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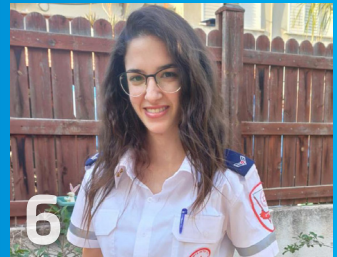
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## A New MDA Satellite Station Opens in Hadassah Ein Kerem

A new MDA satellite station was recently opened at Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital in Jerusalem. The new satellite station is part of MDA's constant efforts to reduce response times to patients. The satellite station is home to an ambulance, and joins the other 3 stations operating in Jerusalem.



## Every Citizen in Israel has being Served by Magen David Adom, God bless Magen David Adom”

The President of Israel Reuven (Ruvli) Rivlin said in a very emotional meeting with MDA Friends Society and MDA Director General in UK.

Last week, during his visit to the United Kingdom, President Reuven (Ruvli) Rivlin met

with MDA UK and MDA Director General, Eli Blin.

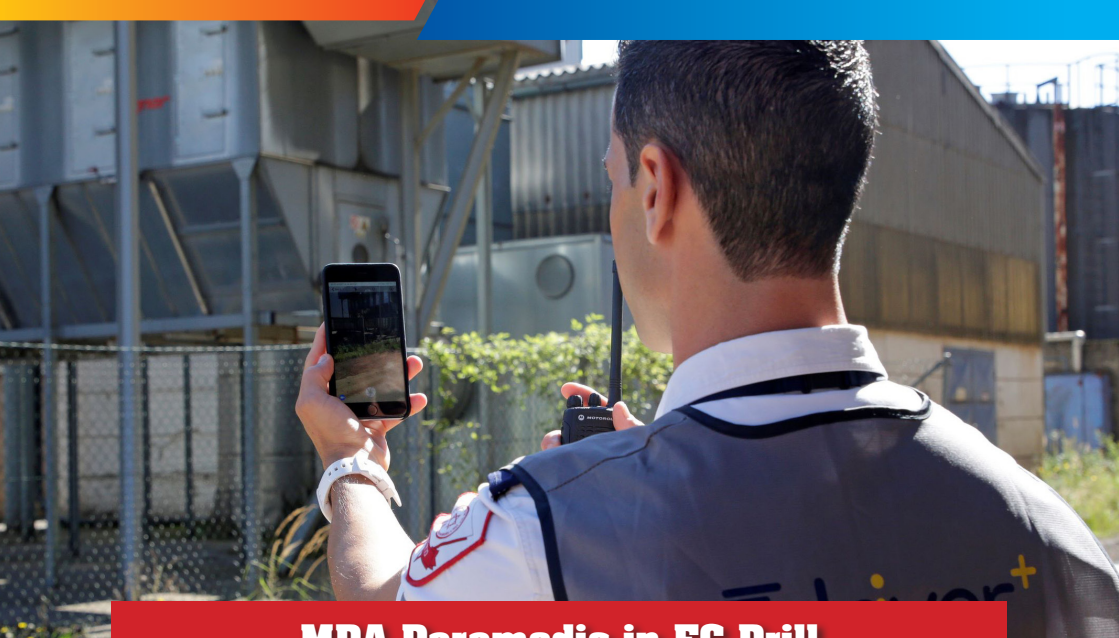
During the meeting, the President praised the activities of Magen David Adom working to save the lives of all the citizens of Israel and ended with “God bless Magen David Adom”



Photo: Mr. Russell Jacobs- Chairman and Mr. Daniel Burger- Chief Executive MDA UK







## MDA Paramedic in EC Drill

A major drill involving more than 80 emergency medical and rescue personnel from all over Europe was recently held in Austria, as part of the EC's DRIVER + project, which deals with emergency and disaster management innovation.

The purpose of the drill was to test tools and solutions for responding to emergencies, with emphasis on volunteers management in disaster situations, using a methodology designed in the project that tests innovative tools. The drill is funded by the European Commission, under the FP7 - The Seventh Framework program (R&D program), which funds the DRIVER + project.

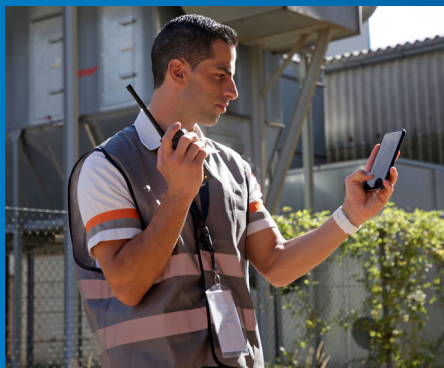
MDA paramedic Dorel Arzuan, was sent as Israeli representative, and experimented with the use of innovative tools that allow disaster management and operations. Among the innovative tools, a mobile app to send information to the crisis center, and an additional applet designed for emergency teams, enabling sending and receiving information from operations center. The paramedic also attended a professional seminar, which dealt with the

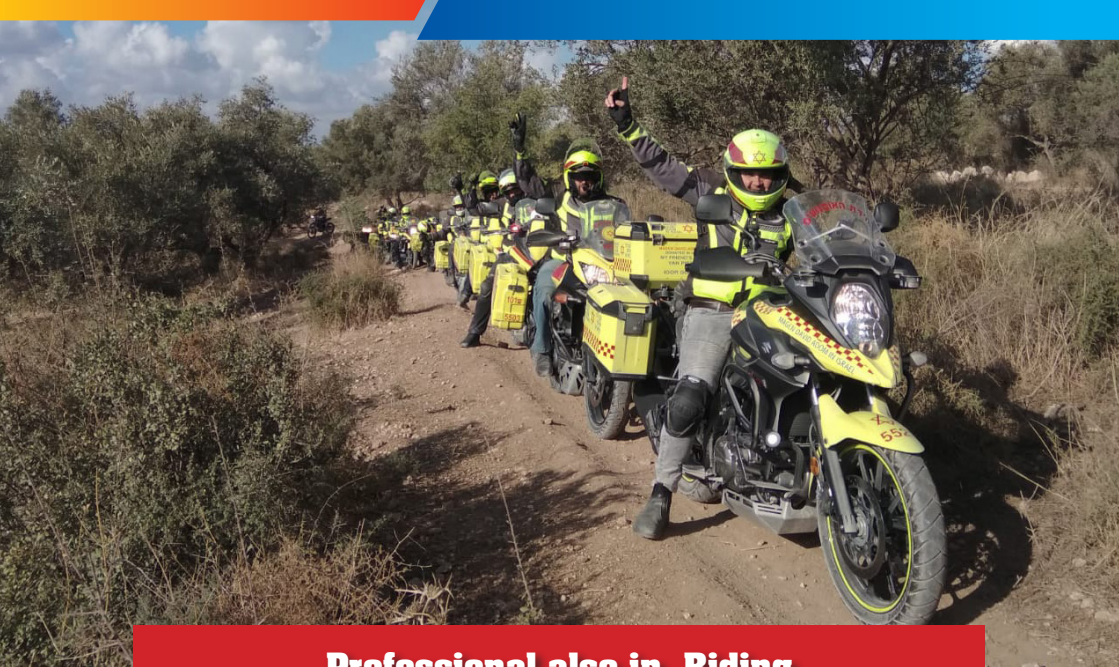
psychosocial support needed by rescue personnel and volunteers during a disaster.

"These were a very challenging and meaningful two days, where we practiced using innovative applications for reporting and updating from disaster zones," said **MDA paramedic Dorel Arzuan**. "I am delighted to have been involved in such an important international project that deals with disaster preparedness. I was excited to see that conference participants from around the world know and appreciate the work of Magen David Adom, and want to learn from us."

**MDA Director General Eli Bin**: "The cooperation between MDA and the EU in the trial is another expression of the technological capabilities of

Magen David Adom, Israel's National Emergency Medical and Blood Services Organization, which is considered an expert in the field. Our technological strength allows us to further develop means to shorten response times, collect critical data from the field, and other life-saving operations."





## Professional also in Riding

Dozens of members of the MDA Medi-Cycles First Responders Unit participated in professional training for off-road riding this week. Heavy motorcycle riders, including EMTs, paramedics and physicians, various training to improve their riding skills in various situations.

The training is part of MDA's constant aim to improve response times to sick and injured even in areas which are not easily accessible. MDA's hundreds of Medi-Cycle First

Responders undergo driver training each year.

"Beyond the medical training of EMTs and paramedics in MDA's Medi-Cycle First Responders Unit, we aim to maintain their safety and professionalism" said MDA Medi-Cycle Manager, Eli Ben Simchon, "In order to enable quick, and safe access to all sick or injured who need us, we make sure that the riding level of all members of MDA Medi-Cycles First Responders Unit, of over 600 medical personnel, is the highest. "







## MDA Held a Multi-Casualty Drill in Tel Aviv

As part of maintaining MDA's preparedness for emergency scenarios, last week the organization held a drill simulating an incident with a large number of injured in Tel Aviv. As part of the drill, a virtual scenario was simulated in which two suicide bombers blew themselves up, as happened in a 1995 attack near Beit Lid, where 22 were murdered. In the drill, dozens of MDA volunteers from the Tel Aviv stations, MICUs, ambulances, electric bicycles, mini electric vehicles and Medi-cycles took part. The drill took place in collaboration with the Yarkon region of the Israel Police including the patrol units, the traffic police, sapper units and more.

The drill was conducted by Magen David Adom as part of the annual training program that the organization's volunteers are obliged to undergo, in order to maintain a high level of

professionalism and skills in such incidents. These drills are designed to improve Magen David Adom's preparedness, as Israel's National Emergency Medical and Blood Services Organization, to situations such as severe terrorist incidents, multiple casualty accidents and more.

### MDA Ayalon Regional Manager, Efi Bar:

"Thanks to MDA's drilling throughout the years, we are optimally prepared for real-world incidents, in Ayalon and throughout the country. MDA forces are on alert and prepared to provide a fast and professional medical response in routine and emergency situations. Our EMTs and paramedics across the country will continue to practice and prepare for every possible scenario so that in real time they will be able to provide the most professional care to the Israeli public. "





## 15 Ultra-Orthodox Youth Successfully Complete MDA First-Aid Course in Yavniel

The first youth volunteer course of its kind was recently completed at Yavniel MDA station. 15 teens aged 15-16 from Yavniel, all members of the ultra-Orthodox sector, devoted their time and participated in a Magen David Adom course, during which they were trained to provide first aid and learned about MDA.

The 15 youth volunteers successfully completed the course, and have joined MDA's teams in the Yarden Region where they do shifts as Emergency Medical Responders.

The course is a landmark in the process of incorporating the youth of the ultra-Orthodox sector in Israel's National Emergency Medical and Blood Services Organization. MDA is working in conjunction with the yeshiva who has provided their full support to their students volunteering.

One of the graduates of the course is Eliezer Shlomo Yehoshua, 16, a resident of Yavniel. "From a very young age, my dream was to volunteer at Magen David Adom," Eliezer said. "I was afraid to go through a regular

youth volunteer course, and I was so pleased when the course was opened for members of the ultra-Orthodox sector in Yavniel. Providing medical care to sick and injured people and saving lives is a great privilege, and I am happy to do that. "I hope with the help of God to be an EMT and ambulance driver when I reach the age of 18, and to have the privilege to help as many people as possible. I thank the instructors and the volunteers' manager who supported me and the rest of the course's trainees for going with us hand in hand throughout the process."

**MDA Director General Eli Bin:** "Magen David Adom, as Israel's National Emergency Medical and Blood Services Organization, opens its doors to every citizen in the State of Israel who wants to contribute and work for saving human lives. We work hard to enable every member of the community, sector or religion, to join Magen David Adom and help shorten the time of arrival for patients in their area of residence, where the value of saving lives is above all. "





## An (almost) Hanukkah miracle

Lihi Gabriellov is an EMT and a student studying healthcare systems management. As part of the program, Lihi was participating in an educational-volunteer project and was at an educational institute in the Dan metropolitan area. During the team meeting Lihi was attending in the teacher's room, the principal came and told her that a child in one of the classrooms was choking, and asked for her help.

Lihi immediately ran towards the kid's classroom. He was choking, his face started to turn blue, and couldn't cough. She immediately

recognized the situation as a full airway obstruction, and conducted the Heimlich maneuver until a Sufganiyah (a traditional Hanukkah donut) came out of his mouth. He immediately started breathing and the relief was immense. Within a few minutes, an MDA Mobile Intensive Care Unit arrived, and they evacuated the child to the hospital, while he was fully conscious and in good condition.

"I'm happy I could be at the right place at the right time, and I'm excited I could save this child's life", said Lihi.



## Members of the Municipality of Ra'anana's Security Unit Successfully Complete MDA's "Life Guardian" Course:

Over the past few months, fifty seven members of the Municipality of Ra'anana's Security Unit completed MDA's "Life Guardian" course. The 20 hour course, covered both routine and emergency first aid.

**The "Life Guardian" project** was originally initiated in MDA about 4 years ago, and over 17,000 people all over the country have already been recruited in its framework. They have been trained in providing basic first aid, and can assist in the saving of lives until the arrival of an ambulance. A special detection system pinpoints all of the Life Guardians located just a few minutes away from a place in which a person in need of CPR has been reported to MDA's Emergency Dispatch Center, and calls them to the scene. This, together with the calling of MDA's teams, and telephone assistance provided by medics and paramedics at MDA's 101 Emergency Dispatch Center, is what saves lives.

**Mayor of Ra'anana, Chaim Broida:** "This is a great accomplishment for the city of Ra'anana, especially in the abilities and scope of saving lives all over the city. MDA's important course allows Ra'anana's security unit volunteers to provide quick response and lifesaving first aid, routine and emergent. I am proud that in our city we have citizens that volunteer their time and themselves for the sake of the community."

**MDA Deputy Director of Yarkon Region, Assi Dvilanski** "This course is a milestone in the cooperation between MDA's Yarkon region and the municipality of Ra'anana and its department of security, run by Chairman Moshe Fishman. With the conclusion of the course, dozens of Life Guardians are joining the first response forces of MDA and the municipality of Ra'anana. I want to thank The Mayor and all the factors that made the existence and implementation of this course possible."