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MIEMSS 2023-2024 Annual Report Now Available



MIEMSS' 2023-2024 Annual Report is now available online at www.miemss.org. In addition to MIEMSS' achievements in FY 2024, the report documents the activities of various EMS system stakeholders, including trauma and specialty centers, and features Maryland EMS, trauma, and burn statistics, during what EMS Board Chairman Clay B. Stamp calls "a very important year for the Maryland EMS system."

"With the hard work and support of MIEMSS, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, Maryland State Firefighters Association, Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, and Maryland

State Police, we were able to secure the funding necessary to ensure all Marylanders continued access to pre-hospital emergency care and cost-free transport to the right trauma and specialty center to remedy their traumatic injuries," noted Stamp. "This underscores the resilience and excellence of the Maryland Emergency Medical Services system, which results from our cooperative relationships with our partners, stakeholders, and the many thousands of EMS professionals across the state."

MIEMSS Executive Director Dr.

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Free COVID-19 Tests Offered by Federal Government and Many Local Health Departments in Maryland

Test and vaccinate to prevent COVID-19 spread during respiratory virus season

AS THE NATION PREPARES for another cold and flu season, Maryland Department of Health officials advise Marylanders to stock up on free COVID-19 tests for the fall and winter, now available at COVIDtests.gov and through many local health departments statewide.

State health officials also urge Marylanders 6 months and older to get the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine,

now available at pharmacies, health care providers, and local health departments.

"It's important to keep COVID-19 tests handy and use them. We welcome the federal government renewing their free tests program so that cost isn't a barrier to getting tested," said Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services Dr. Nilesh Kalyanaraman. "We urge everyone to get the updated 2024-

2025 COVID-19 vaccine as your first line of defense against this virus. If you do get sick, please test early, stay home, and seek treatment if you are at risk for severe illness."

During fall and winter, respiratory viruses such as flu, COVID-19 and RSV can often present with similar symptoms, making it difficult to

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CALENDAR

October

■ **26:** *R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Celebration.* France-Merrick Performing Arts Center, Baltimore, MD.

November

■ **3-4:** *65th Annual Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference.* BWI Airport Marriott Hotel.

January 2025

■ **1/31-2/1:** *Winterfest EMS Conference.* Easton, MD.

March 2025

■ **7-9:** *20th Annual Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar.* Rocky Gap Casino and Resort, Flintstone, MD.

April 2025

■ **TBD:** *State EMS Medical Directors Symposium.*

May 2025

■ **15-16:** *Point/Counterpoint Conference.* Baltimore, MD.

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Ted Delbridge underscored the significant role that the state’s 20,000 EMS clinicians play in a 50-year-old system that “Marylanders have come to rely on when health and wellbeing are at risk.”

“Collectively, at every hour of every day they stand ready to bring their A-game to people at their times of greatest need,” noted Delbridge. “They are the fabric of the EMS system; its heart and soul. We owe them our admiration and gratitude.”

Read the complete MIEMSS FY 2024 Annual Report online at www.miemss.org. ■

EMS News Digest

■ **DC Medics' New Tool to Save Trauma Victims? Bags of Blood.** *(The Washington Post).* Since April, District of Columbia medics responding to emergencies have administered blood transfusions to scores of trauma victims, pulling them back from the brink of death. Read more: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2024/09/25/dc-fire-ems-blood-transfusions/>

■ **MDH Partners with Baltimore Ravens for New Campaign Addressing Stigma of Addiction** *(Maryland Department of Health).* The Maryland Department of Health recently launched a new ad campaign featuring Baltimore Ravens tight end Mark Andrews to increase public awareness about addiction, reduce stigma, and provide information on how Marylanders can seek help. The initiative, which runs through October 27, aims to raise awareness among Marylanders that addiction is a medical condition and that those struggling with addiction are not alone. Learn more or seek help by call-

ing or texting 9-8-8, or visit StopOverdose.maryland.gov. Read more: <https://health.maryland.gov/newsroom/Pages/Maryland-Department-of-Health-partners-with-Baltimore-Ravens-for-new-campaign-to-address-stigma-of-addiction.aspx>

■ **Commissioners Approve Naming New EMS Building After Kent County Paramedic** *(Kent County News).* The Kent County Commissioners approved naming the county's new EMS facility in honor of local Paramedic Robert B. Rust, Jr. “During his extraordinary service to Kent County, Rust demonstrated on several occasions his leadership and, in 1996, he presented his vision and plan to implement the county’s first paid paramedic program into a 24-7 emergency system we have here today,” said Commissioner John Price. Read more: https://www.myeasternshoremmd.com/kent_county_news/news/commissioners-approve-naming-building-after-robert-b-rust/article_7139525c-6893-11ef-979d-eb85fc293e47.html. ■

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PATUXENT RIVER EMS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 1 - 3 2024

Join us at the Patuxent River EMS Conference for an immersive experience in emergency medical services training! Whether you're a seasoned EMS professional or new to the field, this conference offers a unique opportunity to enhance your skills, learn from industry experts, and connect with fellow first responders. Don't miss out on cutting-edge workshops, hands-on sessions, and networking opportunities that will take your career to the next level. Reserve your spot today and be part of a community dedicated to saving lives and advancing EMS excellence!



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- Master processes for change: From needs assessment to action plan
- Identify and attract talent with proven recruitment strategies
- Craft a customized recruitment and retention plan for your agency

SEMINAR LOCATIONS | 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM | CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 24 PARTICIPANTS

<p>Apr 13 & 14 Western Maryland MFRI Allegany 13928 Hazmat Drive SW, Cumberland, MD 21502</p>	<p>May 18 & 19 North Eastern MD MFRI North East Harford County</p>
<p>Sep 14 & 15 Upper Eastern Shore MFRI Centreville 601 Safety Dr, Centreville, MD 21617</p>	<p>Oct 5 & 6 Western MD Regional Training Center MFRI 13928 Hazmat Dr., Cumberland, MD 21502</p>
<p>Oct 19 & 20 Lower Eastern Shore MFRI Princess Anne 12148 John Wilson Ln, Princess Anne, MD 21853</p>	<p>Oct 26 & 27 Frederick County Northern MD Frederick County Public Safety Training Facility</p>
<p>Nov 02 & 03 MFRI College Park Mid-Region MD Mid-Region MFRI College Park</p>	<p>Register online at </p>

R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER

Shock Trauma Center Teams Up with City, County Fire Departments for Complex Rescue Scenario Training

ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2024, the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center (RACSTC) Sim Center teamed up with the Baltimore City Fire Department (BCFD), Baltimore County Fire Department, and the RACSTC GO-TEAM to practice a pair of complex rescue scenarios.

Flanked by concrete barriers, the first scenario, featuring two patients trapped in their vehicles beneath a tanker truck, simulated a three-vehicle crash in Baltimore's Fort McHenry and Harbor Tunnels. The second scenario simulated an incident in which two vehicles collided with a structure, causing the collapse of two stories' of concrete walls, leaving one patient trapped within a maze of concrete and the other in a vehicle beneath the wreckage. In both scenarios, the teams were required to stabilize the environment and provide medically-directed rescue efforts to extricate the patients, who were then delivered to the GO-TEAM for more advanced care before being transported to the hospital. Sixty participants, including EMS clinicians ranging from EMTs to Paramedics, Fire, and Rescue personnel took part.

On September 16, the RACSTC Sim Center hosted its second annual FBI CORE 2 Refresher Day. Sixteen FBI EMS clinicians from Baltimore and across the country (some from as far as Texas and California) completed their annual updates for both EMT and Paramedic-level skills training. The day included a skills review and a series of high-fidelity simulations, followed by a week of ride-alongs with BCFD.

An August 27 program highlighted core GO-TEAM functions, including medically-directed rescue, support of EMS clinicians and patients, and incident management. Members of the GO-TEAM collaborated with the Harford County Department of Emergency Services (DES) on a joint training session focused on collapse and confined space rescue. The event began with a comprehensive lecture on crush syndrome and resuscitation delivered by



[Photo: RACSTC]

GO-TEAM nurse anesthetist Bill Howie. Participants, including Paramedics, EMTs, GO-TEAM clinicians, and members of the Harford County DES Technical Rescue Team, focused on high-acuity, low-frequency rescue procedures using high-fidelity manikins and other equipment provided by Sim Center faculty and staff. The Sim Center is presently working with other regional fire jurisdictions to develop additional technical rescue education events

Stop the Bleed

Please consider partnering with the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center (RACSTC) in our mission to teach every person in Maryland the potentially lifesaving skills required to stop bleeding. We are constantly expanding our program and will

soon be offering public classes in Baltimore County and Somerset County.

Please email Stcstopthebleed@umm.edu if you are able to assist with teaching at any of our upcoming classes or are interested in signing up for an upcoming Train the Trainer class:

- **10/15/24:** *UMM Philanthropy*, PPLC Room 3B, 1400-1530
- **10/16/24:** *CCPS-Carroll Springs School*, Westminster, MD, 1500-1630
- **10/18/24:** *CCPS-Liberty High School*, Eldersburg, MD, 0900-1130
- **10/18/24:** *Baltimore City Teachers/Staff*, TBD
- **10/20/24:** *Pikesville VFC*, Pikesville, MD, 1100-1500
- **10/21/24:** *CCPS-Spring Garden Elementary School*, Hampstead, MD, 1430-1530
- **10/21/24:** *Aberdeen Fire Department (Drill)*, Aberdeen, MD, 1930-2100
- **10/22/24:** *Public Class*, T1S11, 1300-1400
- **10/22/24:** *CCPS-Robert Moton Elementary School Fac-*

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Asking whether my patient had been pregnant in the last year may have helped save her life.

Life-threatening complications can happen up to a year after pregnancy. Most pregnancy-related deaths are preventable.

Ask whether your patient is pregnant or was pregnant in the last year.

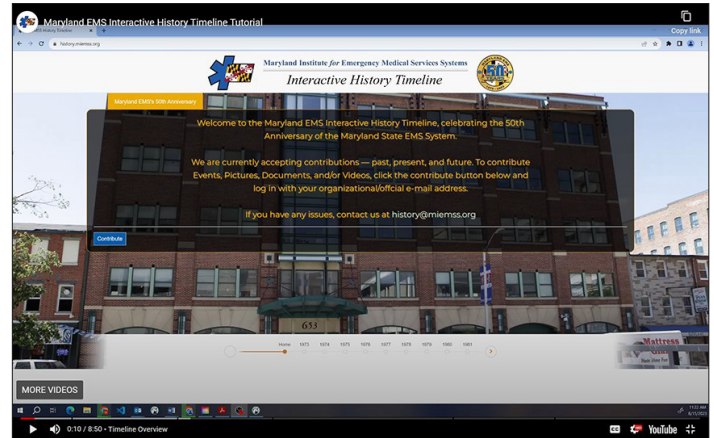
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Scan the QR code at right or go to history.miemss.org to learn how you can contribute to the Maryland EMS Interactive History Timeline.



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Oct. 7 - Dec. 13, 2024

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THE MARYLAND CHARITY CAMPAIGN (MCC) is more than a charitable giving campaign – it's the collective effort of thousands of individuals who give back and inspire hope in communities near and far. When we give together, we succeed together. When we combine our generosity, we bring hope to those who need it most. Thanks to the collective generosity of Maryland State Employees and Retirees who donated through the 2023 MCC, nearly \$2 million has been helping charities this year.

Join us October 7 – December 13, 2024, to continue Making a Difference Together! ■



MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM

HERricane and MDERS: Shaping a Female-Driven Future in Public Safety

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM (MDERS) Deputy Director, Operational Support Hannah Thomas, and Emergency Response Specialist Elizabeth Adams had the opportunity to serve as counselors during the second annual Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management's HERricane summer camp program this July. HERricane Camp is a week-long program created and sponsored by the Institute for Diversity and Equity in Emergency Management (I-DIEM). I-DIEM is a global non-profit established to integrate equity into emergency management. Their focus is on supporting and empowering marginalized communities within the disaster management cycle.

HERricane Camp is designed to empower, educate, and encourage young women to pursue careers in public safety. The free camp was geared towards women ages 16-21 who reside within Anne Arundel County. Twenty-three young women participated in the program this year as campers, and five returning campers participated as junior counselors. Other counselors included accomplished women from various public safety agencies within the State of Maryland.

The first two days of the camp offered field trips to the Anne Arundel County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the City of Annapolis EOC. At both locations, the campers participated in various presentations and activities. Some of the highlights include:

- A presentation from the Anne



[Photo: MDERS]

Arundel County Executive Steuart L. Pittman Jr., discussing the importance of collaboration between elected officials and emergency management professionals.

- A presentation from the Director of Anne Arundel County's Office of Emergency Management, Preeti Emrick, outlining what emergency management is and what it looks like in Anne Arundel County.

- A presentation and activity led by the Anne Arundel County Fire Department's technical rescue crews, demonstrating the use of several tools necessary for rescue.

- A presentation led by the Anne Arundel County Police Department's K9 unit, displaying the skills of the K9 handlers and their partners.

- An activity mimicking the reporting style of American meteorologist

Jim Cantore, allowing campers to present in front of a green screen with fake wind and rain and a lot of background noise.

- A presentation and activity from the City of Annapolis Office of Emergency Management, giving the campers the opportunity to present a weather report with song lyrics.

- A presentation by Mayor Gavin Buckley of the City of Annapolis, highlighting the importance of emergency management in the city and discussing past incidents the city has successfully responded to and recovered from.

The last three days of camp were primarily held at Anne Arundel Community College. The campers received additional information on career op-

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Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration's (MDOT MVA)

Maryland Highway Safety Office

The MDOT MVA Highway Safety Office (MHSO) is dedicated to saving lives and working with many partners across the State to reduce the number of crashes each year. In addition, the MHSO looks for ways to reduce crash severity and ways to treat crash victims easier and faster.

Maryland aims to reduce the number of crashes, and the resulting deaths and injuries, to zero by 2030.

Keep Kids Safe this Halloween

Halloween is rapidly approaching. Many young Ghouls, Ninjas, Princesses, Witches, Superheroes and more will be on the streets and sidewalks across Maryland looking for tasty treats. To ensure the safety of young trick-or-treaters this Halloween, please remember the following tips:

- Utilize extra caution when driving, especially in neighborhoods. Excited children can be unpredictable and may not be looking for vehicles.
- If you are attending a Halloween celebration that includes alcohol, ensure that you plan a sober ride home.
- Speak with children before heading out. Remind them that even on Halloween, safety rules *still* apply. They must watch for vehicles and look both ways before crossing the street.
- Encourage the use of face paint or makeup to accent a child's costume instead of a mask. Masks can restrict vision and make it more difficult for a child to spot potential dangers.
- If your child's costume is not already bright, consider the use of reflective tape on their costume or bag, small lights, or other items to make children more visible as they trick-or-treat.



Stay Alert for Deer this Fall

Oh, deer. It's that time of year again. Deer-vehicle collisions can occur at any time of year, but peak between October and December during deer mating and migration season.

Although you can't avoid deer strikes in all circumstances, there are some steps you can take to protect yourself from a costly and potentially dangerous collision:

Drive with Caution:

Remain alert, especially in areas marked for deer-crossing and along roads surrounded by fields or forests.

Know The Behavior:

Deer tend to travel in herds. If you see one deer, there are likely more following.

Stay Alert During Peak Travel Times:

Be especially attentive around dawn and dusk. Deer are most active between 6-9 p.m. These are the times of greatest risk for deer strikes.

Use Your High Beams:

Use high beams when possible for nighttime driving. High beams will better illuminate deer's eyes on or near the road.

Always Wear Your Seatbelt:

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) reports that 60% of people killed by animal-vehicle collisions were not wearing a seatbelt.



EMS Compliance Update

THE STATE EMS BOARD is authorized to take disciplinary action against clinicians who engage in prohibited conduct to safeguard the integrity of the EMS system. COMAR 30.02.04.01 lists conduct which is prohibited. Below is a sample of actions the EMS Board has taken from July to September, 2024, as a result of prohibited conduct. For more information, contact Lisa Chervon, Chief of the MIEMSS Office of Integrity, at lchervon@miemss.org or (410) 706-2339. Additionally, MIEMSS maintains a searchable database of all EMS Board decisions at <https://www.miemss.org/home/public>, which can be found under Public Orders Report in the left-hand column.

■ **IRC22-013 (PARAMEDIC) July 1, 2024.** In October 2023, the Board issued a Noncompliance Notice to the Paramedic on March 21, 2023, which proposed revocation of the Paramedic's license for failure to comply with numerous previous disposition agreements, which required the Paramedic to complete certain remedial actions and report to MIEMSS on his progress towards completion. Following an evidentiary hearing, and by means of a Final Decision and Order, the Paramedic's license was revoked.

■ **IRC23-040 (CRT) August 19, 2024.** In September 2023, the CRT pled guilty to the crime of driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and was sentenced to one (1) year of incarceration with 363 days suspended, and supervised probation for a period of thirty (30) months, for an offense that occurred in April 2023. At the time of the offense and guilty plea, the CRT's license was on probation, pursuant to the Maryland Emergency Medical Services Board's Final Decision in case number IRC#

22-051, issued on March 16, 2023, which placed the CRT on probation for a period of (1) one year. That Final Decision was issued based upon the CRT's guilty plea in September 2022, to the crime of driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol per se. As a result, the CRT's license is suspended, effective the date of the Final Decision, until successful completion of an inpatient alcohol treatment program, at his own cost. Following the end of the CRT's term of suspension, the CRT's license will be placed on probation for a period of two (2) years.

■ **IRC24-016 (EMT) August 19, 2024.** In 2023, the EMT pled guilty to the crime of Conspiracy to Commit Theft >\$100,000. The EMT was sentenced to 15 years in jail with all but three (3) days suspended, and five (5) years of unsupervised probation. The EMT was also ordered to pay full restitution in the amount of approximately \$240,000. Based upon these facts, the EMS Board issued a Noncompliance Notice to the EMT, proposing to revoke the EMT's certification. The EMT requested a hearing. By way of a Disposition Agreement, the parties agreed that the EMT's certification would be suspended for 30 days, followed by probation for two years, with the condition that he complies with the terms of his court ordered probation.

■ **IRC24-019 (EMD) August 19, 2024.** In May 2023, the EMD pled guilty to the crime of driving a vehicle while impaired by alcohol. The EMD failed to disclose this disposition upon subsequent application for EMD licensure. As a result, the EMD was reprimanded, and the EMD's license is placed on probation for a period of one (1) year from the date of the Final Decision.

■ **IRC24-020 (EMT) August 19,**

2024. In March 2024, the EMT pled guilty to the crime of driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. As a result, the EMT's certification is placed on probation for a period of one (1) year from the date of the Final Decision.

■ **IRC24-025 (EMT) August 19, 2024.** In February 2023, the EMT pled guilty to the crime of 2nd Degree Assault, in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, and was subsequently issued supervised probation before judgment (PBJ) for one (1) year, followed by one (1) year of unsupervised probation. Based upon the PBJ, on June 20, 2024, the EMS Board issued a Noncompliance Notice to the EMT, proposing to revoke the EMT's certification. The EMT requesting a hearing. By way of a Disposition Agreement, the parties agreed that the EMT's certificate be suspended for 30 days, followed by probation for two (2) years.

■ **IRC24-027 (EMT) August 19, 2024.** In January 2024, during an EMS response, the EMT provided emergency medical services beyond his authorized scope of practice when he manually defibrillated a pediatric patient. Additionally, the EMT failed to relay this information to advanced life support clinicians upon their arrival at the scene. As a result, the EMT was reprimanded, and the EMT's certification was placed on probation for one year from the date of the Final Decision. The Board further suggested that the EMT seek assistance from his employer's Employee Assistance Program, or otherwise, to assist in managing the difficult circumstances of the call.

■ **IRC24-028 (PARAMEDIC) August 19, 2024.** In January 2024, dur-

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ing an EMS response, the Paramedic instructed an unauthorized individual to perform intravenous access on a patient. This care was then falsely recorded as being provided by an authorized individual on the associated electronic patient care report completed by the Paramedic. As a result, the Paramedic was reprimanded and the Paramedic's license was placed on probation for one year from the date of the Final Decision.

■ **IRC24-024** (CRT) *August 20, 2024*. In February 2024, the CRT pled not guilty with agreed statement of facts to the crime of 2nd Degree Assault, in the District Court for Harford County for an incident of domestic violence that occurred in 2023. The CRT was found guilty, and subsequently sentenced to five (5) years in jail, with all but thirty (30) days suspended, and was also issued supervised probation for a period of two (2) years. Additionally, in February 2024, the CRT pled not guilty with agreed statement

of facts to the crime of violation of a protective order, in the District Court for Harford County, for actions related to the same matter. The CRT was subsequently issued supervised probation before judgement for this for a period of two (2) years. Based upon the above referenced conduct, on June 20, 2024, the EMS Board issued a Noncompliance Notice to the CRT, proposing to revoke the CRT's license. The CRT requested a hearing on July 6, 2024, and by way of a Disposition Agreement, the parties agreed that the CRT's license be suspended for 30 days from the date of the Agreement, followed by probation until July 31, 2026. The CRT must also complete a drug and alcohol class, and an anger management class, and provide evidence of completion to MIEMSS. In addition, the CRT must continue counseling through the entire term of his probationary period, and must provide documentation to MIEMSS quarterly to confirm his compliance.

■ **IRC24-029** (CRT) *September 10, 2024*. In April 2024, random urinalysis testing, collected while on duty, produced results positive for cocaine metabolites. The CRT was on probation at the time of this incident, pursuant to the EMS Board's Final Decision in Case # IRC22- 065, which required quarterly reporting confirming continued counseling. The CRT had failed to submit the required reporting to document ongoing counseling and/or termination of treatment. As a result, the CRT's license was suspended for thirty (30) days, followed by probation for two (2) years; with continued treatment of therapy for the period of probation or until discharged, confirmed by quarterly reporting to MIEMSS.

■ **IRC24-031** (EMR) *September 10,*

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determine the illness without testing. Testing tells what the illness is and allows you to get diagnosed and treated more quickly for the specific virus you have.

Getting treated early for COVID-19 and flu can reduce your risk of getting very sick. For more ways to prevent and treat respiratory viruses, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/guidance/index.html>.

The free COVID-19 test program, started by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, was paused in March 2024 due to low demand. From 2022 until 2024, more than 900 million tests were mailed directly to people nationwide.

With the renewal of the program, people can again order four additional free over-the-counter COVID-19 tests per family. These tests will detect the currently circulating COVID-19 variants and are intended for use through the end of 2024.

People can also find instructions on how to verify extended expiration

dates for any tests they may already have. To request a free COVID-19 test, visit [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/COVIDtests.gov).

Many local health departments throughout Maryland are also offering free COVID-19 tests to residents, either at their offices or through local partners such as public libraries. Contact your local health department for more information about free COVID-19 testing kits and upcoming vaccination clinics.

The Maryland Department of Health is dedicated to protecting and improving the health and safety of all Marylanders through disease prevention, access to care, quality management and community engagement. For more information about how to protect against COVID-19, visit health.maryland.gov/COVID. Marylanders can also visit vaccines.gov for a listing of pharmacies providing COVID-19 and flu shots near them. It is recommended you make an appointment online for pharmacies, to see the latest inventory availability for specific locations. Please note that pharmacies cannot give shots to children under age 3. ■

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Prevention

THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA) has prepared materials for use by law enforcement and public safety personnel for the following upcoming public safety and prevention campaigns:

■ **Fall Back | Vehicle Safety Recalls** (October 28 – November 3, 2024). Millions of vehicles are recalled each year, so it's essential to include vehicle safety recall information in any road safety communication plan. This campaign helps to inform vehicle owners about the process of checking for safety recalls and getting a recall repair, and educates drivers about the importance of regularly checking their car for recalls. Download materials: <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/safety-topics/vehicle-safety/vehicle-safety-recalls>

■ **Winter Driving Tips** (November 11, 2024 – February 14, 2025). Seasonal changes bring opportunities

to share safety information related to vehicle maintenance and reminders to drive safely for certain road conditions. Driving safely in winter weather takes extra precaution. Share information about snow plows, emergency supply kits and tires, and remind drivers of the importance of being prepared in case of an emergency. Download materials: <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/safety-topics/vehicle-safety>

■ **Thanksgiving | Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving** (November 23–30, 2024). The "Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving" campaign offers relevant, timely, and seasonal messaging to help boost your traffic safety communication efforts. Thanksgiving-themed assets encourage people to not get behind the wheel after drinking and to plan for a safe, sober ride home. Download materials here: <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/>

[safety-topics/drunken-driving/buzzed-driving-drunken-driving/thanksgiving](https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/safety-topics/drunken-driving/buzzed-driving-drunken-driving/thanksgiving)

■ **Thanksgiving | Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time.** (November 23 – December 1, 2024). "Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time." is a year-round social norming campaign that focuses on seat belt use. Use these resources to increase your seat belt safety messaging during the Thanksgiving holiday. Download materials: <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/safety-topics/seat-belt-safety/buckle-up-every-trip-every-time>.

■ **Older Driver Safety Awareness Week** (December 2–6, 2024). Older drivers face unique safety concerns including vision, reflexes, and physical fitness. This campaign offers materials to help guide the discussion with older drivers, and children and caregivers of aging adults. Download materials: <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/safety-topics/older-driver-safety>. ■

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opportunities in public safety and guidance on navigating these roles as women in a predominantly male-dominated field. Some of the highlights include:

- Stop the Bleed training
- CPR/AED/First Aid Training taught by MDERS Emergency Response Specialist Elizabeth Adams.
- A tour of the Health and Life Sciences Building at the Anne Arundel Community College and informative discussions on education in public safety.
- A presentation from the Maryland Department of Emergency Management Secretary, Russel Strickland.
- An activity titled "Extreme Event"

where the campers had the opportunity to test their skills and knowledge of resource management in an emergency.

- A presentation on stress management from Anne Arundel County Risk Management.
- A drone presentation by MDERS Deputy Director Hannah Thomas and junior counselor Kayla Foliente.

The camp ended with an awards ceremony, highlighting each camper's significant participation during the week and presenting them with a certificate of completion. This camp uplifts young women and empowers them to seek careers in public safety. It also provides them with mentorship from counselors and junior counsel-

ors to support them in their future endeavors.

The HERricane summer camp has once again succeeded in its mission to inspire and equip the next generation of female leaders in public safety. Through hands-on experiences, engaging presentations, and mentorship, these young women have not only gained practical skills but also a deeper understanding of the vital roles they can play in their communities. As the camp participants move forward with newfound confidence and knowledge, they carry with them the powerful message that the future of public safety is indeed female, and they are at the forefront of shaping that future. ■

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2024. In August 2023, the EMR pled guilty to the crime of driving a vehicle while impaired by alcohol, and was issued one (1) year in jail with all but ten (10) days suspended, and two (2) years of supervised probation. Previously, in November 2020, the EMR pled guilty to the crime of driving a vehicle while impaired by alcohol, and was sentenced to sixty (60) days in jail with all but two (2) days suspended, and issued supervised probation for a period of eighteen (18) months. In November 2023, the EMR submitted an Application for Renewal of EMR Certification to MIEMSS and failed to disclose the above mentioned dispositions. As a result, the EMR's certification was placed on probation for two (2) years, with the condition of completion of the 48-week after care program in which the EMR is cur-

rently enrolled. The EMR was also reprimanded for failure to disclose the incidents.

■ **IRC24-033 (EMT) September 10, 2024.** In June 2023, the EMT pled guilty to the crime of driving a vehicle while impaired by alcohol, and was issued sixty (60) days in jail with all suspended, and one (1) year of supervised probation. As a result, the EMT's certification was placed on probation for one (1) year.

■ **IRC24-035 (PARAMEDIC) September 10, 2024.** In March 2024, the Paramedic initiated, or assisted with initiating, intravenous access on one or more individuals while on duty. At the time of this incident, the Paramedic was not credentialed to practice ALS in the Paramedic's EMSOP without the presence of an ALS preceptor. No ALS preceptor was on duty at the time of the incident. Additionally, no patient care documentation was com-

pleted for the care rendered. As a result, the Paramedic was reprimanded and the Paramedic's license was placed on probation for one (1) year, with the condition that the Paramedic successfully complete all requirements set forth by the EMS Operational Program's medical review committee process related to this matter.

■ **IRC24-040 (PARAMEDIC) September 10, 2024.** In March 2024, the Paramedic performed emergency medical services while intoxicated, by initiating intravenous access on himself. This care was not documented via the required patient care report. As a result, the Paramedic was reprimanded and the Paramedic's license was placed on probation for one (1) year, with the condition that the Paramedic successfully complete all requirements set forth by the EMS Operational Program's medical review committee process related to this matter. ■

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■ **10/24/24:** *United Communities VFD, Stevensville, MD, 1800-2000*

■ **10/27/24:** *Bikur Cholim, TBD, 0915-1215*

■ **10/28/24:** *Aberdeen Fire Department – Public Class, Aberdeen, MD, 1700-1830*

■ **10/28/24:** *Baltimore County Public Library – Catonsville Branch, Catonsville, MD, 1830-1930*

■ **10/30/24:** *Baltimore County Fire Department – Public Class, Cockeysville, MD, 1800-1930*

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Shock Trauma Center Falls Prevention Program

Through our monthly class, RACSTC is committed to equipping community members with the knowledge and resources needed for fall prevention.

Fall prevention classes are offered on-site at Shock Trauma and in locations throughout our community. Fall prevention classes teach how to avoid falls to those at risk of a serious fall and provide instruction to the caregivers and families of those at risk.

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