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MSP and MIEMSS Convene Active Assailant Incident Workgroup

Recent incidents around the country have brought to light the need to ensure law enforcement, emergency medical services, and emergency management are collaborating to develop common plans for responding to an assailant causing or threating harm with a firearm or explosive device. Recent literature suggests a rapid and aggressive response to subdue the aggressor and provide care to the injured—before a scene is completely secured—is necessary to prevent further injury and save lives. Such a response must be well coordinated between all disciplines and ensure no responders are forced into situations that threaten their safety due to inadequate security, lack of personal protective equipment or training, or the lack of a unified command structure. Additionally, general guidelines for response must be consistent across the state to ensure effectiveness, especially if multiple jurisdictions respond.

At the request of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, MIEMSS and the Maryland State Police (MSP) convened an interdisciplinary work group to investigate current literature on these types of incidents, suggest general guidelines for response, make suggestions to ensure adequate levels of protection, develop consistent learning objectives to guide response training across the state, and identify gaps and resources to address those deficiencies. The group consists of representatives the following organizations and agencies.

- MIEMSS
- MSP
- Maryland Police Training Commission
- Maryland Metropolitan Fire Chiefs
- Maryland State Firemen's Association
- Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center
- Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission
- Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
- Maryland Fire Chiefs Association
- Maryland Emergency Management Agency
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, Baltimore Office
- Governor's Office of Homeland Security
- Local EMS Representatives (4)
- Local Law Enforcement Representatives (4)
- Local Emergency Managers (3)

The group had an initial meeting in November 2013 and will reconvene in January 2014. Its goal is to distribute preliminary recommendations on operational components to all local law enforcement agencies and EMS programs by the end of March with a final report, including training recommendations and a gap analysis of resources available, by June.

Questions about the group can be directed to TFC Travis Nelson at MSP (travis.nelson@maryland.gov) or John Donohue from MIEMSS (jdonohue@miemss.org).

2014 Stars of Life and Right Care When It Counts Awards Nominations Sought

Each year, MIEMSS awards Maryland citizens and providers by honoring those who have made significant contributions to the EMS system and recognizing children who have identified an emergency and contacted 9-1-1. Nominations for MIEMSS EMS Stars of Life Awards and EMSC Right Care When It Counts Awards are now being accepted. Incidents and activities that occurred between January 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013, are eligible for submission. Nomination forms are available online at www.miemss.org under the "What's New" heading, then "Maryland EMS." The Right Care When it Counts webpage also has a link to its nomination form (www.miemss.org/EMSCwww/RightCare.html). Awardees are selected by a statewide committee of career, volunteer, and commercial EMS providers. Nominations will be accepted for both sets of awards until April 1, 2014.

There are three ways to submit nomination forms:

1. Open the PDF document and complete the application. Print and then fax it to the MIEMSS Educational Support Services Office at 410-706-3485.
2. Open the PDF document while on a laptop or computer that is connected to the internet; complete the application and then click on the SUBMIT button.
3. Open the PDF document and complete the application. Save the document under a unique name and then email it to awards@miemss.org.

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Maryland Remembers Memorial

The 2013 Maryland Remembers Memorial, an annual event that honors the lives of Maryland citizens killed by impaired drivers, was held on Thursday, December 12 in Annapolis. Families and friends who lost a loved one to an impaired driving–related crash, partner agencies, and advocates were invited to attend the 10th annual service. A procession to honor those lives lost featured dozens of framed photographs held by family members and loved ones.

In the last five years, an average of 175 Marylanders have died each year due to impaired driving.

The 2013 Maryland Remembers Memorial, held on Thursday, December 12, remembered and honored those killed by impaired drivers and those who make efforts to prevent such tragedies. Jan Withers (pictured third from left in the bottom photo), National President of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), was the recipient of this year's Kevin E. Quinlan Advocacy Award for her leadership in combating drunk and impaired driving in Maryland. She is pictured with, left to right, Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, Joan Quinlan, and Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration Administrator John Kuo.

Licensure and Certification TIDBIT

Q. I have let my EMT certification lapse; how do I get it back?

A. The answer to your question depends on how long your certification has been lapsed. If your certification has been lapse for less than a year and you missed the December 31, 2013, renewal deadline then you will need to apply for reinstatement and obtain the required continuing education hours/skills within one year from when your certification lapsed. If your certification has lapsed for more than one year, then you will need to apply for reinstatement, obtain the required continuing education hours/skills, and retest for certification at the state level. Providers have up to three years to apply for reinstatement from the date that their certification lapsed. To access the application for reinstatement and for further information, visit http://bit.ly/JKzsyL.

WINTERFEST
Tilghman Island, MD
2014

Registration is Still Available!

Registration for Winterfest 2014

Registration for Winterfest 2014 is still available!
Visit http://bit.ly/1dqpAlt for more information and registration forms.

January 23–24, 2014 Preconference
January 25–26, 2014 Full Conference
Tilghman Island, MD

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, volunteer, and commercial EMS providers. For further information, call 410-706-3994 or email awards@miemss.org.

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 January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013. 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, and 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 LIFETIME EXCELLENCE IN EMS
This award is given to an individual who has devoted a lifetime of dedication to excellence in patient care, compassion and respect for each patient, and commitment to continuous improvement of the Maryland EMS system through his/her professional and personal life.

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

MARYLAND EMS-GERIATRIC (EMS-G) AWARD
This award is given 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
2014 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) _____ (Cell) _____

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

Professional Affiliation _____ Telephone No. _____

Award Category (Please select only one category on this sheet):

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

*** ***PLEASE NOTE:*** *If there is more that one nominee associated with the same incident or activity, please DO NOT duplicate this form but rather list names, affiliation, and contact information on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form.*

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

If applicable, please submit additional documentation such as newspaper articles, video footage, audio recordings, 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 1, 2014.

Mail to: Jim Brown, MIEMSS, 653 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21201-1536

FAX to: 410-706-3485 (attn: Jim Brown) or scan and email to awards@miemss.org

You can complete and submit this form online at http://www.miemss.org under "What's New"

The Right Care When It Counts
Maryland EMSC 2014 Program

The Maryland EMS for Children program is In Search Of children and youth in Maryland who have demonstrated Steps to Take in an Emergency or Ways to be Better Prepared for an emergency. Actions taking place January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, are eligible for nomination. We will be recognizing children and youth who acted so that others would receive "The Right Care When It Counts." Each nominee will receive a patch and certificate and be eligible for a state award at a ceremony during EMS Week 2014. Questions? Email awards@miemss.org

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

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

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The Right Care When It Counts
Maryland EMSC 2014 Program

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): (H) _____ (W) _____ (cell) _____
Email: _____
Alternative contact person: _____
Best method to reach this person: _____
Primary language spoken at home: _____
Description of event/ incident and the action taken

- PLEASE indicate if you have spoken with the family about this nomination
- PLEASE include any printed materials about this nomination and if the child/youth has been recognized locally

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Maryland's Homeland Security Outreach Extends to Fire/EMS/EM Communities

The following article appears courtesy of David Lewis of the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center. Many thanks to Mr. Lewis for his contribution to Maryland EMS News.

The Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Emergency Management (EM) communities provide a vital role in addressing critical information and intelligence requirements for Maryland's homeland security mission. While serving the core functions of prevention, response, and investigation, personnel may observe activities that serve as information and analytical resources vital to the mission of homeland security. Similarly, Fire/EMS/EM personnel may receive information and intelligence from the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC) on criminal and terrorist techniques, target hazards, and natural disaster trends that may enhance operational preparedness and situational awareness.

The Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center serves as the focal point between Federal, State, local, and private sector partners in the gathering, analysis, and dissemination of criminal and homeland security information. The MCAC produces a variety of intelligence products to meet customer intelligence needs and communicate critical information to pertinent stakeholders. MCAC is part of a network that includes the National Counterterrorism Center, the Terrorist Screening Center, Department of Homeland Security National Operations Center, and over 70 state and urban fusion centers across the US.

Prompt and detailed reporting of suspicious activities can help prevent violent crimes or terrorist attacks. As a provider, if you see suspicious activity, you should immediately report it to your local police department. You should not attempt to conduct your own investigations or dismiss indicators as being unimportant. Local law enforcement officers can respond quickly. Once they assess the situation, they can obtain additional support. Suggest that local law enforcement follow-up with a report to the MCAC. You may also report suspected criminal/terrorist related activities directly to the MCAC at 1-800-492-TIPS (8477).

Since May 2013, the Fire/EMS/EM communities have been included in a larger role at MCAC with the addition of a dedicated Fire/EMS/EM intelligence analyst. David Lewis was recently added to a dedicated staff of intelligence professionals to address a critical gap in information and intelligence needs. David comes to MCAC with over 40 years of operational fire service experience, plus 10 years as a fire service instructor at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute. David also recently completed a term of office as President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, serving from 2011–2012. Since arriving at MCAC, David has developed a set of information/intelligence requirements specific to the needs of the Fire/EMS/EM communities and regularly distributes products to the leadership of those disciplines to enhance situational awareness and operational preparedness. For additional information, you may contact David at 443-436-7776 or email him at david.lewis@mcac.maryland.gov.

'Tis the Season: Winterize Your Home to Save Money and Stay Safe

As the temperatures dip outdoors, you may want to crank up the heat indoors. But before you touch that dial, take these steps* to winterize your home to efficiently heat your living space. Then go put on a sweater.

- Insulate pipes with pre-manufactured insulation or newspapers and plastic.
- Allow faucets to drip a little to prevent pipes from freezing.
- Cover windows with plastic to keep the cold air out.

If you need added warmth, here is some advice to minimize risk of fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.

If you choose to use indoor space heaters to add warmth, be sure to use them properly to minimize the risk of fire. If you purchase a new space heater this year, be sure to get one that has an automatic shut-off feature as well as a tip-over switch. The heater should be placed on a level surface, at least 3 feet away from flammable items such as linens and curtains, and out of the reach of children and pets. Carbon monoxide poisoning can be a concern with certain space heaters, so be sure that the room has plenty of ventilation.

NEVER use your oven to heat your home. This can cause a deadly build-up of carbon monoxide, which is odorless and tasteless, and can kill within minutes.

Fireplaces and heating equipment such as wood burning stoves should be cleaned, inspected, and in good working condition before use. Make sure the fireplace or stove has a good screen installed to prevent ash and sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be completely cool before putting them in a metal container for disposal outside (at a safe distance from the home).

Make sure that your home has working smoke/fire and carbon monoxide alarms. You can always contact your local fire department for help in selecting and installing these alarms in your home properly.

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Upcoming 2014 Conferences

February 5–8, 2014
EMS Today
Washington, DC
www.emstoday.com

April 4–5, 2014
Miltenberger
McHenry, MD (Wisp Resort)

April 30–May 2 Preconference
May 3–4 Full Conference
EMS Care
Ocean City, MD

Maryland Commission for Effective Community Inclusion of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

MIEMSS holds a seat on the Maryland Commission for Effective Community Inclusion of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, created by Governor Martin O'Malley. This Commission will be working on policies and support that will guide first responders in their work with and care for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Commission will be holding public meetings for input on what first responders and law enforcement personnel in Maryland need to know when working with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; what Maryland should provide regarding training for first responders; and what kinds of community outreach activities should first responders conduct in order to raise awareness about effective first responder approaches for interacting with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information regarding these public meetings, please visit http://www.goccp.maryland.gov/iddc/index.php.

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In order to assist the community with winter home safety messaging, the Baltimore City Fire Department (BCFD) has released two new educational videos aimed at preventing fires and injury throughout the winter. The videos provide home electrical and home heating safety tips and can accessed on the BCFD YouTube channel or by clicking:

- **Winter Heating:** http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=005pmF4Gm1Y&feature=youtu.be
- **Electrical Safety:** http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vr6yxeTisJ0&feature=youtu.be

* Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

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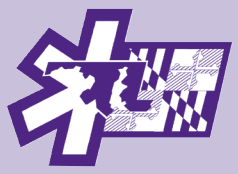

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