on Tuesday to honor the county contributors.

Photo by David Orr

any potential survivors, and assisted the Coast Guard with coordination rescue efforts from land. Coast Guard Lieutenant Commander Ron LaBrec was in Snow Hill this week to present a plaque to representatives of Worcester's emergency services teams and praised the local effort in the rescue efforts.

"It was a great honor to work directly with the Worcester County people in this search-and-rescue opera-

tion," he said. "The Worcester County people were just amazing as they responded quickly and allowed us to get back out on the water in our attempts to rescue and recover victims."

The six victims pulled from the lifeboat were transported to a Virginia hospital where they were treated for burns and chemical exposure and later released. The two victims pulled from the icy Atlantic were taken to the Ocean City air-

port, but both men succumbed to their injuries en route to the hospital. All in all, 18 members of the crew of 27 were never recovered.

A body discovered on a Long Island, N.Y., beach two weeks ago was believed at first to be the body of one of the victims from the "Bow Mariner," but Nassau County officials said this week the possibility the body was a victim of the tanker explosion had been ruled out.



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As part of a planned mock drill, emergency crews responded to the Worcester Career and Technology Center last Saturday for a bomb explosion. Above, paramedics and emergency crews tend to injured students as part of the prepared event.

Photo by Fred Grant

County Stages Emergency At School To Test Preparedness

Fake Disaster Tests Personnel

BERLIN — In an effort to test Worcester County's preparedness to handle a full-scale disaster, county emergency responders were evaluated by representatives from the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems while responding to a mock disaster/terrorist attack last Saturday at the Worcester Career and Technology Center (WCTC).

Emergency Service personnel noted there is room for improvement,

but as a whole the county stands ready to respond to such a crisis.

"Worcester County was tested on its preparedness to handle a terrorist event within a public school building this weekend to measure our readiness to respond and mitigate the situation," said David Fitzgerald, emergency management planner for Worcester County. "As a county, we can be proud of our responders' current abilities to handle such an event."

The drill began at 8:35 a.m. with a mock emergency call from a student at the WCTC to the 911 center who said that a bomb had just exploded in the school and an unknown individual was fleeing the scene.

Worcester County Emergency Services began dispatching all available resources to respond to the drill. Within moments, the county's Emergency Services, Fire Marshal and Sheriff's Offices, Public Works, Health Department and various fire and ambulance companies throughout the county converged on the school to resolve the crisis.

The Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of a K-9 unit and Sheriff's Tactical Armed Response (STAR) team tracked and captured the alleged perpetrator, while county emergency personnel and officials from various fire companies, emergency medical services and special hazards teams worked together to deal with the events unfolding before them.

Those events included not only determining the nature of the simulated explosion and a subsequent blast but also attempting to aid students posing as panicked, shocked, injured or dead.

Following the initial explosion, an emergency response was alerted and injured students were transported to Atlantic General Hospital (AGH). AGH staff was evaluated on their ability to decontaminate and care for large numbers of injured individuals.

"Many agencies participated and displayed their ability to work well together," Fitzgerald said. "We will critique the evaluations and strive to make improvements where necessary. Improvements could mean there are additional equipment needs, additional training for personnel or additional outside resources that should be made available."

Emergency Services Director Teresa Owens said, "The Worcester County Exercise Planning Committee invested more than a year of preparation time into creating this realistic learning tool and plans to begin conducting emergency drills annually."

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Board approves hospital plan

by Kevin J. Shay

Staff Writer

The Montgomery County Planning Board has approved site plans for a \$90 million expansion at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville.

The 205,000-square-foot expansion would be the largest since the medical center opened in 1979, said Deborah A. Yancer, Shady Grove president. It would add a four-story patient tower, increasing the hospital's size almost 60 percent and expanding its inpatient beds from 274 to 346. The Emergency Department, Women's and Children's Center and surgery areas would also be enlarged.

The \$90 million figure includes both construction and new medical equipment, Yancer said. The project would add about 200 full-time equivalent positions by 2010. Shady Grove, one of the largest employers in Montgomery County, has about 2,000 employees, of which 1,425 are full-time.

Shady Grove Adventist still has some hoops to jump through before construction can begin. County staff has to sign the final blueprints, which is expected by the end of June. Then the hospital must obtain permits from the county, plus a certificate of need from the Maryland Health Care

Commission, for which it applied in October.

Yancer said construction could begin as soon as December, getting a certificate of need can take years, however.

The expansion would be completed in phases with new construction on the tower starting first, followed by the renovations.

"All total, we expect it to take about four years," Yancer said, while construction of the tower could be finished in a little over two years.

The need for the expansion corresponds to a significant increase in the number of patients treated at Shady Grove in the past few years, Yancer said. Inpatient admissions, excluding births, rose from 16,507 in 1998 to 19,502 last year.

Shady Grove's emergency department served about 86,000 patients last year, up from about 62,000 in 1998. The ER is the second busiest in the state, behind only 920-bed Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, which treated about 92,000 patients in 2003.

"Shady Grove has about one-third of the number of inpatient beds as Johns Hopkins," Yancer said. "So we really have a great need to increase our inpatient beds. We're not that far behind Johns Hopkins in emergency room patients."

Shady Grove has also submit-

ted plans to the state to build a free-standing 27,000-square-foot emergency department on Route 118 near Middlebrook Road, Germantown, as a satellite.

The department would be open 24 hours and contain five inpatient beds. If approved, the satellite would be the first free-standing ER in Maryland.

Other hospitals and groups such as the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System, which coordinates statewide emergency medical services, have questioned the project. They say it would set a precedent of allowing hospitals to build these departments to attract patients rather than meet the region's needs.

But the free-standing ER would serve a great need since about 30,000 emergency room patients treated at the Rockville hospital last year came from the Germantown area, Yancer said. Getting approval for an entirely new hospital would take a lot longer, and an urgent-care facility would not really meet the needs, she said.

Some other area hospitals are planning or are in the midst of expansions. Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring is building a new parking structure, a physicians specialist building and a two-story entrance and concourse area, as well as renovating the emergency room and other departments, in a \$62 million project.

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Panel: Share rigs to speed EMS service

By JULIA HOCKENBERRY
For The Capital

A proposed change in emergency medical services in Queen Anne's County could cut the wait for sick and injured people who need transportation to the hospital.

An EMS task force is recommending allowing paid county paramedics to borrow ambulances owned by volunteer fire departments when volunteers are unavailable.

"On a weekly basis, we're breaking records that I don't want to break," Scott Haas, chief of the county Emergency Medical Services Division, told the Board of County Commissioners at a work session this week.

Emergency workers often refer to the critical window of time to get a patient from an accident scene to definitive medical care as the "golden hour," but that time frame is expanding in the county.

Mr. Haas recalled an incident last week in which the county communi-

cations center alerted seven different volunteer fire departments to seek assistance before getting a response.

In the county's current response model, Advanced Life Support paramedics arrive on location in a "chase unit," such as a Ford Expedition equipped for patient care but not transport. That trip must be made in an ambulance.

All 16 ambulances in the county are owned and driven by individual volunteer fire departments, but at certain times of the day, volunteer manpower is scarce, said Mr. Haas.

"It's getting more and more difficult for the volunteers," he said. "There's just not a lot of people who can commit five to eight hours a day."

To make matters worse, with a growing county and shrinking volunteer base, the delay in transport is getting longer even at times when volunteers are available.

"There's no response time problem. It's the transport time," said Com-

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missioner Gene Ransom, D-Grasonville. "The fire departments are coming to us and saying, 'We can't handle the volume anymore.'"

On average, response time is 9.3 minutes in Queen Anne's County. The trouble is moving patients to the hospital. It averages 49.1 minutes. The figure in Anne Arundel County is 32.5 minutes.

Under the 12-member EMS panel's plan, volunteer fire departments would be reimbursed for mileage used when county employees drive volunteer vehicles.

The proposal, which has been a work in progress since last fall, calls for ultimately requiring the county to buy ambulances and staff them with paid county personnel, who would supplement volunteer services.

The panel also suggested the county create a universal billing system.

Right now, volunteer fire departments and the county all use separate billing agencies to charge patients who are driven to the hospital.

Mr. Ransom hopes the switch will improve revenues for volunteers and the county.

"When the county does this, we should be able to collect at a higher rate," he said.

At Tuesday's meeting, the commissioners agreed to support the concept, in theory, but asked for greater detail regarding the cost of the proposal.

Ted Jackson, president of the Fire Chiefs Association, said to avoid compromising patient care, time is of the essence.

"It's something that needs to be acted on immediately," he said.

Julia Hockenberry is a freelance writer on Kent Island.

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Present for the transfer of ownership of a 1996 Horton ambulance from Level Volunteer Fire Company to Ewell Volunteer Fire Company were: Danny Polk Jr., president, Level VFC; Otis Tyler, chief, Ewell VFC; Ed Evan, assistant chief, Ewell VFC; Louise Mabe, ambulance captain, Level VFC; and Clarence Ross, first assistant chief, Level VFC.



Present for the transfer of ownership of a 1996 Horton ambulance from Level Volunteer Fire Company to Ewell Volunteer Fire Company were: Danny Polk Jr., president, Level VFC; Otis Tyler, chief, Ewell VFC; Jack Polk, committee chairman, New 191 Committee, Level VFC; Ed Evan, assistant chief, Ewell VFC; Louise Mabe, ambulance captain, Level VFC; Clarence Ross, first assistant chief, Level VFC; and Bobby Goll Jr., chief, Susquehanna Hose Company, Havre de Grace.

Level donates ambulance

Smith Island volunteers receive 1996 Horton vehicle

On April 25 the Level Volunteer Fire Company realized a new height of cooperation between Maryland Emergency Service Agencies. The local fire company donated its 1996 Horton ambulance to the Ewell Volunteer Fire Company of Smith Island in Somerset County.

The old 191 was taken out of service after the purchase of a new EMS unit by Level. The company had already been advised by its vendor the trade-in value was limited. Committee Chairman Jack Polk was in contact with Robert Goll Jr., chief of the Susquehanna Hose Company in Havre de Grace. Goll is a regular visitor to the Smith Island area and knew there was need of an updated EMS unit. The committee approached Level's board of directors and it was agreed Level would donate the used ambulance to Ewell.

The unit was relettered by Finch Graphics of Elkton. Level 191 was transferred to Ewell Unit 100 of Somerset County.

Members of the Ewell Volunteer Fire Company came to Level April 25 to pick up their new ambulance. Chief Otis Tyler, Assistant Chief Ed Evan, along with members of



Level Volunteer Fire Company placed in service a new Horton ambulance April 16. Level's new unit is a 2004 Horton Walk Thru featuring a Chevy 4500 Medium Duty Commercial Cut-a-way chassis, diesel engine and an Allison transmission. Included are an H Oxygen bottle lift system, 53 degree wheel turning radius, CPR seat, full LED emergency lighting package, Intelliplex sealed panel control console and all clear Plexiglas compartment doors. The unit was purchased from Mark Falkenhan of Fesco Emergency Sales for \$134,834. The unit is fully equipped to meet the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Advanced Life Support Standards. The new unit is designated Ambulance 191.

their families, signed the appropriate paperwork and transferred ownership officially. New tags were put in place and the old ones retired. Level Ambulance 191 was retired and new Ewell Ambulance 100 came to life.

Evan said their company has a total of nine EMTs trained, eight woman and one man, who provide EMS coverage for their first due area. Last year they responded to about 60 emergency medical calls. Seventy-five percent of

the patients they assist are transported to the hospital by Medevac. The less serious patients wait for transportation by boat to the mainland.

Evan said his 20-year-old son is the ambulance lieutenant and was eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new unit. He said much of the equipment they would be carrying would be on the unit by dark.

Tyler expressed the appreciation of the entire membership for the generosity of Level and the donation of the used EMS unit. Present for the transfer of ownership on behalf of Level were President Danny Polk Jr., 1st Assistant Chief Clarence Ross, Ambulance Capt. Louise Mabe, Director Buddy Testerman, Past MSFA President Gene Worthington, Senior Capt. Larry Mabe and chairman of the Ambulance Replacement Committee Jack Polk.

Special guest was Chief Bobby Goll Jr. of the Susquehanna Hose Company who is an avid waterman, regular visitor and friend to the Ewell personnel. Goll worked with Polk to work out details on the donation of the ambulance. The cooperative effort exemplifies the true spirit of volunteer fire and EMS services in the state.

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Honored with the Star of Life Award were Wendy Parker (left), Bethany Six, Josh Willet, Stephanie Lowry and Wendy Bowersox. They are shown with 6-year-old Morgan Longenecker, whose life they saved, Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. and Donald L. DeVries Jr., chairman of the Maryland EMS Board.

Emergency medical crews honored

Two groups helped save lives of accident victims

By ELLIE BAUBLITZ
STAFF WRITER

Timing is everything. Just ask the emergency medical technicians at Taneytown Volunteer Fire Company who were returning to the station Sept. 2 when they witnessed a 5-year-old girl get hit by a pickup truck.

"It was a matter of being in the right place at the right time," said Wendy Bowersox, lead paramedic on the ambulance who helped save the little girl's life that day.

For their efforts, Bowersox and EMTs Stephanie Lowry, Josh Willet, Bethany Six and Wendy Parker were honored recently with the Star of Life Award from Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems.

"The award is given to individuals, multiple individuals or a team on the same incident for an outstanding rescue by EMS personnel," institute spokesman Jim Brown said of the honor, which was presented Monday in Annapolis.

The day of the accident, Bowersox and ambulance driver Josh Willet saw a football sail across the street in front of them and watched in horror as Morgan Longenecker darted in front of the truck.

"We were actually afraid she would be run over by our ambulance. She actually landed behind the ambulance — that's how close we were," Bowersox said.

The crew immediately stopped, assessed Morgan and called for a medical helicopter to take her to the Johns Hopkins

pediatric trauma center in Baltimore.

"The little girl wasn't breathing for five to eight minutes and didn't make any attempt to breathe until the utility [truck] got there," Bowersox said. "We were using the bag valve mask and breathing for her."

The EMTs started an intravenous solution and stabilized Morgan, who was breathing on her own by the time the helicopter arrived.

Brenda Longenecker, Morgan's mother, said her daughter remained in a coma for two days with pelvic injuries and a blood clot on the left side of her brain.

After a week at Hopkins, Morgan spent about three weeks at the Kennedy Krieger Institute for rehabilitation.

"She's doing pretty good," Brenda Longenecker said last week. "She has a contusion on the brain that they said would take six months to a year to go away, but she's back in school and she's doing really good."

Also last week, an EMT crew from Reese & Community Volunteer Fire Company earned an award for saving the life of a 33-year-old man who was injured in an accident last year.

Paramedic Lisa Elliott and EMTs Ray Mattison, Carl Morgenstern and Chad Reese were to receive Maryland Shock Trauma Center's Hero Award last night at the center's annual A Night for Heroes gala.

On the morning of May 9 last year, Tim Stewart, an employee of Roll-Off Express on Dede Road in Finksburg, had filled a tractor-trailer tire with air and was next to it when it exploded.

"The sidewall of the tire hit him and knocked him about 15 to 20 feet away, where he landed on a pile of tires," Elliott said. "He was lucky the tire rim didn't

hit him because it would have killed him. He had head, chest and abdominal injuries, which were seriously life-threatening."

The Reese company sent additional personnel to help Stewart, who was put on two intravenous solutions, a heart monitor and oxygen.

Because of fog, the medical helicopters weren't flying, so the crew had to take him by land to Shock Trauma.

"We got him down there in about 25 minutes, which was really good, what with the fog, traffic and construction," Elliott said. "My driver, Raymond Mattison, was excellent."

"I think that's one reason they [Shock Trauma] considered it an exceptional rescue, because of all the things we had working against us," she said.

Stewart's wife, Pat, said the doctors told her that any one of his injuries was severe enough to kill him. He had a collapsed left lung; colon, spleen, liver and stomach damage; a shattered rib; and a torn aorta.

He remained in Shock Trauma for five weeks and has endured at least eight surgeries, the most recent in February.

Shock Trauma honors not only the ambulance crew that is the first to respond to an accident, but everyone involved in saving a victim's life. Thirty-two people were honored for helping to save Stewart.

"The criteria includes the type of injury and the number of people involved in saving one life, which goes all the way from the 911 dispatcher who took the call, all the way to the housekeeper keeping the bay doors open," said Cindy Rivers, a spokeswoman for Shock Trauma.

Both awards were part of National Emergency Medical Services Week, which began May 16.

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Talbot woman is state's EMS Provider of the Year

By: VICKI FISHER, Staff Writer

05/24/2004

EASTON - A Talbot County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) paramedic was honored Monday for being named Maryland EMS Provider of the Year.

Margaret Stein, who has been a Talbot County EMS paramedic for nearly four years and an Oxford Volunteer Fire Company ambulance captain for eight, has volunteered her free time organizing and training people for Talbot County's Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), or Operation Save Heart, program.

"I was completely surprised," said Stein. "I had no idea."

Mark Cummings, Talbot County EMS director, said he nominated Stein for the award for her ongoing efforts as a paramedic who consistently works on related projects in her free time.

"I feel great for her, both personally and professionally," he said. "So many deserving people go unrecognized and this time they chose the right person."

Cummings described Stein as the backbone of the defibrillator program.

Stein has worked in her spare time to do 80 percent of the training involved in the AED program, Cummings said. The AED program distributes 140 defibrillators in public places throughout the county. Stein has done all of the record keeping for the program and also has taught CPR to many of the defibrillator recipients. She also was responsible for recording and accounting at Winterfest, the statewide EMS conference on Tilghman Island, said Cummings.



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**Hospital opens new
emergency care center**

Holy Cross Hospital held an open house Saturday to show its new emergency care center to the public.

The new center is more than twice the size of the space constructed at the hospital in the 1970s. In addition to treating patients with life-threatening emergencies, the center offers a fast-track Express Care Center for patients who have minor injuries or ailments, as well as a dedicated pediatric emergency service with private space for parents to be with their children.

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PRMC unveils \$110M expansion plan

By Deborah Gates
The Daily Times

SALISBURY — A multimillion-dollar capital improvement blueprint that would see the largest expansion ever to Peninsula Regional Medical Center was formally unveiled Monday.

The construction plan, which would ultimately cost \$110 million to complete in two separate phases, calls for a parking garage that would accommodate an additional 400 vehicles and a new emergency department that would reduce wait times and service more patients.

The expansion is part of a master facilities plan that would include massive renovation and consolidation of the hospital's heart center, a comprehensive cancer center with additional space for radiation treatment and surgical services and a new outpatient tower that would eventually extend to five floors, PRMC officials said.

The front entranceway to the hospital would also undergo a

major change with the construction of a glass atrium.

The Phase I expansion should be completed by 2008 and includes 138,370 square feet in new space and renovation work to nearly 100,000 square feet of existing space. The cost for the first phase is projected at \$83.8 million, said Alan Newberry, PRMC president and chief executive officer.

The hospital would tap the bond market to borrow \$75 million, with the remainder coming from fund-raising contributions and other sources. "This is the biggest dollar project in Wicomico County history," Newberry said.

A consulting firm is developing a plan to involve outside contributions, Newberry said. He also intends to discuss the project Wednesday with various local elected officials.

"There has not been a major building project in 10 years. We will need community support," he said.

Newberry also said expansion

at the 65-year-old medical center would not require acquisition of additional land. "We will be able to rotate ourselves around a central hub," he said.

Initial expansion should begin in the next 10 months, and immediate plans include:

- Construction of a 400-space patient and visitor parking facility to be built just west of the current emergency department; work should begin in 2005. The cost is \$5.8 million, and the facility would improve access to the medical center that serves up to 500,000 outpatient visitors annually.

- A new 46,000-square-foot emergency department. With 83,000 patients passing through the emergency room annually, the department is in need of more space to meet a growing demand, said Bruce Patterson, who directs PRMC's facilities management. The facility would cover two floors initially and should be completed within the next two years.

"That is most pressing," said

Newberry about the emergency department project. The transport of trauma patients from other medical centers continues to stress the PRMC facility, he said.

Construction of temporary modular structures for the emergency department is expected to get under way by fall to help the trauma center cope until the new facility is completed, Newberry said.

The interim (ER) construction will help offset waiting. It will bridge us for the next couple of years," he said.

Other plans in Phase I call for a new tower and 32 additional patient beds, the cancer center with expanded surgery and radiology services and the new heart center atrium and outpatient entrance that could include an enclosed skywalk.

Phase II of the expansion project is expected to cost \$26.5 million, but it could be a decade before that phase gets under way. The project likely would include the demolition of the

old red-brick hospital building, with sections that back to the late 1930s.

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Disaster/terrorism drill helps county evaluate readiness

(May 28, 2004) In an effort to test Worcester County's preparedness to handle a full-scale disaster, county emergency responders were evaluated by representatives from the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems while responding to a mock disaster/terrorist attack last Saturday at the Worcester Career and Technology Center (WCTC). Emergency Service personnel noted that though there is room for improvement, as a whole the county stands ready to respond to such a crisis.

"Worcester County was tested on its preparedness to handle a terrorist event within a public school building this weekend to measure our readiness to respond and mitigate the situation," said David Fitzgerald, emergency management planner for Worcester County. "As a county, we can be proud of our responders' current abilities to handle such an event."

The drill began at 8:35 a.m. with a mock emergency call from a student at the WCTC to the 911 center who stated that a bomb had just exploded in the school and an unknown individual was fleeing the scene. Worcester County Emergency Services began dispatching all available resources to respond to the drill. Within moments the county's Emergency Services, Fire Marshal and Sheriff's Offices, Public Works, Health Department and various fire and ambulance companies throughout the county converged on the school to resolve the crisis.

The Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of a K-9 unit and Sheriff's Tactical Armed Response (STAR) team tracked and captured the alleged perpetrator, while county emergency personnel and officials from various fire companies, emergency medical service, and special hazards team worked together to deal with the events unfolding before them.

Those events included not only determining the nature of the simulated explosion and a subsequent blast but also attempting to aid students posing as panicked, shocked, injured or dead. Following the initial explosion and emergency response, injured students were transported to Atlantic General Hospital (AGH). AGH staff was evaluated on their ability to decontaminate and care for large numbers of injured individuals.

"Many agencies participated and displayed their ability to work well together," Fitzgerald said. "We will critique the evaluations and strive to make improvements where necessary. Improvements could mean there are additional equipment needs, additional training for personnel or additional outside resources that should be made available."

Worcester County Emergency Services Director Teresa Owens stated that, "The Worcester County Exercise Planning Committee invested more than a year of preparation time into creating this realistic learning tool and plans to begin conducting emergency drills annually."

The Worcester County Commissioners appreciate the assistance of the various organizations that assisted with the drill: Worcester County Volunteer Services and the Board of Education, Pocomoke, Girdlestone, Stockton, Newark, Berlin, Ocean City, Showell, Bishopville and Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire and EMS Companies, First Baptist Church of Berlin, Community Players of Ocean Pines, Red Cross, Stephen Decatur High School Students Against Drunk Drivers and Pocomoke High School Warriors Communications.



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Preston Elementary students learn about career choices

PRESTON — Preston Elementary School held a Career Day April 29. Eight adults participated in the learning experience and students from the Caroline County Technology Center were also on hand.

The high school students set up stations in the gym and information about subjects available for study in the vocational school was presented to the younger students. They included Cosmetology, Health Occupations, Auto Tech, Industrial Technology, Horticulture, Carpentry, Child Care, NC Art Department, Agribusiness and Information Management Systems (computer).

Each student was able to take part in the careers: hammering nails, planting seeds, having faces painted, etc.

NRP Officer, Darrin Moore, was instrumental in bringing together the "outside" participants. Michael Glanden brought a backhoe dump truck from his company, Glanden Construction; Barry Holland brought a tractor trailer from Overnight Transport in Federalsburg; John Gill, who is with U.S.



Michael Glanden of Glanden Construction talks to students from Preston Elementary about his job on Career Day at the school.

Fish and Wildlife, brought a large tub with sturgeon swimming in it that the children could pick up or touch; horse trainer, Mrs. Stafford, brought her horse, Scooby. Most of the children had never touched a horse before and were delighted with how soft he felt; Kenneth Tull brought his EMT ambulance, Darrin Moore brought his NRP police van, and the highlight of the day was the NRP helicopter piloted by John

Buchanan and Mark Wright.

Each participant talked about what they do, the training that was required for the job, and then let the children experience "hands-on" as much as possible.

PES Career Day was a smashing success because of the people who gave their time to come and talk about their careers and allow the students to participate and experience the different jobs. Career Day was a learning



Preston Elementary School students got an up-close look at the Natural Resources Police helicopter during Career Day on April 29.

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Editorial

Hospital improvements greatly needed

At first glance it might seem that the folks at Peninsula Regional Medical Center are asking for the moon with their multimillion-dollar capital improvement plan unveiled last week. The blueprint for expansion and renovation calls for new buildings and parking facilities that would greatly enhance the current hospital campus.

Ultimately costing about \$110 million and slated for completion in two distinct phases, the construction plan calls for improving major hospital functions that are due for an

Our View

Plan calls for improving major hospital functions that are due for an upgrade. Patient rooms are being renovated and services spread across the campus are being consolidated to better serve patients.

Perhaps the most important part of the plan is construction of a new 46,000-square-foot emergency department.

upgrade. Parking has long been a problem and that is being addressed by construction of a \$5.8 million garage, located in a central part of the campus. Patient rooms are being renovated and services spread across the campus are being consolidated to better serve patients.

Perhaps the most important part of the plan is construction of a new 46,000-square-foot emergency department. With 63,000 patients passing through the emergency room annually, the department is in need of

more space to meet growing demand. Everyone seems to have a story about a long wait in PRMC's emergency department — the facility expansion will be a crucial step toward solving that problem. The new emergency center would cover two floors initially, and should be completed within the next two years.

A jewel in the PRMC universe is the highly touted heart center. This, too, would undergo consolidation and improvement. With the Lower Shore's high cancer rate, treatment for that devastating disease is an important hospital function, and the effort will be made easier through construction of a comprehensive cancer center, with additional space for radiation treatment.

Surgical services will also be improved with new space. A new outpatient tower that would eventually extend to five floors would also be added.

The Phase I expansion should be completed by 2008 and includes 138,370 square feet in new space and renovation work, added to nearly 100,000 square feet of existing space.

The cost for the first phase is projected to be \$83.8 million. The hospital would tap the bond market to borrow \$75 million, with the remainder coming from fund-raising contributions and other sources.

Peninsula Regional's expansion plan is ambitious, expensive and a huge undertaking. But it is also well thought-out, timely and wholly necessary. One thing that distinguishes our community is the high quality of medical care, and that care begins with adequate medical facilities. It is vital that the community maintain a first-rate medical center. This expansion plan is crucial to fulfilling a local commitment to top flight medical service.

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Disaster preparedness training

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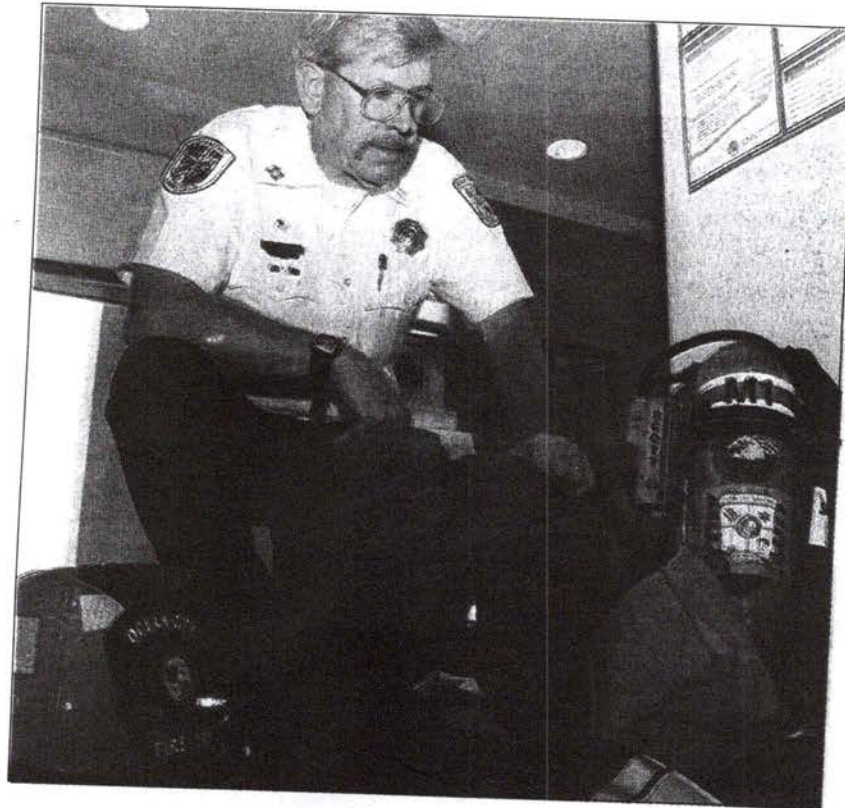
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Capt. David Collins of Ocean City Emergency Medical Services (fire division) explains some of the main protective gear used by firefighters, such as N.F.P.A.-rated clothing and breathing apparatus, during an open house at the Public Safety Building on 65th Street in Ocean City on May 16. Emergency medical personnel were on hand to demonstrate the equipment as it would be used in emergency situations.

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Coast Guard says boat smart, boat safe, wear life jackets

(May 24, 2004) The Coast Guard kicks off the National Safe Boating Week Campaign continuing through May 28.

According to Coast Guard statistics, 750 boaters died in 2002 nationwide. Eighty-five percent of those who drowned were not wearing their life jackets. In an emergency, there is no time to put on a life jacket, so wearing one at all times is extremely important. And forget the image of life jackets being orange, bulky and uncomfortable, today's technologically advanced life jackets are inconspicuous - some even double as fishing vests or jackets.

During National Safe Boating Week, there will be Coast Guard Auxiliary and U. S. Power Squadron members at local boat ramps in Virginia Beach, Norfolk and Cape Charles to conduct Vessel Safety Checks, a non-enforcement, courtesy examination of a vessel to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by state and federal regulations. All boaters are encouraged to take advantage of this free service.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadrons also offer boating courses for recreational boaters of all ages throughout the year. Courses cover many aspects of boating safety, from boat handling to reading the weather.

Another aspect of boating safety is not operating a boat under the influence, or not boating while intoxicated. Just as deadly as drinking and driving, it is also illegal to operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs in every state. There are stringent penalties for violating BUI/BWI laws, which can include large fines, suspension or revocation of boat operator privileges, and jail terms.

Here are a few other tips to make your boating experience pleasurable this summer:

- Make sure a friend or relative knows your float plan. A float plan states where you are going and how many people are on board your vessel, gives a complete vessel description, and details your destination and when you plan to arrive there. If you are delayed for some reason, make sure you let those same people know.
- Be sure to check the local weather prior to departing the dock. Weather can change very rapidly and you should keep a watchful eye on the forecasted conditions.
- Have nautical charts of the area you are boating in, a global positioning device, and a reliable means of communication. VHF radio is the best method of communications while on the water. Although cell phones are a good backup, they can be unreliable due to gaps in coverage area and the inevitable dead battery.

For further boating safety information, call or check online at one of the following:

- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary www.cgaux.org
- Vessel Safety Checks www.vesselsafety-check.org
- Coast Guard Boating Safety page at <http://www.uscgboating.org> or 1-800-368-5647
- National Safe Boating Council www.safeboatingcouncil.org
- U.S. Power Squadrons www.usps.org

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Hospital awarded for emergency medical services

The Maryland Institute for
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Hospital among the Stars of
Life honorees at a ceremony
last week in Annapolis.

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Recognizing May 16-22 as Emergency Medical Services Week on Tuesday were (from left) Worcester County Commissioners John "Sonny" Bloxom and Judy Boggs, David Collins, Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, Jackie Carey, Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department, Commissioner Virgil Shockley, Gary Pumell Berlin Fire Department, Commissioners Louise Gulyas, Bud Church, Tom Cetola and James Pumell.



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Students see the dangers of drinking and driving

By MARISA NAVARRO
TIMES STAFF WRITER

SYKESVILLE — Century High School art teacher Nicole Diem dipped a small paintbrush in a bottle filled with stage blood and started flicking it at junior Kris Breeden's dress and legs.

The 17-year-old already had fake blood dripping on her arms and face. She also had a gash on her forehead that the school's drama club members created with stage makeup.

In less than an hour, Breeden would join six other drama club members in a mock drunken driving accident, known as "Prom Promise," Thursday at Century High.

In the staged accident, Breeden and two friends get into a

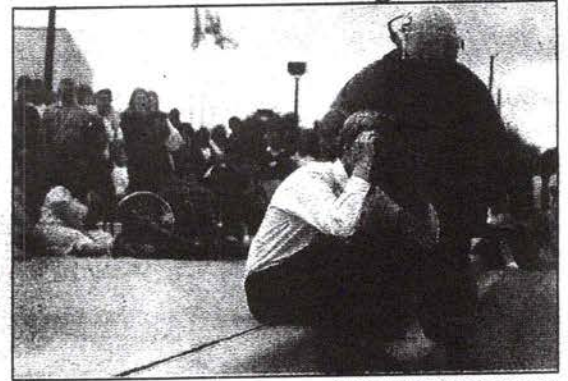
car with junior Greg Kneller, who has been drinking. Kneller crashes into a husband, wife and baby. During the crash, Breeden is ejected from her seat and dies at the scene.

The event is designed to warn teenagers about the dangers of drinking and driving during prom and graduation season.

This is the first year Century High has hosted the event for juniors and seniors.

"This re-enactment could have very well been real," said Amy Carney, an Emergency Medical Services lieutenant with the Sykesville-Freedom District fire company.

But for the student actors, "Prom Promise" was very real. The Sykesville-Freedom District and Winfield fire compa-



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Senior Josh Meyer, a member of the Century High School drama club, sits on the curb during the mock accident.

nies brought out tools they typically use at a car crash.

The student actors could hear popping sounds of the tools as rescue crews opened the car hood and doors to get

the victims out of the car.

"It made me sick to my stomach," said junior Sara Komaromy. "That was horrifying."

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Graduation

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"We should not throw away a whole life just because he's a little banged up," Kimmel said, in reciting a line from the movie about the underdog horse.

Kimmel also provided the students with three pieces of advice that he asked them to keep in mind as they enter the

next step of their lives: believing in themselves, doing their best and that obstacles in life cannot be perfected without some type of friction.

"A person cannot be perfected without obstacles," Kimmel said. "Let your hopes, not your hurts, mold your future."

The post secondary program's goals include: providing students with work experience in a structured setting, develop-

ing student career awareness and positive work attitudes, fostering work independence, increasing the speed and quality of the students' work, enhancing the students self-esteem and increasing their options and opportunities.

These goals are accomplished by the programs administrators setting students up with community organizations including Target Inc., Division of Reha-

bilitation Services in Carroll County and the Carroll business community, said Mary Pat Dye, post secondary coordinator.

Graduates were Carrie Billings, Martez Carroll, Jamie Davis, Stephen Goodwin, Dan Hein, Derek Miller, Russell Neighoff, Amanda Schmidt, Shannon Smith, Erin Strevig, Eric Tomaszewski, Jason Walker and Elizabeth Yocum.