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## **Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH, FACEP, FAEMS, appointed head of Maryland's Emergency Medical Services System**

**Baltimore, MD (November 13, 2018)** – Maryland's State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board today announced the appointment of Dr. Theodore R. Delbridge as Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS). Dr. Delbridge is a board-certified Emergency Physician with a 27-year clinical background in the practice of emergency medicine. Dr. Delbridge is experienced in all aspects of EMS including EMS medical and aero-medical direction, education, quality improvement, and research.

MIEMSS is the state agency responsible for the coordination of Maryland's statewide EMS system. This includes planning, operations, evaluation, and research. In addition, MIEMSS provides leadership and medical direction, conducts and supports EMS educational programs, operates and maintains a statewide communications system, designates trauma and specialty centers, licenses and regulates commercial ambulance services, and participates in EMS-related public education and prevention programs.

“Our administration is committed to doing everything possible to keep Marylanders safe, which includes providing access to quality emergency medical services,” said **Governor Larry Hogan**. “Dr. Delbridge's extensive record in emergency medicine will be a tremendous asset in addressing and coordinating the delivery of these vital services in our state.”

“Dr. Delbridge is a consensus builder with the skills, focus, and leadership ability to build on the tremendous success of our EMS system,” said **Mr. Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairperson of Maryland's EMS Board**. “With Dr. Delbridge at the helm, we will ensure that our system will continue to be a national leader in trauma and EMS care delivery.”

Dr. Delbridge will assume the Executive Director position on February 13, 2019.

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Under Dr. Delbridge's direction, Maryland's EMS System will continue to coordinate the licensing and certification of all Maryland EMS providers, provide emergency communications between field providers and hospitals, designate trauma and medical facilities, and ensure the safe transport of critically ill or injured patients to the appropriate medical facility. Dr. Delbridge takes over the agency as only the third person to fill the position of executive director since its establishment in 1993.

Dr. Delbridge received his undergraduate degree from the Pennsylvania State University, his Masters of Science (MS) degree from Old Dominion University in Clinical Chemistry, his Doctor of Medicine (MD) from the Eastern Virginia Medical School, and Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of Pittsburgh in Health Services Administration. Among his many accomplishments, he led the development of the "EMS Agenda for the Future" from 1995-1999 that set the framework for the advancement of EMS systems throughout the United States. He is currently the Professor and Chair of Emergency Medicine at the East Carolina University Body School of Medicine where he has worked since 2006.

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