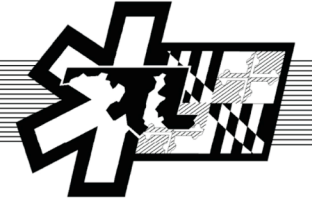


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Dwayne Kitis Named MIEMSS Region I Administrator For Allegany & Garrett Counties

Baltimore, MD (March 13, 2009) Dr. Robert R. Bass, Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), is pleased to announce that Dwayne Kitis, BS, EMT-B, has been appointed as the MIEMSS Region I Administrator for Allegany and Garrett counties, effective April 7. MIEMSS is the state agency responsible for the coordination of emergency medical services (EMS).

In his new position, Mr. Kitis, a resident of Frostburg who grew up in Finzel, will provide a liaison between the MIEMSS Central Office in Baltimore and the local EMS agencies in Allegany and Garrett counties, working closely with local government personnel, training centers, ambulance/fire/rescue services providers, law enforcement agencies, and hospitals. He will be involved in such issues as prehospital provider training, distribution of grant funds to local EMS programs, quality improvement processes, emergency response exercises, and mutual aid activities. Mr. Kitis will also provide support in the area of planning, coordination, and response for health and medical preparedness for catastrophic events. In addition, he will ensure that there are adequate resources and basic training programs available for local EMS providers.

“Dwayne’s many years of EMS experience in the field in Garrett and Allegany counties combined with his managerial expertise create a good fit for this position,” said Dr. Bass.

Mr. Kitis has been active in EMS since 1995, first with the Eastern Garrett Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department where he still volunteers and later with the Frostburg Volunteer Ambulance Service where he worked for 10 years. He is also employed part-time by the Allegany Ambulance Service in Frostburg, a commercial service where he started in 1997. He has held numerous elected and appointed positions with the volunteer EMS services.

In addition to his EMS expertise, Mr. Kitis has more than 10 years of managerial experience at his current position at North Branch Correctional Institute in Cresaptown.

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