

# Maryland EMS News

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## Governor Moore Signs Executive Order Creating Maryland's Office of Overdose Response

**ON DECEMBER 14, 2023**, Governor Wes Moore signed an executive order creating Maryland's Office of Overdose Response within the Maryland Department of Health. The office will coordinate and promote efforts across state agencies to address the overdose crisis in Maryland.

"The opioid and overdose crisis is constantly evolving and it is imperative that our efforts to prevent overdoses and save lives remain nimble and reflect the challenges facing our communities," said Moore.

"We are focused on expanding pathways to compassionate care for individuals, whether they are actively using drugs or are on the road to recovery," he continued. "Building communities that can thrive requires ensuring that all Marylanders, regardless of where they come from or where they are, can access the support they need."

Joining the governor were Lt. Governor Aruna Miller, Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Dr. Rahul Gupta, Maryland Department of Health Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health Alyssa Lord, and Special Secretary of Overdose Response Emily Keller. Keller will oversee the new office, formerly known as the Opioid Operational Command Center.

The executive order also establishes the Maryland Overdose Response Advisory Council, which will take the place of the former Inter-Agency Heroin and Opioid Coordinating Council. Miller will chair the council, through which 18 participating state government agencies and offices will promote data sharing, develop strategic guidance for increasing access to substance use care, and address disparities in overdose outcomes. Miller stressed the need for "everyone to have a seat at the table" in the state's response to what she described as "a public health issue."

"Substance use affects nearly all aspects of a person's life, and we need partners – from public health to public safety, education, and social services – to be a part of the solution so that we can reach people who are at risk of overdose wherever they may be in their lives," said Miller.

Five key policy pillars will guide the Moore-Miller administration's approach to reducing overdoses: prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery, and public safety. Maryland's Office of Overdose Response will create a comprehensive strategic plan to advance policies and programs addressing the state's most pressing needs. The process will include collecting feedback from subject matter

experts with state and local agencies, the research community, community partners, and the general public. Keller noted that the administration is working hard to address substance use "from all angles."

"Maryland has been a national leader in building a framework to address the overdose crisis, and we have to make sure we stay ahead of the curve," she said. "Our office is working to increase collaboration across all state and local agencies to advance the most effective strategies that can save lives and promote success in recovery."

According to Lord, the executive order reflects the administration's "commitment to leaving no one behind and providing the necessary services and care to those who need it."

"These changes strengthen the cooperation and communication required to provide better outcomes for more Marylanders," she noted. "We look forward to working with our federal and state partners to continue expanding our efforts to save lives together."

Marylanders are encouraged to visit [StopOverdose.marylandgov](https://StopOverdose.marylandgov) to learn more about how the state is addressing the overdose crisis. The

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# EMS News Digest

■ **Homeland Security Today Honors Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group** (*Homeland Security Today*). The Government Technology & Services Coalition's *Homeland Security Today* named the Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group (AAIWG) the "Homeland Security Person of the Year" during its Holiday Hero Awards dinner held December 6, 2023, in Vienna, VA. Co-chaired by MIEMSS and Maryland State Police (MSP), AAIWG's multidisciplinary membership works to identify, update, and share best practices and current activities to help Maryland prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from active assailant incidents. MSP Sgt. Travis Nelson and MIEMSS Director of EMS Preparedness and Operations Randy A. Linthicum accepted the award on behalf of AAIWG. Read more: <https://www.hstoday.us/featured/preparedness-heroes-honored-at-hstoday-2023-holiday-awards/>

■ **Frampton Named Salisbury's Fire Chief** (*Salisbury Independent*). Rob Frampton has been appointed

Chief of the Salisbury Fire Department (SFD). It is the latest of several roles that Frampton has held during his 24-year career with SFD, including Assistant Chief and, most recently, Acting Deputy Chief. Frampton is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and holds a Master's Degree in Emergency Health Services and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Read more: <https://baytobaynews.com/wicomico/stories/frampton-named-salisburys-fire-chief.124057>

■ **Integrating 9-1-1 and 9-8-8 Services with Innovative Crisis Response Systems** (*US Fire Administration*). The National Association of Counties has published the Shaping Crisis Response Spotlight Series, which features five counties in five different states that have implemented innovative crisis response systems involving 9-1-1/9-8-8 integration. Read more: <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/blog/integrating-911-and-988-services-with-innovative-crisis-response-systems/>. ■

## OVERDOSE...

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website features resources that can help support individuals who may be struggling with substance use, including information about fentanyl, how to find the overdose-reversing medication naloxone, and information about Maryland's Good Samaritan law, which protects individuals who

call 9-1-1 for help in responding to an overdose. Those who are struggling with substance abuse are encouraged to call or text 9-8-8 to reach the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline for additional substance use and behavioral health resources. ■

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~ MIEMSS wishes all Maryland EMS clinicians and their families, friends, and colleagues a happy and healthy holiday season! ~

 **2024**



# WINTERFEST

EMS CONFERENCE

February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> | EASTON, MD

winterfest@talbotdes.org

# PRE-CONFERENCE AGENDA

*Registration required*

## PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT – AN INTERACTIVE PEDIATRIC TRAUMA WORKSHOP

**Fee:** \$50

**Date/Time:** Friday, February 2, 2024 | 0800 – 1630

**Location:** Chesapeake College Health Professions and Athletics Center (HPAC), 1000 College Circle, Wye Mills, MD 21679

**Credit(s):** 7.5 T

Join the Maryland Pediatric EMS Champions and EMSC faculty for a series of five trauma-based simulations and scenarios where ALS and BLS clinicians will have the opportunity to practice their pediatric assessment and intervention skills. Each clinician will have the opportunity to be the “team lead” for at least one scenario in a simulated environment designed to be as close to “real life” as possible. This intense, hands-on workshop will allow ALS and BLS clinicians to enhance their pediatric skills and become more confident and comfortable in treating an injured child.

## EMT 12-HOUR SKILLS REFRESHER

**Fee:** \$85

**Lecture Portion:** Thursday, January 18, 2024 | 1600 | Online via Zoom

**Skills Portion:** Friday, February 2, 2024 | 0800 – 1700 | Easton Elks Lodge #1622, 502 Dutchmans Lane, Easton, MD 21601

For EMTs; complete all your recertification needs with us at Winterfest 2024. The EMT refresher will have an online lecture portion via Zoom with an online exam. The skills portion will be at the Easton Elks Lodge #1622. Lunch is included.

*Space is limited. Register early!*

# CONFERENCE AGENDA: DAY 1

**Saturday, February 3, 2024**  
**Easton High School, Easton, MD 21601**

**0730 – 0800 Registration**

**0800 – 0830 Welcome with Dr. Ted Delbridge**

*Ted Delbridge, MD, MPH, FACEP, Executive Director, MIEMSS*

Dr. Delbridge will highlight some of the latest trends in EMS and share matters of interest to EMS clinicians from around the state.

**0830 – 0930 Growing a Better Trauma Decision Tree: What You Need to Know to Make the Right Call/Decision (1 T)**

*Timothy Chizmar, MD, State EMS Medical Director, MIEMSS*

*Jennifer Anders, MD, Associate State EMS Medical Director for Pediatrics, MIEMSS*

The Trauma Decision Tree is both protocol and a practical quick reference for EMS clinicians making destination decisions for injured patients. Originally published in 1976 and revised every 10 years, the 2021 “National Guidelines for the Field Triage of Injured Patients” proposed changes in specific criteria based on input from 4,000 EMS, ED, and Trauma professionals. This presentation will highlight the 2023 changes that were incorporated into the Maryland “Trauma Tree” and discuss the evidence and expertise that led to these changes.

**0930 – 0945 Break with the Exhibitors**

**0945 – 1045 Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking (1 M)**

*Shannon Temple, BSN, RN, CEN, FNE-A/P; SAFE Coordinator, UM Shore Regional Health*

This presentation will discuss the basics of human trafficking. What is it? Who is being trafficked? What does human trafficking look like in your communities? What can you do to help combat human trafficking? How can you help the trafficked person in your healthcare role?

**1045 – 1100 Break with the Exhibitors**

**1100 – 1200 Alcohol and Withdrawal (1 M)**

*Kevin Pearl, MD, Base Station Medical Director, UM Shore Regional Health; Adjunct Instructor, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine*

Alcohol is one of the most commonly encountered drugs of abuse in the prehospital environment. An understanding of its effects, and the ways in which intoxicated or alcohol addicted patients tend to come in contact with EMS, will aid the EMS clinician in diagnosing and treating these patients. Dr. Pearl will discuss the importance of maintaining a high level of suspicion for significant illness and injury in this vulnerable patient population. He will review a number of important pathophysiologic states, such as alcohol withdrawal, and discuss their treatment in the field.

**1200 – 1300 Lunch (included with registration)**

**1300 – 1430 Breakout Sessions**

**1430 – 1500 Break with the Exhibitors**

**1500 – 1630 Breakout Sessions (repeated)**

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

### **A ABCs of Pediatric Burns: Causes, Assessment, Triage, and Transport (1.5 T)**

*Cindy Colson, DNP, CPNP-AC/PC, NRP, Nurse Practitioner; Child & Adolescent Protection/Emergency Department, Children's National Hospital*

This workshop will focus on the current trends in burn care for both children and teens. The most common types of burns vary by age, but the initial assessment, triage and stabilization follow the ABCs. Determining hospital destination is based upon severity, percentage and other risk factors. Ms. Colson will present interactive case studies.

### **B Left Ventricular Assist Devices: What the EMS Clinician Needs to Know (1.5 M)**

*Kimberly A. Boswell, MD, FACEP Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine*

Dr. Boswell will present pertinent and lifesaving information regarding LVADs, the patient population receiving them, their components and, how they function. The presentation will highlight specific issues that can lead to a malfunction and will review treatment strategies for malfunctioning LVADs.

### **C Beyond the Golden Hour (1.5 T)**

*Wayne Tiemersma, NRP, Region I/II Coordinator, MIEMSS  
Andrew Robertson, BS, NRP, Region V Coordinator, MIEMSS*

Surviving the initial injury is just the first step of a long journey toward recovery. EMS plays an important role for the long-term success in this journey. Wayne and Andrew will share their personal journeys in the recovery of loved ones who experienced traumatic brain injuries.

### **D Soft, Slow, Steady, and Simple: Assessing the Autistic Patient (1.5 M)**

*Dwayne Kitis, BS, NRP, Director, Mission Support, MIEMSS  
Garrett Kitis*

This session will present an overview of Garrett and his life with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). We will discuss how children and adults with ASD receive, translate, and respond to different types of external stimulation. Participants will be shown ways to assess autistic individuals, including how to gather identifiable health and other pertinent information. Students will interact with Garrett in an attempt to assess the patient's health utilizing the techniques presented.

### **E Well, Well, Well...: Pursuit of the Ever-Elusive EMS Clinician Wellness (1.5 M)**

*Thomas Chiccone, MD, Region IV EMS Medical Director, MIEMSS, Talbot County EMS Medical Director*

Wellness is integral to the mental health and physical well-being of EMS clinicians. Yet despite its recognized importance, it remains an elusive goal. Why? The presentation will explore what makes wellness so hard to attain and promote, and the devastating consequences of failure to do so.

### **F Vehicle Crash Scene Cues: Scene Size-Up Through the Eyes of a Mechanical Engineer (1.5 T)**

*Janet Bahouth, D. Sc., Director, Crash CORE*

Automotive vehicles and roadways are different today, yet crashes continue to occur. If you know what to look for at the scene, your patient assessment will be well informed. This workshop will provide a "new look" at a crash scene "size up" to include what the vehicle can tell you if you know where to look. Key factors to look for and the essential data elements to document will be highlighted through crash examples to help EMS and Trauma Centers provide the best care for victims of crashes.

**G Pelvic Injuries (1.5 T)**

*Sandip Tarpada, MD, Orthopaedic Trauma Fellow, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center*

The presentation will discuss the evaluation, work up, and acute management of pelvic ring injuries and polytraumatized patients.

**H Grandma's Medicine Cabinet (1.5 M)**

*Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN, MSN, CEN, CPEN, NRP, FAEN, University of Maryland Shore Medical Center*

When you had a cold, did your grandma or neighbor bring you a special tea or a poultice for a cut? Did they help? Traditional or folk medication is rooted in an understanding of the body, spirit, healing, and culture. Modern medicine focuses on treating specific diseases and evidence-based practice. Caring for those who live in both worlds presents challenges and opportunities for understanding.

**I Demystifying the MAP: Mean Arterial Pressure for the EMS Clinician (1.5 M)**

*Mustafa Sidik, BS, NRP, Region III Associate Coordinator, MIEMSS*

Mr. Sidik will discuss the physiological components of the mean arterial pressure, and how to utilize the MAP and pulse pressure to differentiate source and severity of shock.

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# CONFERENCE AGENDA: DAY 2

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

**Easton High School, Easton, MD 21601**

**0800 – 0815 Registration**

**0815 – 0830 Welcome**

**0830 – 0930 Unusual Pediatric and Adult Trauma Cases – Injuries Disproportionate to Mechanism (1 T)**

*Elizabeth Wooster, PhD, RN Director, Trauma & Injury Specialty Care Programs, Office of Care Integration, MIEMSS*

This lecture will follow two case studies where the injury was extensive and unexpected from the mechanism. Focus will be on triage, initial assessment and stabilization, reassessment, hospital course, under/over triage, and patient outcome.

**0930 – 0945 Break with the Exhibitors**

**0945 – 1045 Healthy-ish EMS (1 L)**

*Megan Lautz, MS, RD, CSCS, TSAC-F, Medocracy Inc., on behalf of Fairfax County Fire and Police*

“Healthy-ish Eating for EMS” will dispel the illusion that there is a “perfect diet” for all first responders. First responders face a variety of challenges when it comes to eating well. Many dietitians will talk at an ideal level that does not resonate with this population. This EMS provider-specific approach will zone in on challenges and common gaps in nutrition discovered after seven years of experience and hundreds of station visits. Understand the physiology behind hydration and healthy eating with realistic strategies for implementation for both first responders and patients. Discover tips and tricks for eating well on a 24-hour shift or when volunteering. Learn how to make healthier choices when packaged food or fast food are the only options available. The key to eating well in this career is understanding that there is a range of healthy eating, and consistently making the best effort is what counts.

**1045 – 1100 Break with the Exhibitors****1100 – 1200 Wet, Wobbly, and Wacky - Other Causes of Altered Mental Status (1 M)**

*Zachary Tillett, MD, Johns Hopkins EMS Fellow*

This course will discuss a mix of common and uncommon causes of altered mental status, patient assessment, and findings with causes, with a focus on level of responsiveness for three diagnoses.

**1200 – 1300 Lunch (included with registration)****1300 – 1430 The Go Team: Bringing the Shock Trauma Center to the Field (1.5 T)**

*Rishi Kundi, MD Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, University of Maryland School of Medicine Chief, Endovascular Trauma Surgery, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center*

Dr. Kundi will discuss the history, mission, and capabilities of the Shock Trauma Center Go Team and how these have changed and evolved over its 40-year history. From beyond field amputation, the Go Team can be thought of as the means to start resuscitation and trauma surgical care in the field, from anesthesia and whole blood to REBOA. The Go Team's focus on collaborative care and being a resource within the ICS is emphasized, as well as the Go Team's intention to be a training resource for Maryland's first responders and the Team's desire to train with local and regional rescue services.

**1430 – 1445 Break****1445 – 1615 Fire Rehabilitation Science (1.5 T)**

*Matt Levy, DO, MSc, FAEMS, FACEP, Medical Director, Howard County Fire & Rescue/ MIEMSS Region III Medical Director*

This session will review common emergencies encountered on the fire ground as well as important considerations for EMS clinicians when evaluating firefighters on the scene of working incidents.



# CONFERENCE DETAILS

## Location

Easton High School, 723 Mecklenburg Avenue, Easton, MD 21601

Winterfest EMS will be held at Easton High School, Easton, MD 21601. The EMT Skills Refresher Pre-Conference will be held at the Elks Lodge #1622, 502 Dutchmans Lane, Easton, MD 21601. Practice Makes Perfect - An Interactive Pediatric Trauma Workshop will be held at Chesapeake College Health Professions and Athletic Center (HPAC), 1000 College Circle, Wye Mills, MD 21679.

## Payment and Cancellation Policy

Preregistration is required. We request that registrations be submitted by **Friday, January 12, 2024**. Walk-in registrations will not be allowed. **In the event that payment is not readily available from the registrant's department, registration forms must be submitted with a letter of intent to pay on department letterhead.** Otherwise, payment of all fees must be included with preregistration. All students must be paid in full prior to Winterfest. There is a \$25 fee for returned checks. Any student with an outstanding balance from any previous Winterfest will not be allowed to participate until their account is paid in full. All requests for cancellations must be made in writing and either emailed to [winterfest@talbotdes.org](mailto:winterfest@talbotdes.org) or mailed to:

Winterfest EMS  
C/O Talbot County DES  
605 Port Street  
Easton, MD 21601

**There is a \$10.00 processing fee for refunds. Speakers and topics are subject to change.**

## Accommodations

WINTERFEST EMS WILL NOT BE TAKING ANY RESERVATIONS.

All reservations must be made by the student. Please contact any hotel directly to reserve and pay for your room. All hotels listed include a hot breakfast and free Wifi. Ask for the Winterfest rate from the suggested local lodging:

Fairfield by Marriott - \$99/night  
(410) 822-0050

Holiday Inn Express - \$99/night  
(410) 819-6500

## Weather Cancellation

The Conference Planning Committee will make a decision about cancellation of Winterfest EMS due to severe weather by **Wednesday, January 31**. Call Talbot County DES at (410) 770-8161 for details. Written requests for refunds will be accepted within 30 days of cancellation.

*For additional information or registration confirmations, call Talbot County DES at (410) 770-8161, email us at [winterfest@talbotdes.org](mailto:winterfest@talbotdes.org), or contact us through Facebook. The Winterfest EMS Committee is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in the conference. If you require additional assistance, please call the Winterfest EMS Committee.*





# 2024 REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Clinician Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (*required*): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification/Licensure (*circle*): EMR EMD EMT CRT PM LPN RN NP PA MD/DO

## Pre-Conferences (*select only one*)

\_\_\_ EMT Skills Refresher (\$85)

\_\_\_ Pediatric Skills & Scenarios: Interactive Pediatric Trauma Workshop (\$50)

## Weekend Registration Fees

Single-day Registration – \$100 (*select only one*)

Saturday – general sessions and breakouts

Sunday

Two-day Registration – \$175 (*Saturday and Sunday*)

## Saturday Afternoon Breakout Sessions (*circle one for each session*)

First Session: A B C D E F G H I

Second Session: A B C D E F G H I

Pre-Conference Fees + Conference Fees = **TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Winterfest EMS. Reservations are **due by Friday, January 12, 2024**. Send check along with this form to Winterfest EMS, C/O Talbot Co. DES, 605 Port Street., Easton, MD 21601. ***If payment is not readily available from the registrant's department, registration forms must be submitted with a letter of intent to pay on department letterhead.***

**\*\*\* Clinician Number is REQUIRED to Receive Continuing Education Credits \*\*\***

~ *SAVE THE DATE* ~

# WINTERFEST EMS

~ *FEBRUARY 2-4, 2024* ~

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## ~ *WHY ATTEND WINTERFEST?* ~



*"Winterfest EMS keeps me  
at the top of my game."*

**DR. THOMAS CHICCONE**

*MIEMSS REGION IV EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR  
TALBOT COUNTY DES MEDICAL DIRECTOR  
LONGTIME WINTERFEST EMS FACULTY MEMBER*

*"It's so exciting to interact with friends from  
across the state who come for this educational  
experience, and to have it be local for me."*

**LYNN THOMAS**

*PARAMEDIC | LONGTIME WINTERFEST EMS ATTENDEE*



*Scan the QR code for more reasons to  
attend Winterfest EMS 2024*



~ *SAVE THE DATE* ~

# MILTENBERGER EMERGENCY SERVICES SEMINAR

~ *MARCH 7–9, 2024* ~

*Further details coming soon!*

~ *WHY ATTEND MILTENBERGER?* ~



*"I have found that there's always something new you can learn."*

**SUSAN MOTT**

CARROLL COUNTY PEDIATRIC  
EMS CHAMPION

*"Miltenberger makes you feel like you're really part of the family of the Maryland EMS system."*

**DR. RAMEEN SHAFIEI**

UPMC WESTERN MARYLAND  
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE  
ALLEGANY COUNTY EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR



*Scan the QR code for more reasons to attend the 2024 Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar*





## MDERS Steering Committee Convenes to Approve Proposals, Elect New Officers, and Showcase Response Capabilities

**THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM** (MDERS) conducted an in-person Steering Committee meeting to allow stakeholders and staff to reconvene after engaging in numerous virtual forums due to the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this opportunity, MDERS Steering Committee stakeholders elected new chair officers, reviewed innovation fund proposals, and showcased current response capabilities to attendees.

The MDERS Steering Committee serves as a platform for multidisciplinary stakeholders to share ideas, discuss pertinent topics, and provide recommendations on diverse proposals, with the aim of garnering consensus, raising awareness, and securing approval for distinctive public safety capabilities that enhance emergency response operations. Comprised of inter-jurisdictional leadership from fire/rescue/EMS, law enforcement, emergency management, public health, hospital, and regional/state agencies, these partnerships ensure the enhancement of interoperability in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

Over the past several years, the MDERS Steering Committee has been guided by Chair Major Charles Magee, Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD), and Vice Chair Assistant Chief Tracy McDonald, Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service (MCFRS), who provided invaluable structure and profound influence during their four-year tenure in these roles.

MDERS and its partners express sincere gratitude to both individuals for their steadfast dedication in navigating unprecedented times marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, financial adjustments, and abnormal work con-

ditions. With the conclusion of their terms, members of the Steering Committee had the opportunity to elect new officers to fulfill the Chair and Vice Chair roles. MDERS congratulates newly appointed Chair MCFRS Assistant Chief Tracy McDonald and Vice Chair PGPD Sergeant Nicholas Fiore on their election.

Following the conclusion of the election, principal stakeholder agencies provided comprehensive presentations showcasing their recently integrated response capabilities. The presentations aimed to highlight specific functions and procedures that contribute to enhancing public safety operations. Each agency demonstrated how these sophisticated tools, designed for managing incidents of varying scales, play a crucial role in preserving lives, reinforcing coordinated responses, elevating training standards, and enhancing productivity during emergencies. The following is a list of the capabilities presented.

### Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (OHS/EM)

- *Community Lifeline Application* enables users to obtain real-time incident information on assets, services, and capabilities essential to community needs. The lifeline application created by PG OHS/EM to support Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) gives users access to pertinent topics affecting human health, including safety/security, communication, food/shelter, water systems, energy, and hazardous materials.

### Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD)

- *EST Medic LIFEPAK* equips tac-

tical medics with the capacity to identify, evaluate, and treat cardiac emergencies. Medics can use the defibrillator to treat unstable cardiac patients and monitor alterations to their vital signs.

- *First Line Supervisors Command Book* provides first-line supervisors with the tools and resources to effectively respond to diverse incidents. This guide contains a series of job aids, checklists, and worksheets for high-impact events, including barricaded suspects, bomb threats, active shooters, kidnappings, civil demonstrations, wounded officers, and rescue task force.

- *Public Order Equipment* contains full-body protective gear, helmets, and ballistic shields that increase officer safety at the forefront of active violence, mass gatherings, and hazardous materials. When deployed, public order teams wear full body armor covering their legs, arms, torso, and facial area.

### Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (MCDHHS)

- *Medical Resource Officer (MRO) Program* provides logistical, medical, and other critical functions to support response efforts to public health crises. The MRO oversees the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) administration and coordination to reinforce response efforts to public health events.

### Montgomery County Fire Rescue Services (MCFRS)

- *PerSim* software can simulate various medical emergencies to enhance training opportunities for first re-

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## The Right Care When It Counts Maryland EMSC 2024 Program



The Maryland EMS for Children program is In Search Of children and youth in Maryland who have demonstrated Steps to Take in an Emergency or Ways to be Better Prepared for an Emergency. Actions taking place January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, are eligible for nomination. We will be recognizing children and youth who acted so that others would receive "The Right Care When It Counts." Each nominee will receive a patch and certificate and be eligible for a state award at a ceremony during EMS Week 2024. Questions? Email [awards@miemss.org](mailto:awards@miemss.org)

**Children and youth who have met one or more of the following criteria are eligible for Right Care Awards:**

1. Activates the Emergency Response System by calling 9-1-1 in an emergency
2. Calls the Poison Control Center in an emergency (1-800-222-1222)
3. Provides family emergency phone numbers, address, and contacts to emergency responders
4. Knows and practices an emergency plan at home
5. Applies knowledge learned in a first aid class
6. Performs CPR and/or uses an AED effectively
7. Knows his or her medical history (allergies, medications, special needs, etc.) and shares this information with emergency care professionals
8. Participates in fire and injury prevention education in the community
9. Prepares, with his or her family, to respond to a disaster
10. Provides emergency assistance in the community

Nominations for 2024 Awards are DUE by March 29, 2024 (Friday).  
Submit through the online link:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/dc5605d40ced4ae4b77d62cca788ea8b>

*For more information about the 2024 Maryland EMS Awards, or to submit nominations, visit [www.MIEMSS.org](http://www.MIEMSS.org), or scan this QR code:*





## MARYLAND STARS OF LIFE AWARDS

Each year, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) celebrates EMS Week by honoring men and women across Maryland who have contributed to the EMS system. The eight categories for awards relate to specific incidents occurring from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

For further information, call 410-706-3994, or email [awards@miemss.org](mailto:awards@miemss.org).

### **MARYLAND STAR OF LIFE AWARD**

This award may be given to an individual, multiple individuals, or teams on the same incident for an outstanding rescue under extreme circumstances by EMS personnel.

### **MARYLAND EMS CITIZEN AWARD**

This award is intended for citizen rescuers who have demonstrated quick thinking, fast action, and heroism.

### **EMS CLINICIAN OF THE YEAR**

This award recognizes a clinician who has made outstanding contributions in the past year to the continuous improvement of emergency medical services in Maryland (for example, in the areas of quality assurance, public or EMS education, prevention, delivery of EMS services, and new technology).

### **EMD CLINICIAN OF THE YEAR**

This award is given for extraordinary efforts in assisting the public through dispatch in this vital portion of the Chain of Survival.

### **OUTSTANDING EMS PROGRAM**

This award recognizes a program that offers an innovative approach to reducing death and disability. The program must be affiliated with an EMS system component, such as a hospital, educational facility, rescue squad, or EMS organization.

### **LEON W. HAYES AWARD FOR LIFETIME EXCELLENCE IN EMS**

This award is given to an individual who has devoted a lifetime of dedication to excellence in patient care, compassion and respect for each patient, and commitment to continuous improvement of the Maryland EMS system through his/her professional and personal life.

### **MARYLAND EMS-CHILDREN (EMS-C) AWARD**

This award is given to an adult or program that has demonstrated ongoing dedication and commitment to improving the care for children and for promoting Family-Centered Care in a Maryland EMS program or hospital.

### **MARYLAND EMS-GERIATRIC (EMS-G) AWARD**

This award is given to an individual or program that has demonstrated ongoing dedication and commitment to improving the EMS care of the elderly in Maryland.

**Nominations for 2024 Awards are DUE by FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024.**

**Submit through the online link:**

**<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/8bbe19fab5914734a84acc67beff8a7f>**

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## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY 2024

- **2-4:** *Winterfest EMS*. Easton, MD.

### MARCH 2024

- **7-9:** *Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar*. Rocky Gap.
- **29:** *Deadline for Maryland Stars of Life and Right Care When It Counts Awards nominations*.

### MAY 2024

- **13:** *Maryland Highway Safety Summit*.
- **19-25:** *National EMS Week*.

### JUNE 2024

- **2:** *Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Annual Memorial Service*. Annapolis, MD.
- **15-20:** *132<sup>nd</sup> Maryland State Firemen's Association Annual Convention & Conference*. Ocean City, MD.

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sponders. Participants wear a headset that produces a 3-D holographic patient overlaid on a training manikin. Participants can initiate and perform medical procedures through the simulated emergency, prompting them to assess the situation and apply life-saving techniques imperative for resolving real-world incidents.

### Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS) and Prince George's County Fire Department (PGFD)

- *Leader Search Bluetooth Listening* sensor allows structural collapse teams to listen for trapped victims and detect those in confined spaces to enhance search and rescue efforts during a structural collapse incident.

- *Paratech Rescue Guardian* system monitors structural changes to a collapsed building and gathers on-scene intelligence to alert fire personnel of sudden shifts. The system provides instantaneous notification upon sensing building alterations to allow fire personnel to exit the compromised structure before a potential secondary collapse and reevaluate the scene to adjust the device accordingly.

### Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD)

- *ICOR Robots* contribute to reducing potential threats to officer safety due to the ability to operate from a safe distance and reach vulnerable positions that do not expose officers

to hazardous conditions. These robots contain cameras and audio systems that capture on-scene intelligence for decision-making while allowing law enforcement personnel to communicate with individuals.

### Holy Cross Hospital

- *Healthcare Capabilities* revolve around the response and preparedness necessary to support personnel in providing optimal patient care. Hospital systems improved emergency response to active threat events by obtaining a transport truck to mobilize mass casualty incident supplies. The super duty box truck ensures medical cache movement and replenishment of critical supplies to healthcare facilities experiencing an acute surge. In addition, hospitals have enhanced their preparedness for mass casualty incidents associated with hazardous materials through procuring Zumro decontamination shelter systems. These efforts have been imperative to recover quickly from all-hazard events and maintain the quality of medical treatment operations.

Members of the Steering Committee uphold distinctive public safety initiatives that reinforce their overall response procedures, plans, and policies to achieve departmental objectives. MDERS will continue to serve as the single point of collaboration between all disciplines involved in emergency response to integrate capabilities to provide superior service to residents in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. ■

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