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Frederick County Named Outstanding EMS Agency in State of Maryland

FREDERICK, MD – County Executive Jan Gardner today announced that Frederick County has been named the Outstanding Emergency Medical Services Agency in the State by the [Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems](#).

“I am incredibly proud of the work our emergency providers do every day helping save lives and responding to critical incidents,” commented Executive Gardner. “To be named the outstanding EMS system in the state is a huge honor. Our citizens can rest assured that they are receiving the best possible care when they call for help.”

Frederick County was selected to receive the award due to a long list of EMS achievements over the past year, such as: earning national accreditation for the county EMS-paramedic training program that meets strict national standards; partnering with local law enforcement agencies for specialized active assailant training and deployment; instituting a pre-hospital ultrasound program; working with the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute in the event a regional Ebola assessment hospital is needed, and starting a mobile integrated health program in partnership with the Division of Fire & Rescue Services, Frederick County Health Department and the Frederick Regional Health System.

The county’s mobile integrated health program also was recognized Wednesday with the Maryland “Star of Life” Award. The program provides a team that makes home visits to help participants better manage health care needs so they don’t need to visit the hospital’s Emergency Department as often.

The Frederick County EMS system is comprised of career and volunteer personnel, including first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses and physicians, trained members of the public and other out-of-hospital medical care providers.

During today’s public information briefing, Executive Gardner also expressed her appreciation to citizens for their patience as recovery efforts continue following last week’s intense rains and damaging floods. Earlier today, she hosted a tour with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Maryland Emergency Management Agency to visit areas damaged by storms and flooding. She ended the local State of Emergency yesterday and encouraged citizens to visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Recovery for information on roads still closed, damage assessment surveys and helpful resources.

As this week is National Emergency Medical Services Week, Executive Gardner encouraged all citizens to take a moment to stop by their local fire and rescue or ambulance station to thank these award-winning EMS personnel who provide outstanding service to the community.

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