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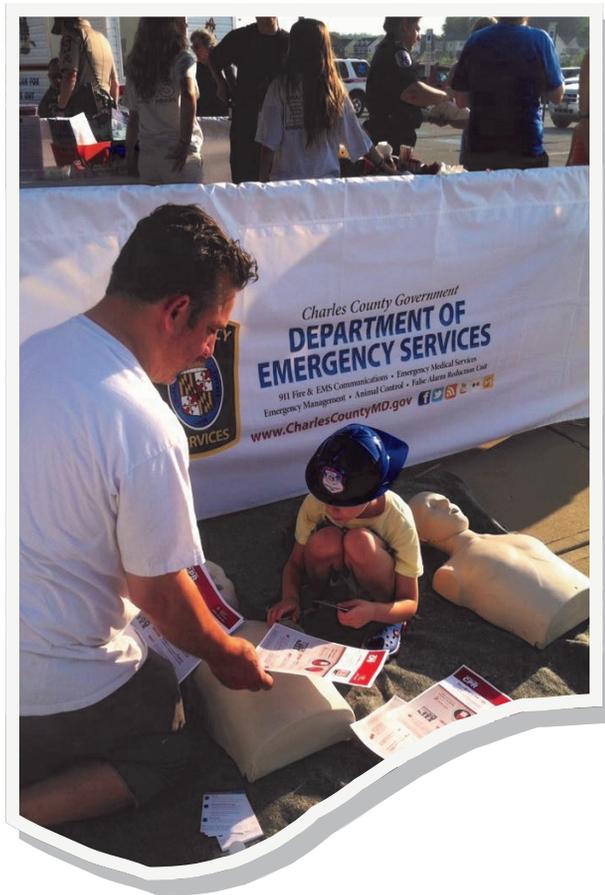
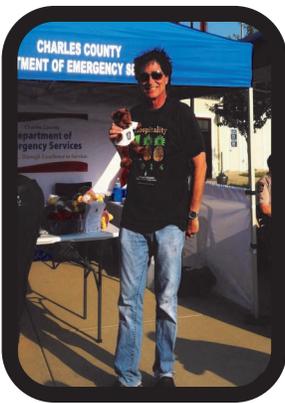


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IT IS THE MISSION OF THE CHARLES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, EMS DIVISION TO PROVIDE SUPERIOR QUALITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND AND REQUESTING JURISDICTIONS.

2014 Teddy Bear Clinic



CCDES hosted EMS for Children Day on June 18, 2014 at Regency Stadium



EMS for Children Day! Another successful year! Thanks to Commissioner Robinson, CCSO, Ridge VFD, Charles County Community Services, Regency Stadium and BRVFD for helping make the evening what it was! Teddy Bear Clinic, bike safety, hands only CPR, water safety and an awesome smoke house for the kids



A Message from the Chief

By John L. Filer, Chief



Money and fame isn't everything in life....

With a net worth of \$150 million dollars and multiple top Billboard hits, there is no doubt that Justin Bieber is a world famous pop superstar. Despite all of his fame, success and fortune however; there is a high probability and great personal doubt that Justin Bieber or his "music" will EVER inspire a movement that would eventually bring an end to racism and change an entire country forever.

Great stories and accomplishments like that are reserved for much more humble people. Much like another great carpenter we all know, Sixto Rodriguez is one of those humble men.

A carpenter by trade and descendant of Mexican immigrants, Sixto Diaz Rodriguez was born on July 10, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan. As an American Folk Singer, his career initially proved short lived with two little-sold albums in the early 1970s and two Australian concert tours. Unknown to him, however, his work became extremely successful and influential in South Africa, and continued to retain a loyal following in

Australia. According to the filmmakers of the documentary about him, Searching for Sugar Man, at one time he was arguably more famous than Elvis Presley in South Africa. The lyrics in his songs were so powerful and meaningful to the people of South Africa that they fueled protests and inspired the youth of South Africa to march and rise up against segregation and apartheid.

Though he was mistakenly rumored in South Africa to have committed suicide via a fiery death while on stage; in the 1990s, determined South African fans managed to find and contact him, which led to an unexpected revival of his musical career. This is told in the 2012 Academy Award-winning documentary film Searching for Sugar Man, which helped give Rodriguez a measure of fame here in the United States.

Despite the powerful impact his music had on the people of South Africa and the ending of

the apartheid movement, Sixto Rodriguez lives a very humble and modest life in Detroit's historic Woodbridge neighborhood.

It's not about the dazzle, flash or notoriety; it's about the passion of serving and making a meaningful difference

in the life of a fellow human. We are granted what we need to get the job done and you all perform miracles with the tools we have to work with. Praise for all your hard work and efforts may not come in the form of monetary compensation but believe me when I tell you that it is appreciated with every life you save and every heart you touch. Keep up the good work! Patience and persistence will pay off in the end. □

BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE APPRECIATED WITH EVERY LIFE YOU SAVE AND EVERY HEART YOU TOUCH.



CPR is scheduled for 9/15 and 12/15 at 0900 in the EOC. Those wishing to attend need to register via PowerDMS and need to also submit a training request.



CEVO

Attendance at CEVO class is mandatory. The last date is August 27. If you do not attend one of these classes, you will not be permitted to work

EMS-C Proclamation

On Tuesday, June 17 the Charles County Commissioners declared Wednesday, June 18 as Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day in Charles County. EMSC supports Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the community-based public service whose presence is vital to children in need. EMSC promotes the high-level emergency care given by EMS providers with pediatric emergency skills.





Around the Department



Safe Summer Campaign

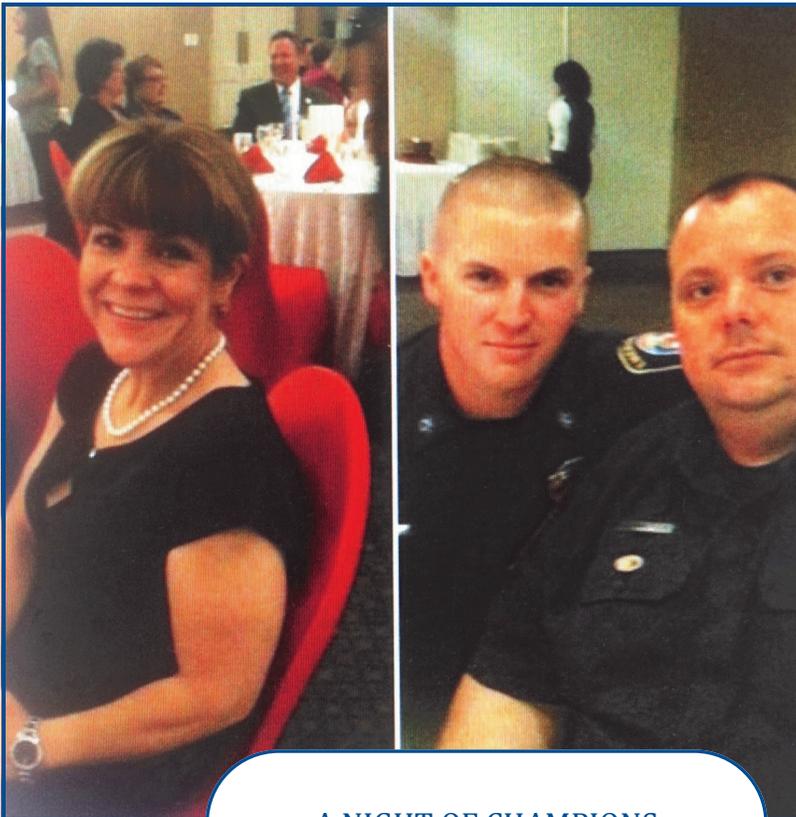
CCDES participated in the Safe Summer Campaign on June 7 at Regency Stadium. This successful event raised public awareness of preventable swimming, biking, fire deaths and injuries.



Torch Run

CCDES participated in CCSO's annual torch run on April 16, 2014. We were there both professionally in a standby capacity, and also had many employees participate in the run itself.

Special Events



A NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS

Congratulations CCDES personnel recognized by MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center's "A Night of Champions" on May 21, 2014. Paramedic S. Chagnon was awarded for outstanding individual achievement, EMT C. Mohler and Paramedic K. Miller received recognition for excellence in cardiac resuscitation.



TOUCH A TRUCK

May 21, 2014

CCDES EMS and TRT participated in the Center For Children's Touch a Truck at Regency Stadium





Around the Department



EPLEX

On May 3, 2014, the Maryland Aviation Administration sponsored EPLEX 2014, a full-scale exercise. This was a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional, multi-discipline exercise involving functional (e.g., joint field office, emergency operation centers, etc.) and "boots on the ground" response (e.g., firefighters and EMS treating and transporting mock victims). Charles County DES sent a BLS ambulance to the drill. Photo courtesy EMT M Weschler.

— at Bwi Airport.



Propane Leak Causes Extended Hazmat

A propane leak at Southern Maryland Oil on May 9 closed both lanes of Route 210 in Bryans Road and affected nine businesses and three schools. The leak was discovered at 3:21 p.m. at the oil business off Indian Head Highway. It is uncertain what caused the leak but confirmed there was an active leak from a liquid propane tank that holds 30,000 gallons. The leak was mitigated in an operation took approx. 12 hours.



The PIO Corner

By: Elizabeth Lefler, LT

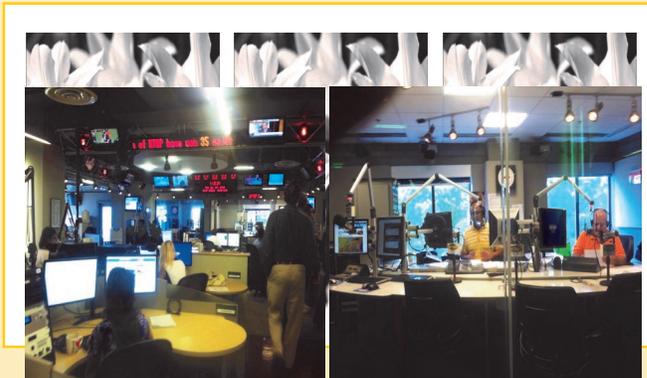
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PILOT WORKGROUP

WTOP Washington, DC

The regional PIO group, PILOT (Public Information Leaders of Today), recently toured WTOP newsroom in DC. Reporter Neal Augenstein showed the group the inner workings and conducted a training session on social media and audio clips from the field, and "iPhone reporting".



Social Media



Here is a twitter feed between Prince George's Fire Department and Charles County. The call occurred on June 22, 2014., when Charles County Tactical Response Team members were requested for mutual aid. They responded with ATV 16 to help extricate an injured cyclist from a remote location .



Mark Brady @PGFDPIO 6h

U/D Rosaryville Rescuers still working to access patient located deep in rough terrain. ATV'S from Charles County on the way.



Charles County Govt @CharlesC... 3h

@PGFDPIO we are happy to be of service! #CCDES



Mark Brady @PGFDPIO 2h

"@CharlesCoMD: @PGFDPIO we are happy to be of service! #CCDES" Thank you for your help!!!



@CharlesCoMD

Here are some great Twitter feeds for you to follow:

@MarylandEMS - Official Twitter account for the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems

@CDCemergency -CDC Emergency Preparedness and Response: increasing the nation's ability to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies.

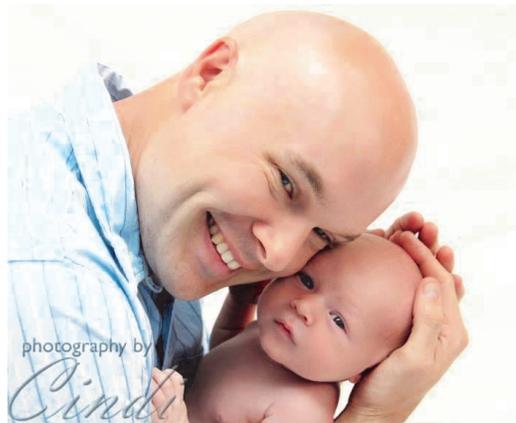
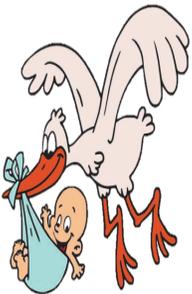
@FEMAregion3 -mission-related information.



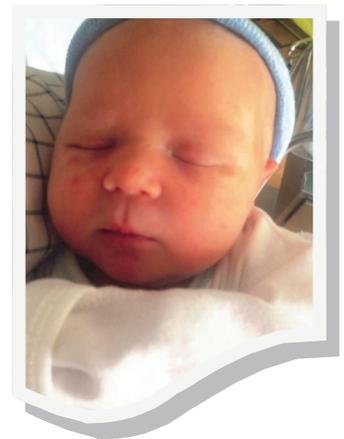
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The Department Would Like To Welcome...



Meet Brantley Marcus Hayes, born to Paramedic Mark Hayes and wife Aimee, brother to Teaghan on May 6, 2014 at 10:51 am weighing 8 lbs 10.6 oz and measuring 21 inches long.



Congratulations!



Personnel Changes...



WARM WELCOME

....to our newest employees

Jacob Hall, Medic

Kevin Wells, Paramedic

Scott Peterson, Paramedic



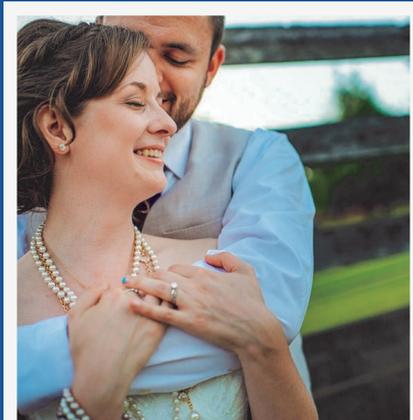
BEST WISHES

....to departing employees

Craig Parton, Paramedic



Weddings....



SETTLE

EMT Rachel Radtke to Paramedic Ronnie Settle on July 11, 2014 at Robin Hill Farms, and Vineyard In Brandywine, MD. Two of our own!



FREDERICK

Paramedic Jamie Lumpkins to Kyle Frederick on July 2, 2014 in Destin, Florida.



LEFLER

EMS LT Elizabeth Campbell to LT (N) Daniel Lefler on Feb 7, 2014 in Leonardtown, MD.