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Assistance to Firefighters Grant

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program has posted the initial schedule of applicant workshops for the 2005 Fire Grants. This year, the Congress has appropriated over \$600M specifically for fire grants. The application period is tentatively scheduled for March 7 to April 8, 2005. Potential applicants and interested parties can view the schedule, as well as other fire grant program information, at www.firegrantsupport.com. Regional contacts and telephone numbers are also available at www.firegrantsupport.com.

The fire grants for this year are very similar to those from last year, with only a few changes. One change is that the Congress has directed the program office to award a limited number of grants (on a competitive basis) to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) organizations that are not affiliated with a fire department and that provide EMS in areas not covered by a fire department.

Questions about the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program may be directed by electronic mail to firegrants@dhs.gov, or you may call the toll free number at 1-866-274-0960.

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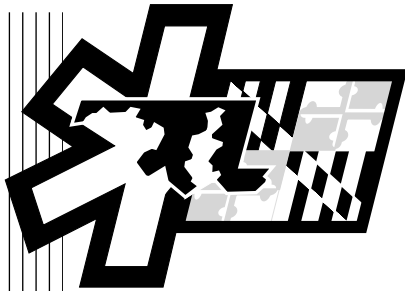
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Yellow Alerts and Pediatric Patients

The goal of EMS patient care continues to be the transport of the patient to the closest appropriate facility. At times, hospital emergency departments declare yellow alert but still may have the resources available to treat pediatric patients. Because CHATS does not separate pediatric from adult capability, MIEMSS has been asked to assist hospitals that may be on yellow alert in the adult section of the emergency department but are still capable of caring for pediatric patients, to communicate the following to EMS providers: *"Prior to diverting pediatric patients, medical consultation is advised for pediatric transports when emergency departments are on yellow alert."*

The clause has been added to the MIEMSS webpage and can be viewed at <http://www.miemss.org/YellowAlertPediatric.doc>





MARYLAND'S STARS OF LIFE AWARDS

Each year the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems celebrates EMS Week by honoring men and women across Maryland who have contributed to the EMS system. We use the term "Stars of Life" because it combines our symbol, the Star of Life, with our shared vision, "the elimination of preventable death and disability from injury or sudden illness." This year we are again opening the award nomination process to everyone who receives the *Maryland EMS News*. Awardees will be selected by a statewide committee of career and volunteer EMS providers. For further information, call 410-706-3994.

The categories of Maryland Star of Life, Maryland EMS Citizen, EMS Provider of the Year, and EMD Provider of the Year relate to specific incidents occurring from March 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005. Multiple awards may be presented.

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 by EMS personnel.

MARYLAND EMS CITIZEN AWARD

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

EMS PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

For a provider 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; new technology).

EMD PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

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

OUTSTANDING EMS PROGRAM

For 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 EXCELLENCE IN EMS

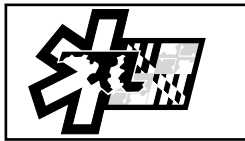
This award is given to an individual who demonstrates through his professional and personal life, dedication to excellence in patient care, compassion and respect for each patient, and commitment to continuous improvement of the Maryland EMS system in education and in prevention.

MARYLAND EMS-CHILDREN (EMS-C) AWARD

This award is given for an individual or program that has demonstrated excellence in affecting the EMS care for children in Maryland.

MARYLAND EMS-GERIATRIC (EMS-G) AWARD

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



MARYLAND'S STARS OF LIFE AWARDS — 2005 NOMINATION FORM

Individual(s)/Organization(s) Nominated: _____

If there is more than one nominee, please duplicate this form or use a separate sheet for the other names and addresses and attach it to this form.

* **Address:** _____
(P.O. Box or Street)

_____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

* **Telephone Nos.** _____ (H) _____ (W)

Nominee's Level of Certification or Licensure (if applicable) _____

Professional Affiliation _____ **Telephone No.** _____

Award Category:

- Maryland Star of Life Award EMD Provider of the Year Maryland EMS-C Award
- Maryland EMS Citizen Award Outstanding EMS Program Maryland EMS-G Award
- EMS Provider of the Year Leon W. Hayes Award
for Excellence in EMS

This individual/group/program/facility is being nominated for outstanding recognition because:

Please attach additional documentation such as newspaper articles, video footage, and letters of commendation.

Name of person submitting this nomination:

(Print or Type)

(Signature)

(Address)

Email Address _____

* **Telephone Nos.** _____ (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell)

FAX Nos. _____ (H) _____ (W)

* Must be completed!!

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT MIEMSS BY April 4, 2005.
Mail to: Jim Brown, MIEMSS, 653 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21201-1536
or FAX to: Jim Brown, 410-706-3485.



EMS for Children Day May 2005

The Right Care When It Counts



Emergencies Do Happen. The first moments after an injury or onset of an illness are often the most critical. The key is remaining calm, knowing what to do, and making a decision to act. The Maryland EMS for Children program is In Search Of children and youth in Maryland who have demonstrated one of the 10 Steps to Take in an Emergency or one of the 10 Ways to be Better Prepared for an Emergency. On May 18, 2005 we will celebrate EMSC Day across the country. Here in Maryland, we will be recognizing children and youth who acted so that others would receive "The Right Care When It Counts." Please complete the form by April 4, 2005 and send it to the EMSC Program Office at MIEMSS.

Ten ways to be better prepared if your child has an Emergency:

1. Check if 9-1-1 is the right number to call
2. Keep a well-stocked First Aid Kit on hand
3. Make a list of Emergency Phone Numbers
4. Teach your children whom to call and what to say
5. Make sure your house number is visible from the street
6. Keep a clear and up-to-date record of immunizations
7. Write down medical conditions, medications, and dosages
8. Make a list of allergies and reactions
9. If you have health insurance, check your emergency coverage
10. Take first aid classes

Ten steps to take in an Emergency:

1. Call 9-1-1 immediately
 2. Call Poison Control immediately
 3. If you think your child has been seriously injured, do not move your child
 4. Know how to treat your child in case of a burn
 5. Be prepared if your child has a seizure
 6. Know what to do if your child is bleeding
 7. Know how to help a child with a broken bone
 8. Do not administer the Heimlich maneuver or CPR unless you are trained
 9. Have your emergency plan on hand
 10. Make it easy for emergency personnel to find you
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EMS for Children Day May 2005

The Right Care When It Counts



Contact information for the person submitting this recommendation:

Name: _____ Affiliation: _____

Best Phone Number(s) to reach you: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Child or youth who acted so that others would receive "The Right Care When It Counts":

Child/ Youth's Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

Alternative contact person: _____

Best method to reach this person: _____

Primary language spoken at home: _____

Description of event/ incident and the action taken: _____

Send to EMSC Program Office by April 4, 2005
FAX: 410-706-0853



Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar

March 19, 2005

Rocky Gap Lodge

Flintstone, MD

The Third Annual Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar will feature nationally recognized speakers and be held at the beautiful Rocky Gap Resort. Co-sponsored by the MIEMSS Region I EMS Advisory Council, the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, the Western Maryland Training Foundation, Allegany College of Maryland, and Garrett College, this year's daylong program will focus on emergency care and management issues for fire, EMS, and nursing personnel. The afternoon tracks will last 3 hours, allowing for more extensive instruction and hands-on training, and are open to all. Please sign up for the programs that interest you. Finally, please note, the day will conclude with a dance at the lodge for all those wishing to attend.

Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar Schedule

7:30 AM Registration and Vendor Display

8:30 AM Welcome

8:45 AM **Life Safety in Daily Practice: Protecting the Families in the Communities We Serve.** *Speaker: Tim Vandenbrink, NFPA Risk Watch Field Advisor.* For decades Fire & EMS and nursing professionals have successfully taught children about prevention. The challenge in 2005 is to help the adults in the very same communities not only to learn but to practice the same lessons. Based upon national and regional data – participants will evaluate whether the programs their company is using target the correct risk areas for the children, the elderly, and everyone in-between. *1 hr L/2*

9:45 AM Break and Vendor Display

10:15 AM **Crash Investigation and Patient Care - How the CIREN Can Assist Emergency Services Providers.** *Speakers: Timothy Kerns, MS - Charles McC. Mathais, Jr. National Study Center for Trauma and Emergency Medical Systems and Kathleen Brown, MD - Children's National Medical Center.* Did you know that there are currently two CIREN centers working in the region? The Crash Injury Research Engineering Network (CIREN) centers are located at the Charles McC. Mathais, Jr. National Study Center for Trauma and Emergency Medical Systems and at the Children's National Medical Center. This session will show how the two centers work together and how their work can benefit emergency care providers. Local crashes will be discussed. *1 hr B/M*

11:00 AM **ABC...Danger! Concealed Weapons and Your Safety.** *Speaker: Captain Charlie Brown, Field Operations Commander for Special Events Unit, Prince Georges County Fire/EMS Department.* This course will provide students with awareness, recognition, and solutions to the extreme hazards they face from the very patients they came to rescue. *1 hr L/2*

12:00 PM Lunch

Either Choose A or B (for an All-Afternoon Workshop)

Or

**Pick 1 Workshop from Each Time Slot Listed Below
for a Total of 2 Workshops**

1:00 PM **A – Challenges and Hazards Encountered During Vehicle Extrication**

to
4:15 PM *Instructor: Dr. Richard Prather.* Rescuers frequently face challenges presented at an extrication involving new vehicle technology. This program will detail proper safety and management of new technology vehicles. (Please wear appropriate clothing.) *3 hrs L/2*

B – Survival Training

Instructor: Carl Marshall, MSP Med-Evac Pilot. This 3-hour program, condensed from a larger 2-day program, provides an overview of the essentials of outdoor survival. Topics include: Prior Preparation, Priorities of Life, Survival Kits, Fire Building, and Signaling. Participants will be given hands-on opportunities. (Please wear appropriate clothing.) *3 hrs L/2*

1:00 PM **C – RIT**

to
2:30 PM

Instructor: Mike Baker, Battalion Chief in the Safety Office for Howard County Fire and Rescue. "Community in Shock Over Deaths of Three Firefighters!" "Why Are We Dying?" "Are We Learning Our Lessons?" These statements are all too common on emergency services web pages and in magazines. This program will help identify ways to prevent a sudden hazardous event or critical system failure and offer solutions to solve rapid intervention incidents before they happen. *1.5 hrs L/2*

D – Initial Assessment & Burn Management

Instructor: TBA. Despite decades of burn and fire prevention activities, serious burns still occur in our community. Burn experts will present updates for burn assessment and care in the field and advances in burn treatment leading to improved clinical outcomes. *1.5 hrs A/T*

E – Bariatrics

Instructor: Lynn Gerber Smith, RN, MS. The U.S. Surgeon General has declared obesity to be a public health epidemic. Regardless of a patient's size, emergency responders must be prepared to render care when injury occurs. The question is how to do this safely for the patient as well as providers. This question and more will be answered during this innovative session. *1.5 hrs L/2*

F – Recognition & Management of Overdose Patients

Instructor: Detective Sergeant James Pyles, Maryland State Police. The goal of this program is to give the needed tools EMS, fire, and nursing personnel should have in the recognition and detection of the drug abusing patient. Sergeant Pyles will present a "Fighting Back" plan, with the goal of reducing substance abuse in our community through awareness." *1.5 hrs A/M*

2:30 PM Break and Vendor Display

2:45 PM **G – Mayday Policy per Anne Arundel County Program**

to
4:15 PM

Instructor: Mike Baker, Battalion Chief in the Safety Office for Howard County Fire and Rescue. "ARE YOU PREPARED?" is the theme for this session. Very little training is offered on how to manage a "Firefighter/EMT Down" situation. This session will identify various training methods to help the emergency services provider be prepared for the worst case scenarios. All too often we think, "It will not happen to me." "ARE YOU PREPARED?" applies to Chiefs, Administrators, Officers, Paramedics, and Firefighters. *1.5 hrs L/2*

H – Emergency Vehicle Safety

Instructor: Brian J. Maguire, Dr.PH, MSA, EMT-P, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Department of Emergency Health Services. This session will discuss the hazards associated with operating emergency vehicles. An awareness of the risks to emergency services personnel and the general public while operating a vehicle during an emergency response, as well as recommendations for safety improvements, will be presented. *1.5 hrs L/2*

I – Right Care When It Counts for Children

Instructors: EMSC Program Staff, Cynthia Wright Johnson MSN, RNC; Linda Arapian, MSN, RN, CEN, EMT-B. Maryland's Pediatric Consultation Centers will highlight

changes in EMS practice and present actual cases that have led to advances in prehospital protocols. 1.5 hrs A/M

J – Personal Safety – Violent Patients

Instructor: Trooper 1st Class John Sagal. This is a workshop on personal safety when dealing with persons suspected of being under the influence of known and unknown substances. Trooper Sagal will discuss and demonstrate techniques as they relate to possible attacks and how to deal with the attack using the attacker's momentum and force against him or her. Simple restraint techniques that can be used until arrival of police personnel will also be demonstrated. 1.5 hrs L/2

4:30 PM Highway Safety Plan Presentation by MDOT

to *Presenter: Alvin Marquess.* The Maryland Department of Transportation, in response to requests from local and state agencies in Western Maryland, is developing ways to enhance safety and operational efficiencies in responding to freeway incidents. Alvin Marquess, Operations Manager of the Maryland State Highways incident response program (CHART), will discuss the response plan that is being formulated and the various technology approaches being implemented, as well as review current response SOP's and equipment improvements. 1.5 hrs L/2

8:00 PM Party/Dance

Registration Information

Preregistration is required and must be received in the MIEMSS Region I Office by March 7, 2005. Those registering by March 7 will receive free T-shirts. Confirmation letters will be sent. Late registration will be accepted on a space available basis.

Fee

The \$35 registration fee for the Saturday conference covers all activities, including continental breakfast, breaks, luncheon, printed materials, and admission to the evening dance at Rocky Gap Lodge. This affordable registration fee is possible due to the generous support of the Western Maryland Health System, Garrett Memorial Hospital, and the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. Non-seminar registrants wishing to attend only the dance will be charged \$5.

Continuing Education Credits

All workshops and lectures are approved for continuing education credits by MIEMSS. Nursing CEUs will be available.

Hotel Accommodations

Hotel reservations for seminar participants can be made at Rocky Gap Lodge at the rate of \$79 per night for single or double occupancy (based on room availability). Please reserve your room early by calling Rocky Gap Lodge directly at **301-784-8400** or toll free **800-724-0828**. A complete listing of other local hotels can be obtained from the MIEMSS Region I Office upon request.

Directions

I-68 West: Rocky Gap State Park, Exit 50. Make a right off the exit. The resort is visible from the road.

I-68 East: Rocky Gap State Park, Exit 50. Go left at the stop sign; cross over the bridge. The resort is visible from the road.

Special Accommodations

If you require special accommodations to attend our workshops, please provide information about your requirements when you register. We have made every effort to choose healthy food for our meals. If you require a special menu or have specific nutritional needs, please let us know.

Additional Information

For additional information, please contact the Region I Office of MIEMSS at 301-895-5934 or 301-746-8636.

MILTENBERGER EMERGENCY SERVICES SEMINAR - REGISTRATION FORM

(Please duplicate form and use for additional registrants.)

NAME: _____ DOB: _____ SSN#: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX #: _____

PHONE #: _____ EVENING: _____ PAGER: _____

PRIMARY AFFILIATION: _____

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE (Circle) FR EMT-B CRT CRT-I EMT-P LPN RN NP PA MD

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

(I certify that the information on this form is correct.)

PLEASE CIRCLE THE BREAKOUT SESSIONS YOU WISH TO ATTEND:

Pick one 3-hr session below:

1:00–4:15 PM A B

OR

Pick one from each 1.5 hr session below:

1:00–2:30 PM C D E F

2:45–4:15 PM G H I J

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL XXL XXXL

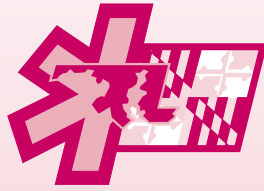
REGISTRATION FEE IS \$35 IF RECEIVED BY MARCH 7, 2005 (AND RECEIVE A FREE T-SHIRT).

Please Make Check or Money Order Payable To **WESTERN MARYLAND TRAINING FOUNDATION**

PLEASE CONTACT ROCKY GAP LODGE DIRECTLY TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY FOR SPECIAL PRICING.

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO: MIEMSS REGION I OFFICE, P.O. BOX 34, GRANTSVILLE, MD 21536

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EMS CARE

April 29 – May 1, 2005
Bethesda Marriott Hotel

Maryland EMS' past is illustrious. The first trauma center, the first Med-Evac. Some of the earliest medic units. The first statewide communications system and one of the first statewide 9-1-1 systems. Parascopes and EMS Care, among the earliest professional conferences for EMS providers. It is appropriate to look backward as EMS Care returns to the Bethesda Marriott, longtime site of Parascopes and the home of EMS Care 1983. Chief Mary Beth Michos (former chief of the Montgomery County Department of Fire & Rescue Services and current chief of Prince William County Department of Fire Rescue Services in Virginia) will return to EMS Care to give us a historical perspective on where we have been and where we are going. MIEMSS Executive Director Dr. Robert R. Bass will discuss the future of EMS in Maryland and the nation. A wide variety of medical and trauma topics, as well as prevention and preparedness subjects have been included.

For conference schedule and registration forms, see *Maryland EMS News* (January 2005) or the websites www.miemss.org and www.eecreg5.org. For further information, contact the MIEMSS Region V Office, 1-877-498-5551.

EMS Continuing Education Programs

Managing the Psychological Consequences of Disasters: A Training for Health Care Providers.

Training sessions are offered statewide through April 27, 2005. Presented by Sheppard Pratt Health System in collaboration with community partners, including the MIEMSS State Office of Commercial Ambulance Licensing & Regulation. The training is free of charge to EMS providers and is approved for EMS CEUs (ALS: 6 hours Medical; BLS: 6 Hours). Contact Iris Fisher at Sheppard Pratt at 410-938-3157 or ifisher@sheppardpratt.org.

Maryland Chief Officers Seminar (March 12-13, 2005)
University of Maryland-Shady Grove.

Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar
(March 19, 2005) Rocky Gap Resort - Allegany County, Maryland.
Contact MIEMSS Region I Office, 301-895-5934 or 301-746-8636.

Emerging & Resurging Infectious Diseases: Threats to Nurses, Healthcare System and the Public (April 1, 2005)
Holiday Inn Frederick /Fort Detrick - Frederick, Maryland. Contact MIEMSS Hospital Programs, 410-706-3932.

Maryland Public Life Safety Educator Seminar (April 2, 2005) MFRI, College Park. Contact MFRI to register on-line at www.mfri.org/seminars

EMS Care 2005 (April 29 – May 1, 2005) Bethesda, MD.
Bethesda Marriott – Pooks Hill. Contact the Region V Office, 1-877-498-5551.

Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference (September 27, 2005)
Office of the State Fire Marshal. Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab - Laurel, Maryland. More information to follow.

PYRAMID 2005 (October 14 - October 16, 2005) Holiday Inn Select - Solomon's Island, Maryland. Contact the Region V Office, 1-877-498-5551.