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61 Honored at Stars for Life Reception During EMS Week

Sixty-one Marylanders and EMS organizations were honored at the "Maryland Stars for Life" statewide awards reception held by MIEMSS on May 15 at the World Trade Center in Baltimore. The awards reception is one of the many activities scheduled throughout the state as part of National EMS Week (May 14-20).

There were seven award categories this year, including:

- Maryland Star of Life Award (to prehospital care providers for outstanding performance at an EMS incident or rescue)
- Maryland EMS Citizen Award
- EMS Physician of the Year
- EMS Medical Facility of the Year (for outstanding support to prehospital providers in such areas as

education, equipment, and medical direction)

- EMS Program of the Year (for an innovative injury prevention program affiliated with an EMS system component)
- EMS Innovator of the Year
- EMS Lifetime Service (for outstanding contributions to the development and improvement of Maryland's EMS system)

Award winners were selected by the Regional Affairs Committee of the Statewide EMS Advisory Council from nominations submitted to the MIEMSS regional administrators.

Award winners and those receiving certificates of recognition are cited on pages 1 to 7.

Region I Stars for Life

MARYLAND STAR OF LIFE AWARD

Erica Alexander, EMT-A
Crystal Clark, Cadet Dispatcher
Jerry Friend, Driver
Amy Miller, EMT-A
Michael Roiser, EMT-A
Terry Timbrook, EMT-P

A seven-week-old infant, unable to breathe, was brought to the County 50 Station by his parents. Erica Alexander immediately initiated CPR which enabled the child to start breathing on his own. Dispatcher Crystal Clark was contacted and assisted in obtaining additional help for transporting the infant to Sacred Heart Hospital. When the other rescuers arrived, the child was taken into an ambulance, driven by Jerry Friend. Michael Roiser and Amy Miller provided ventilation. En route to the hospital, Terry Timbrook bagged the child and used an oral airway. The baby's condition stabilized by the time the ambulance arrived at the hospital.

MARYLAND STAR OF LIFE AWARD

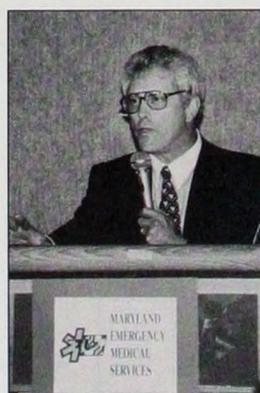
Richard DeVore, CRT
Michael Kerns, EMT-P

A Cumberland resident owes his life to the well-coordinated teamwork of all the components of Western Maryland's emergency medical system, as well as to the calm efforts of his loving wife. Richard DeVore, the dispatcher at the Allegany County 911 Center on March 18, 1995, gave CPR instructions over the phone to a woman whose husband suffered a cardiac arrest. The Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department and the Bowman's Addition Volunteer Ambulance Service were the first to respond to the scene and relieved the

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Rex Barney, public address announcer and voice of the Baltimore Orioles, was emcee for the Maryland Stars for Life Awards Reception on May 15. In the front row at the reception are (l-r) Maj. Johnny Hughes (Commander of the Maryland State Police Aviation Division), John Murphy (Administrative Director, MIEMSS), and Robert R. Bass, MD (Executive Director, MIEMSS).



Martin Wasserman, MD, JD (Secretary, Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene) addressed those attending the statewide awards reception.

Stars for Life Reception



Region I: (Back, l-r) Crystal Clark, H.B. Martz, Jr. and Jamie Adams (both representing the Northern Garrett County Emergency Medical Services Club), Erica Alexander, TFC Daniel Cornwell, Carol Phelps, James Dawson, Sr., Francis Mowbray, and Darrell Wildeson. (Kneeling, l-r) Richard DeVore, Michael Kerns, David Fairgrieve, and Richard L. Alcorta (State EMS Medical Director).
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woman from her CPR effort. They also called for an ALS unit from the Cumberland Fire Department. CRT Mike Kerns, from Cumberland, soon resuscitated the patient and transported him to the Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "MARYLAND STAR OF LIFE"

David Fairgrieve, Driver
Francis Mowbray, Jr., CRT
Carol Phelps, EMT-A
Darrell Wildeson, EMT-A

These rescuers from Tri-Towns Ambulance & Rescue Service successfully delivered a breech baby while the mother was in the ambulance en route to the hospital.

EMS INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Trooper First Class Daniel D. Cornwell, NREMT-P

Daniel Cornwell is credited with many innovations in EMS: for example, the development of a wilderness survival training program for members of Maryland State Police flight crews in the event of a helicopter mishap and the development of a

new rescue net. But on May 15 he was honored for advancing the emergency medical care capabilities of the Wisp Ski Patrol in Western Maryland. He developed a Ski Patrol Med-Evac Helicopter Guideline, which has been implemented so that the Patrol can now initiate helicopter dispatch, set up landing zones, and assist with loading procedures. This reduces EMS response times to seriously injured persons at Maryland's only ski resort and already has been credited with saving more than one life and improving the probability of medical recovery of patients.

EMS PROGRAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

Northern Garrett County Emergency Medical Services Club

Paramedics H.B. Martz, Jr., and Jamie Adams, who organized and continue to lead the Northern Garrett County Emergency Medical Services Club, accepted the award on behalf of the EMS Club. Open to high-school students, the EMS Club provides BLS training to its members; introduces them to the field of emergency medical services; sponsors field trips to the Baltimore Burn Center and Shock Trauma Center; and con-

ducts accident prevention programs for fellow students. Many of the EMS Club members have been certified as emergency medical technicians and work with rescue squads that are experiencing manpower shortages. Currently eight members of the EMS Club have joined the Northern Garrett County Rescue Squad and serve as a vital manpower resource for the squad.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "EMS LIFE-TIME SERVICE OF THE YEAR"

James W. Dawson, Sr., CRT

James Dawson, Sr., was very instrumental in organizing George's Creek Ambulance Service in 1977 and is its only charter member who is still active. He is involved in all aspects of the organization: medical/ambulance (he is a CRT, trained driver, and second lieutenant); administrative (he is treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors); and fund-raising.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "EMS LIFE-TIME SERVICE OF THE YEAR"

Pauline Faucett, EMT-A

Pauline Faucett was honored for 21 years of service to her community as an EMT with Northern Garrett County Rescue Squad, where she has also held the positions of lieutenant and training officer. Before retiring, Ms. Faucett was a public health nurse providing home health care, especially to elderly patients. For several years, she also represented the county health department on the Region I EMS Advisory Council.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "EMS MEDICAL FACILITY OF THE YEAR"

Cumberland Memorial Hospital's Department of Anesthesia

Cumberland Memorial Hospital was one of the first hospitals in Maryland to provide intubation training to EMT-Ps wanting to obtain certification in this advanced skill. Since 1986, when intubation certification was introduced in Maryland, more than 70 local EMT-Ps have received

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intubation training in its anesthesia department.

Region II Stars for Life

MARYLAND STAR OF LIFE AWARD

John T. Sexton, First Responder
Mark E. Sexton

On December 6, 1994, feeling that his life was no longer worth living, a middle-aged man wearing a sweatshirt displaying the slogan, "Some gave all," and a baseball-style hat bearing the Vietnam Veterans' insignia prepared to hang himself from a bridge. Luckily, Mark Sexton, chief of the Myersville Volunteer Fire Company, was on his way to work when he noticed the man. Seeing a truck approaching from the opposite direction, Mark flashed his headlights for the driver to stop. By coincidence, the driver was his brother, John, a Maryland State trooper, who is also assistant chief at the Myersville Volunteer Fire Company. Then a third driver, who also happened to be a Vietnam veteran, stopped behind Mark's car and offered his help. While Mark radioed for help, John and the veteran approached the man. At first, the man said he wanted to be left alone. But John started describing his own disappointments in life and the other veteran shared his experiences in Vietnam and of adjusting to life in this country afterward. Finally, the man agreed to get down if John and the other veteran would take him to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia, which they did.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "MARYLAND STAR OF LIFE"

Keith Henke, Firefighter
Rodney Masser, Firefighter

When the Independent Hose Company arrived on the scene of a Frederick house fire in June 1994, firefighter Keith Henke battled the blaze in the basement, while firefigh-

er Rodney Masser searched the smoked-filled house for occupants. In the bedroom, he found an unconscious woman, whom he carried out. Paramedics then administered oxygen to her. On the way to Frederick Memorial Hospital's emergency department, she regained consciousness.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "EMS LIFE- TIME SERVICE OF THE YEAR"

Susan Hoffman, EMT-A

A charter member of Walkersville Volunteer Rescue Company with 17 years of service, Susan Hoffman has held numerous offices including that of "chief." She has also been active with the Frederick County's EMS Committee and with its Volunteer Fire and

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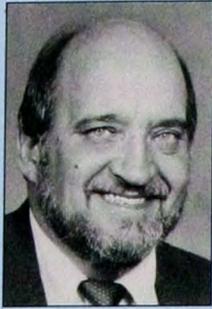


Region II: (Back, l-r) Keith Henke, Thomas Topper, John Sexton, Mark Sexton, and Richard Mettetal (MIEMSS Region II Administrator). (Front, l-r) Rodney Masser and Susan Hoffman.



Region III: (Back, l-r) Lt. Francis Rommal, Joseph Closic, Dr. Alice Ackerman, Battalion Chief Mark Hubbard, Battalion Chief Lawrence D'Elia III, Linda Tingler, Thurman Ellis, and Dr. Robert Bass (MIEMSS Executive Director). (Kneeling, l-r) Harry Wallelt (MIEMSS Region III Assoc. Administrator), Margaret Faith, Scott Chapman, Tom Norman, Adam Zielinski, and John Donohue (MIEMSS Region III Administrator).

IN MEMORIAM



John R. Marsh, MD

EMS LIFETIME SERVICE OF THE YEAR AWARD

On May 15, Dr. John R. Marsh was named recipient of the EMS Lifetime Service of the Year award. On May 26, Dr. Marsh died after a brief illness.

For more than 20 consecutive years, he served as the Region II Medical Director and the Washington County ALS Medical Director. When the Region II EMS Advisory Council was first organized, he volunteered to serve as that region's first medical director. In those early years he not only organized EMS programs in the region and in the state, but he also taught some of the first CRT courses. He has continued to work tirelessly to upgrade prehospital emergency care. The improvements in the advanced life support program of Region II could not have been accomplished without his steadfast, dedicated support and work. In many ways, he was a liaison between prehospital care providers and hospital personnel. No one was better suited for that role. In addition, he has been an inspiration and mentor to many EMS providers, some of whom were first "guided" into emergency care careers by him. His protégées have, in turn, had a positive effect on many people's lives through their patient-care skills. Dr. Marsh's service to EMS has been truly distinguished for more than 20 years. His loss will be deeply felt by the EMS community. (For information on his memorial services, see page 11.)

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Rescue Association. She is also a CPR instructor for the American Red Cross and is currently seeking certification as an EMT instructor.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "EMS LIFETIME SERVICE OF THE YEAR"

Thomas L. Topper, EMT-P

Thomas Topper is a lifetime (20-year) member of Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, where he is its current chief and was its first president. He has also been top responder or runner-up with that company for the last six years. A charter member of the Frederick County Paramedics, he has consistently shown leadership in EMS in his company, community, and in Frederick County.

Region III Stars for Life

MARYLAND STAR OF LIFE AWARD

Scott Chapman, EMT-A**Joseph W. Dixon, EMT-A****Margaret Faith, EMT-A****Sergeant Raymond Harne, EMT-P****Thomas Norman, CRT****Lieutenant Francis Rommal, EMT-A**
Adam Zielinski, EMT-P

When Howard County Medic Unit 95 arrived at the scene on April 13, 1994, they found a man sitting up in a chair and experiencing only mild pain from a penetrating chest wound inflicted by a nail gun. There was no exterior blood loss. Despite the lack of any life-threatening signs, the crew decided to transport the patient to the Shock Trauma Center. En route to the center, the patient's condition deteriorated due to compression on the patient's heart from internal bleeding. Although the patient subsequently went into shock, the crew revived him. Upon arrival at Shock Trauma, the patient underwent a chest thoracotomy to relieve the cardiac compression, thereby saving his life.

EMS INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Alice D. Ackerman, MD, FAAP, FCCM

Dr. Alice Ackerman, at the University of Maryland Medical System, firmly believes that the "single most important way to impact illness and injury in children is to educate Maryland EMS providers." To this end, for the past four years, she has charted the successful course of the Childhood Injury and Outreach Education program. To date, more than 2,400 health care professionals statewide have participated in the Pediatric Advanced Life Support Program. Having received feedback from prehospital care providers, Dr. Ackerman was the driving force behind the inclusion of the "Coping with the Death of a Child" module in the Maryland Pediatric Advanced Life Support Program. Dr. Ackerman is also strongly committed to the pre-hospital clinical experience for paramedics; more than 200 paramedic students to date have received pediatric clinical training at the University of Maryland Medical System.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "EMS INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR"

Battalion Chief Mark Hubbard**Battalion Chief Lawrence D'Elia III**

Battalion Chief Mark Hubbard and Battalion Chief Lawrence D'Elia III, of the Baltimore County Fire Department, developed a 30-minute video for teenagers and young adults on drunk driving awareness. In a very graphic way, the video shows the physical, psychological, and emotional impact that drinking and driving has on both the patients and their families.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "EMS LIFETIME SERVICE OF THE YEAR"

Thurman Ellis, EMT-A

Thurman Ellis is an EMT, IV tech, and driver with the Jarrettsville

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Volunteer Fire Company, where he has been an active member for 39 years. He has held numerous offices, including the current one of ambulance captain. Working as first-aid, CPR, and basic life support instructors, he has had a positive impact on training EMS prehospital providers.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "EMS LIFE- TIME SERVICE OF THE YEAR"

Linda A. Tingler, CRT

Linda Tingler joined the Abingdon Fire Company in 1978 and has held numerous EMS offices, including ambulance captain. She has demonstrated both the technical EMS skills and the administrative skills to lead the company to make the transition from a rural setting to an industrial/suburban environment. During her 17 years with Abingdon Fire Company, she has been the top EMS responder nine times and has been one of the top five responders every year since being certified as an EMT. During this time she has responded to more than 4,000 emergency calls.

EMS MEDICAL FACILITY OF THE YEAR AWARD

University of Maryland Hospital's Department of Anesthesia

This award recognizes the department's continued support of EMT paramedic education by providing clinical rotations through the hospital's operating rooms. The department's clinical coordinator of this program is Dr. Susan Cohen.

MARYLAND EMS CITIZEN AWARD

Joseph M. Closic

Through prompt action and sustained effort in administering CPR, Joseph M. Closic, owner of the Parkville Bowling Center, was able to spare the life of one of his patrons. On January 30, 1995, Mr. Closic was summoned by an employee to help a patron who had collapsed from a cardiac arrest. Seeing that the person appeared cyanotic and was

not breathing, Mr. Closic began rescue breathing while an employee called for help. When the person's initially faint pulse could no longer be felt, Mr. Closic initiated CPR with the aid of another patron until Medic Unit 8 from the Baltimore County Fire Department arrived on the scene. The patient was flatlined at that point, but rescue workers suc-



Region IV: (L-r) George Morgan, Robert Schoonover, Dr. Robert T. Adkins, George Schoepf (representing the Ocean City Beach Patrol), Vernon Hurley, and Robert Jones.

cessfully resuscitated the patient after two attempts at defibrillation. However, a lieutenant of the fire department said that the patient almost certainly would have died were it not for the quick and decisive action taken by Mr. Closic.

Region IV Stars for Life

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "MARYLAND STAR OF LIFE"

George Brent Morgan, CRT

CRT George Brent Morgan from the Crisfield Fire Department rescued a fellow firefighter who became injured while participating in a training drill atop a 75-foot aerial ladder. Mr. Morgan carried the injured firefighter down the ladder on his shoulders, while holding traction on his broken bones. He continued field care of the firefighter en route to the hospital.

EMS INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Robert L. Schoonover, EMT-P

In addition to his administrative duties as the Coordinator of Caroline County Advanced Life Support and the chairperson of the Region IV EMS Advisory Council, Robert Schoonover has been instrumental in the planning and establishment of an automated ambulance information survey program for prehospital care providers that will soon be piloted.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "EMS PRO- GRAM OF THE YEAR"

Ocean City Beach Patrol

George Schoepf received the award on behalf of the beach patrol. The Ocean City Beach Patrol, who respond to medical emergencies that may occur along 10 miles of ocean beach, are truly First Responders. Swimmers and surfers can enjoy themselves, knowing they are well protected should any dangers occur.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "EMS LIFE- TIME SERVICE OF THE YEAR"

Vernon L. Hurley, CRT

Vernon Hurley has worked in EMS for the past 22 years both as a prehospital provider and as an instructor for EMT and BTLs training and for continuing education. As vol-

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 volunteer EMS coordinator for
 Dorchester County, he gives of his
 time and energy unselfishly. He has
 also been instrumental in promoting
 24-hour-coverage of ALS in
 Dorchester County.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "EMS LIFE- TIME SERVICE OF THE YEAR"

Robert (Bob) F. Jones, EMT-A

Bob Jones has 30 years of vol-
 unteer service with the Delmar Fire
 Department and continues to be one
 of the top responders on the ambu-
 lance, making 250-300 runs a year.
 In addition, since his retirement, Mr.
 Jones works as a part-time paid
 employee of the Laurel, Delaware
 Fire Department. He has shown a
 constant interest in improving the
 ambulance service and works with
 new department members to help
 them enhance the skills they learned
 in the classroom.

EMS PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Robert T. Adkins, MD

Before retiring on New Year's
 Day this year, Dr. Adkins was medical
 director of EMS Region IV—the
 Eastern Shore area—and director of
 the emergency department at
 Peninsula Regional Medical Center.
 His career in emergency medical ser-
 vices spans 26 years and he is a
 leader who has contributed to the
 quality and progress of rural EMS not
 only in Region IV but in Maryland,
 especially in the area of ALS.
 Because of his involvement in all lev-
 els of emergency medical services,
 one of his peers has described him as
 "a personification of a dedicated med-
 ical director."

Region V Stars for Life

MARYLAND STAR OF LIFE AWARD

Jenine Abney, EMT-A
 Terry Frostbutter, EMT-A
 Penny Goffnet, EMT-A
 George Gray, EMT-A

Tony Johnson, EMT-A
 William "Tonto" Lambert, EMT-A
 Shannon Sweeny, EMT-A
 Charles Weaver
 Shawn Wilson, EMT-A

On September 5, 1994, the
 Kentland and Forestville volunteer fire
 departments responded to a crash
 involving two vehicles with moderate
 damage and passengers with minor
 injuries. Then a member of the
 Forestville company suddenly col-
 lapsed from a full cardiac arrest while
 getting equipment from his truck. A
 crew member from the Kentland
 company immediately administered
 basic cardiac life support to the fire-
 fighter, loaded him into the ambu-
 lance, and rushed him to the Prince
 George's Hospital Center. En route
 to the hospital, a meeting was
 arranged between the ambulance car-
 rying the firefighter and an ALS unit.
 At that point, the patient had a heart
 rate, but was becoming combative.
 Upon arrival at the hospital, he had a
 blood pressure and a pulse, and was
 alert and breathing on his own. The
 emergency physician and surgeon
 who treated the firefighter later
 remarked that he would not have sur-
 vived without the expert care of the
 prehospital care providers.

MARYLAND STAR OF LIFE AWARD

Tracy J. Miller, CRT
 Angela M. Turcotte, EMT-P

On January 26, 1994, Angela
 M. Turcotte and Tracy J. Miller of
 Prince George's County's Medic 6
 were at the scene of a patient experi-
 encing a severe asthma attack. While
 preparing the asthmatic patient for
 transport, a member of the
 Ambulance 99 crew suddenly col-
 lapsed from a cardiac arrest. While
 Ms. Turcotte called for assistance, Ms.
 Miller assessed the stricken firefighter.
 On the spot, these partners decided
 to split up—Ms. Miller stayed at the
 scene to administer ALS to the fire-
 fighter; Ms. Turcotte went ahead to
 the hospital with the asthmatic
 patient. Both patients were resusci-
 tated successfully and fully recovered
 at the hospital.

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Region V: (L-r) Lt. Col. Maureen Hennessey (Bureau of EMS, PG Co. Fire Dept.), Tracy Miller, Angela Turcotte, and Capt. Milton Horrod (Bureau of EMS, PG Co. Fire Dept.).

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CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "EMS INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR"

Iris Wagner, EMT-P

Always on the lookout for new and better ways to do things, Iris Wagner has been responsible for a number of innovations in the delivery of emergency medical care in Prince George's County, where she is an EMT-P at the Prince George's County Fire Department. But the innovation for which Ms. Wagner is most noted is the introduction of the pulse oximeter to the PG fire department. Realizing the need for this diagnostic device, Ms. Wagner and her partner persuaded the Southgate Lions Club to donate one, which was placed in service on PG fire department's Medic 2 in 1990. Today, every PG fire department medic unit carries a pulse oximeter.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "EMS PROGRAM OF THE YEAR"

Prince George's Hospital Center

Julie Hoffman, Lisa Schiller, and Mark Arsenault received the award on behalf of the hospital center.

With Maryland ranking fourth in violent crimes in the nation, Prince George's Hospital Center wanted to show teenagers the repercussions of drugs and street violence through visits and observations in its shock trauma unit. They started the Shock Mentor Program, an education and mentoring program—with volunteer mentors from the Washington chapter of Concerned Black Men. The program has gained national recognition.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "EMS MEDICAL FACILITY OF THE YEAR"

Physician's Memorial Hospital

Mary Lou Hiortdahl, RN, accepted the award on behalf of the hospital.

For almost 20 years, Physician's Memorial Hospital has provided clinical

skills training to CRTs from the Charles County Community College. When endotracheal intubation certification was introduced in Maryland in 1986, Physician's Memorial was one of the few hospitals in the state to offer the required training to paramedics under the supervision of anesthesiologists. The hospital also allows the ALS providers who staff the

of several infection surveillance programs for prehospital care providers; worked with the St. Mary's County Ambulance and Rescue Squad Association to resolve problems regarding transport and transfer policies, drills, disaster plans, and EMS communication networks; and served as the medical command for the county's BLS and ALS services. These are only a few of the hospital's many accomplishments.



Region V: (Standing, l-r) George Gray, LeRoy Norfolk (firefighter who suffered a cardiac arrest at the crash scene and was resuscitated), Penny Goffnet, Jenine Abney, and William "Tonto" Lambert. (Kneeling, l-r) Shawn Wilson, Tony Johnson, Shannon Sweeny, and Charles Weaver. Missing is Terry Frostbutter.

Charles County Mobile Intensive Care Unit to attend its advanced cardiac life support courses at no cost. A close, cooperative relationship exists between the hospital and EMS pre-hospital care providers.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "EMS MEDICAL FACILITY OF THE YEAR"

St. Mary's Hospital

Ann Byrne accepted the award on behalf of the hospital.

Over the past decade, St. Mary's Hospital has played a significant role in the development of the prehospital EMS program in St. Mary's County. It has supported the county's training program for IV technicians; assisted in the development and maintenance

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY "MARYLAND EMS CITIZEN AWARD"

Connie Stark and Dorothy Rossi

In August 1994, Connie Stark and Dorothy Rossi performed CPR on a motorcyclist involved in an accident until Medic Unit 4 from the Prince George's County Fire Department arrived at the scene. Because no other fire department personnel were available at the scene, the two women continued to administer CPR while the paramedics intubated the patient and prepared to defibrillate his heart. The two women continued their assistance until the patient was loaded into the paramedic unit.

EMS Week Activities Across the State

Maryland Emergency Medical Services Week, proclaimed by Gov. Parris N. Glendening, was celebrated in conjunction with National EMS Week from May 14 to 20. Some EMS activities celebrated throughout Maryland include the following.

Region I

- EMS Week Proclamations were signed by the Allegany and Garrett County Commissioners.

- EMS Day was held at the Country Club Mall on May 20. Cumberland Memorial Hospital, Sacred Heart Hospital, Med-Evac 5, and area ambulance services had displays.

- The Region I EMS Advisory Council presented service awards to EMS providers at a reception sponsored by Sacred Heart Hospital and Cumberland Memorial Hospital.

- Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad sponsored a poster contest with prizes for the winners. The squad also did EMS/9-1-1 presentations at four elementary schools and did radio public service announcements and newspaper articles.

Region II

- The Frederick County EMS Committee had displays at the Francis Scott Key Mall on May 13-14.

- The annual EMS picnic in Washington County was held on May 21.

- Numerous rescue and ambulance companies throughout the region held open houses during EMS Week. Many scheduled special activities, including Emmitsburg Ambulance Company and Thurmont Community Ambulance Service.

During the open house at Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, attended by more than 300 people, a mock farm machine accident with two trapped victims was staged. Among the participants in the open house were ambulance and medic

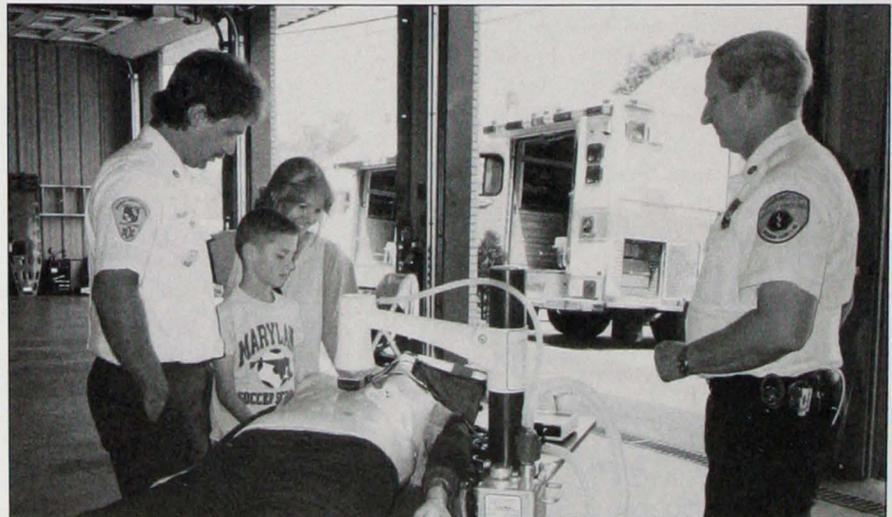
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Blaine Snyder, past president and charter member of the Region II EMS Advisory Council, takes a crowd for a ride on a 1946 fire truck at the Washington County EMS Picnic.



Thurmont Community Ambulance Service held an open house to celebrate its 25th anniversary and EMS Week.



Lt. Jimmy Humerick and Chief Terry Shook demonstrate the Thumper at the Open House held by Thurmont Community Ambulance Service.

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units from Emmitsburg, Fairfield (PA), and Frederick ALS. Demonstrations were given by the Trooper 3 Med-Evac helicopter and the Frederick County Sheriff's Department's canine unit. Many people also signed up to

learn CPR.

At the Thurmont Ambulance Service open house, there were many displays, as well as demonstrations by the mounted police unit of the U.S. Park Police and by the Maryland State Police Trooper 3 helicopter.



The Baltimore City Fire Dept. Medical Bureau work on extricating a "patient" during a mock rescue at the Inner Harbor.



A "patient" is "packaged" for transport during a mock rescue at the Inner Harbor by the Baltimore City Fire Dept. Medical Bureau.

Region III

- The Baltimore City Fire Department Medical Bureau held a mock rescue and advanced cardiac life support demonstration at the Inner Harbor on May 15.

- Blood pressure screenings were given by the Baltimore City Fire Department Medical Bureau at Northwood Plaza on May 16; Mondawmin Mall on May 18; and Reisterstown Plaza on May 19.

- An EMS Picnic for Baltimore City Fire Department paramedics and Liberty Medical Center nurses was held at Druid Hill Park on May 17.

- An EMS EXPO was held at the Annapolis City Dock on May 20. It featured the dive team, cave-in unit, and hazmat unit from Anne Arundel Co.; the tactical unit from Howard Co.; fireboats from Annapolis and the Lake Shore VFD in Anne Arundel Co.; blood pressure screenings by the Baltimore City Fire Department; displays by the Anne Arundel Medical Center, the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and EMS organizations; a paramedic clown; and "give-aways", such as balloons.

- Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire

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Randy Spies, Chairman of the Washington County Volunteer Fire/Rescue Association's EMS Committee, presents a plaque to MIEMSS Region II Administrator Richard Mettetal. The award was given for his outstanding contributions to Washington County EMS, for "countless hours above and beyond the expectations of any position," and "many years of service to prehospital care providers of all levels."

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Company held an open house on May 13.

- Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps held an open house on May 20. In addition, there was a child safety seat check point, blood pressure monitorings by Harford Memorial Hospital, and an auto extrication demonstration, with the Havre de Grace Police Dept. providing a canine search of the cars.

Region IV

- Critical incident stress management training was held May 12-13 at the Princess Royal in Ocean City.

- Charles Padias, MD, Director of Pediatric Trauma at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, did a presentation at the Region IV EMS-C Committee meeting at Memorial Hospital at Easton on May 15.

- The Peninsula Regional Medical Center at Salisbury hosted a continental breakfast for EMS providers on May 15; a lunch for EMS providers on May 17; and a dinner for EMS providers on May 19.

- The Lower Shore EMS Advisory Council coordinated with Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset county governments to develop EMS Week proclamations. The Lower Shore EMS Advisory Council also visited day care centers and an elementary school in Wicomico County to present various aspects of EMS.

- Easton Memorial Hospital and Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital hosted open houses; had daily refreshments for EMS providers who transported patients to their emergency departments; and placed ads in local newspapers thanking EMS providers. Easton Memorial Hospital also had daily drawings for prizes for prehospital care providers.

- The Cecil County Paramedic Foundation issued an EMS Day proclamation and held its first annual EMS recognition dinner and awards presentation.

Region V

- An EMS appreciation dinner and teddy bear clinic was held at Physician's Memorial Hospital.

- The Emergency Services Weekend at Charles Center Mall took

place May 6-7. It included displays, screenings, and demonstrations.

- A teddy bear clinic and children's EMS fair was held by St. Mary's Hospital.

- On May 14, Calvert County EMS personnel presented a Children's Safety Fair at Huntington VFD. This day-long program included games, displays, and hands-on injury-prevention activities for kids.



EMS personnel from Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties respond to a mock bike accident at the EMS Expo at Annapolis City Dock.

Touring MIEMSS. . .



(L-r) Attorney Bruce Bereano, Nelson Sabatini (Vice-President for Integrated Delivery System Operations, University of Maryland Medical System), former Governor Marvin Mandel, Richard L. Alcorta (State EMS Medical Director, MIEMSS), and John Murphy (Administrative Director, MIEMSS). Former Gov. Mandel recently toured MIEMSS. He noted the many changes in the 22 years since he signed the Executive Order on February 26, 1973 that created the Division of Emergency Medical Services (DEMS) and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medicine (MIEM) (Shock Trauma Center). DEMS was to develop and implement a statewide EMS system, and the Shock Trauma Center was the hub of the system. During those 22 years, legislation amalgamated DEMS and MIEM into MIEMSS and in 1993 separated them, leaving MIEMSS as the lead state EMS agency in Maryland and the Shock Trauma Center as part of the private University of Maryland Medical System.

Prehospital Providers Play Key Role in Treatment of Eye Trauma

The prehospital provider is a key player on the medical care team for eye trauma patients. Richard J. Hairston, MD, assistant chief of service of the Wilmer Eye Institute at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, describes some common eye injuries in which critical emergency intervention by the prehospital provider significantly affects subsequent treatment and clinical outcome of these patients. The interventions described are not necessarily required by the Maryland protocols for prehospital care providers; however, they do not conflict with those protocols and may enhance patient care.

Chemical injuries. Many common household and industrial chemicals containing alkaline or acidic substances can injure the eye. Alkaline injuries, though less common, are more damaging to the cornea. It is important to identify the type of chemical which caused the injury. If such an accident occurs, whether by alkali or acid, the eye should be immediately irrigated with water or saline, and the irrigation continued until the patient arrives at the emergency department. This procedure will rid the eye of as much irritant as possible before the patient is examined by a physician.

Penetrating injuries, including retained intraocular foreign bodies. It is critical to prevent further damage to the eye by ensuring that the foreign body is not manipulated and does not move during transport of the patient. The eye should be covered with a protective eye shield or the detached inverted bottom of a paper cup resting on the bone around the eye. However, if the foreign body might touch the eye shield, the shield should not be used. Do not apply a patch or dressing over the eye.

Other serious eye trauma, including ruptured globe, hyphema (bleeding into the front chamber of the eye), and laceration of the cornea and/or sclera.

It is important not to patch the eye or put any pressure on the globe. Follow the procedures described above for penetrating injuries.

By contacting Wilmer's Eye Emergency Service when confronted with these injuries, emergency personnel gain immediate access to a physician or ophthalmic nurse. When the patient reaches the hospital, a nurse performs triage, and care of the injury is immediately initiated. Surgical intervention, if necessary, is performed in an operating room dedicated to ophthalmic procedures.

Appropriate actions and good judgment on the part of the prehospital

provider help to ensure successful visual outcomes for patients treated in the Eye Emergency Service.

The Wilmer Eye Institute is prepared 24 hours a day to provide all necessary care to save vision and treat the injured eye. The Wilmer Eye Emergency Service can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, through the EMS Communication System.

Prehospital Case Review

A MIEMSS Prehospital Case Review Program will be held Wednesday, July 26, from 7 to 9 pm, at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore. Case reviews will focus on patients with adult trauma.

Two hours of B credits for ALS providers and two hours of T credits for BLS providers will be offered for each program.

To register, call the MIEMSS Production Services Office at 410-706-3994.



Paying Tribute to Dr. Marsh

Washington County ambulances and a medic unit from Frederick County escorted the family of Dr. John Marsh, the Region II Medical Director who died on May 26. Two weeks earlier he had been honored with the EMS Lifetime Service Award at the Maryland Stars for Life awards reception but was too ill to attend (see page 4). More than 700 people attended his memorial service on May 30 in Hagerstown. During the service, a Maryland State Police Med-Evac helicopter hovered over the church. Following the memorial service, many EMS providers expressed their sympathies to the family of Dr. Marsh. Shown at left is Dr. Robert Bass (MIEMSS Executive Director) with Sonya Marsh, the wife of Dr. Marsh.



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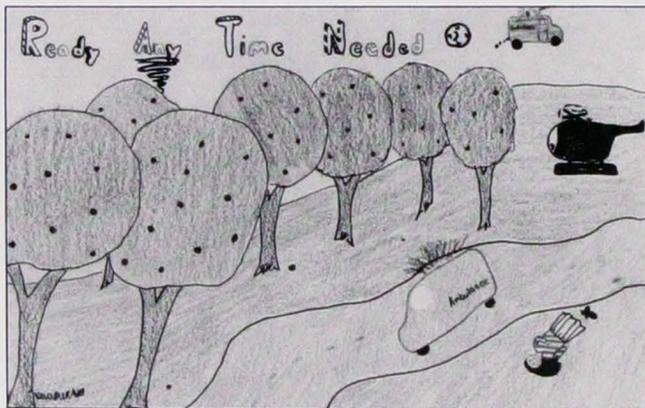
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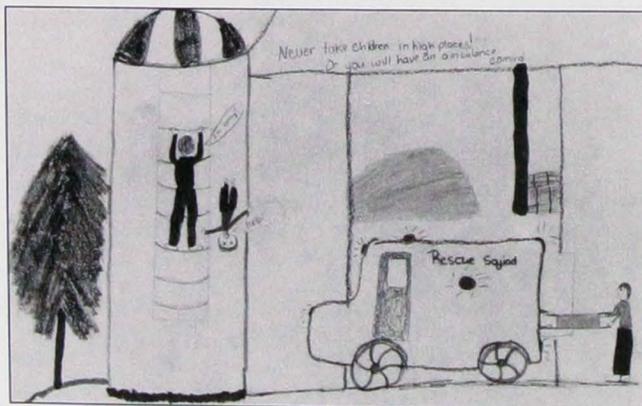
Photos of some of the winning entries from Swan Meadow School in the EMS poster contest sponsored by the Southern Garrett County Rescue Squad appear below. There were more than 75 entries.



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