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EMS WEEK 2009

“A proud partner in your community” is the slogan for EMS Week 2009 which will be observed across the United States from May 17th until May 23rd. It is a time to celebrate and honor those who help make the emergency medical services you receive run smoothly and efficiently; ensuring you receive priority care.

This year the Bel Air VFC has a week of scheduled events planned at local schools and assisted living facilities; where EMT’s and paramedics will discuss issues that directly affect the young and the elderly, such as bike safety, proper medication administration, and safety in the home.

The culmination of EMS Week celebration will jump one week, due to the Memorial Day weekend, to May 30th where the BAVFC will host an EMS Open House from noon until 2pm at the main fire station located at 109 South Hickory Avenue (across from the parking garage in Bel Air). The theme of the open house will be a “Teddy Bear Clinic” where children can bring their favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal to the fire station for a “check up” by the EMT’s and paramedics. This gives children the opportunity to become familiar with what to expect if they need to ride in an ambulance or an ambulance comes to their house. This also gives them a chance to see, touch and ask questions about all the equipment on the ambulance. Remember, parking is free at the town garage and the BAVFC auxiliary will be on site serving refreshments.

For further information you may call the Bel Air VFC at 410-638-4400 or 410-638-4401 or visit the website dedicated to EMS Week at www.emsweek.org

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