



**Emergency Medical Services**  
*Partners*

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**Bristol Cardiac Arrest Save**



**Bristol EMS** continues to demonstrate why it is one of the best EMS systems in the state. Officers from the **Bristol Police Department** responded for a 71-year-old male who collapsed at home in front of his wife, who immediately called 911. The officers performed high quality CPR and defibrillated the patient with their AED. Paramedic Matt Behuniak arrived with partner Melissa Patrick and supervisor David Murphy. The Bristol team delivered two more shocks that succeeded in restoring circulation. They did a 12-lead ECG which showed a possible STEMI. At **UConn John Dempsey Hospital**, the patient was taken directly to the cardiac cath lab on the EMS stretcher. In the lab, he was found to have nonobstructive coronary artery disease. He underwent therapeutic hypothermia. Thanks to the great work of Bristol EMS and the UConn medical staff, the patient was discharged a week later with full neurological function. Great work by Bristol PD, Behuniak and crew and those who oversee the Bristol EMS system! Time and again, their responders prove their merit as lifesavers!

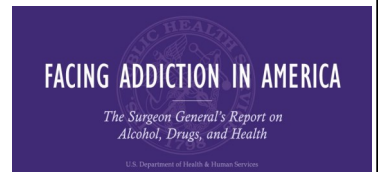
**Happy Holidays**

The staff at John Dempsey Hospital wishes all of our EMS partners and their families a happy holiday season. We thank you for all your dedicated and professional service and look forward to working with you in the coming year. It is good to know that you are all out there looking out for the people of our communities. They are well served. Please — all of you — stay safe.



**Addiction in America**

On November 17, 2016, the Surgeon General issued a report, [Facing Addiction in America](#), that describes the



current opioid crisis, the science behind addiction and the best prospects for treatment and prevention.

Consider these facts:

Seventy-eight people die of an opioid overdose each day in our country.

The estimated cost to the country of opioid drug abuse is \$193 billion a year.

Heroin overdoses tripled between 2010 to 2014. Heroin overdoses were more than five times higher in 2014 (10,574) than ten years before in 2004 (1,878).

*“How we respond to this crisis is a moral test for America. Are we a nation willing to take on an epidemic that is causing great human suffering and economic loss? Are we able to live up to that most fundamental obligation we have as human beings: to care for one another? I am issuing a new call to action to end the public health crisis of addiction. Please join me in taking the actions outlined in this Report and in helping ensure that all Americans can lead healthy and fulfilling lives.”*

**-Vivek H. Murthy, M.D., M.B.A. Vice Admiral, U.S. Public Health Service Surgeon General**

## EMS Honor Roll

### STEMI

#### **American Medical**

**Response** paramedic Rick

Fortier and his partner

Anthony Esteves (18 Minutes

Early Notification) **18 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 64**

#### **First Medical Contact-to-Balloon**

**Bristol EMS** paramedic Enis Mara and partner

Michael Benson (26 minutes Early Notification)

**62 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 90 First Medical**

#### **Contact-to-Balloon.**

American Medical Response paramedics Angel

Rodriguez and John Anderson and EMT Sean Freiman

(16 Minutes Early Notification ) **56 Minute Door-to-**

**Balloon. 90 First Medical Contact-to-Balloon**

Bristol EMS paramedic Rob George and his partner

Chris Hoebel (9 minutes Early Notification)

**54 Minute Door-to-Balloon. 82 First Medical**

#### **Contact-to-Balloon**

### Stroke

American Medical Response paramedic

Rick Fortier and his partner Gina

Zimmerman— **85 Minute Door-to-tPA**

**Bloomfield Ambulance** paramedic

John Bunnell and his partner Jack

Serafin. **68 Minute Door-to-tPA.**

American Medical Response paramedic Amanda

Barone and partner John Racloz— **38 Minutes Door-to-**

**-tPA**

American Medical Response paramedic Amanda

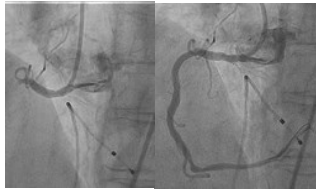
Barone and partner Krystle Gillette-Palmarozza—**41**

**Minutes Door-to-tPA**

American Medical Response paramedic Michael

Palmieri and partner Kenneth Bailey— **53 Minute**

**Door-to-tPA**



## 2017 Annual Renewals

The new renewal forms are being issued by regional EMS Coordinators. Be sure to complete them and return them per your sponsor hospital's policy if you wish to maintain current medical control.

## UConn Health EMS Website

For news, educational information, CME schedule and past copies of our newsletter *Partners*, check out our website at:

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## UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION



**"Anatomy of a Drug Overdose;  
Trends in Relation to Heroin &  
Fentanyl"**

**Marisa Edelberg**

**Medicolegal Death Investigator**

**State of CT**

**Office of the Chief Medical Examiner**



### **Other Topics**

TBA

### **Case Reviews**

Richard Kamin, M.D.

(3 Hours CME)

Bagels and Coffee will be served

For Questions, email Peter Canning at

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January 18, 2017

8:30-11:30 A.M.

400 Farmington Avenue, Farmington CT

ALL EMS RESPONDERS WELCOME

## Radio Issues

Thank you all for the patience you have shown with our recent radio issues, involving dropped calls. We are working hard with CMED and our vendors to find a fix.

## Special CMEs Coming to UConn in 2017

In addition to our monthly CMEs, look for UConn JDH Hosted CMEs on the following topics:

STEMI and Acute MI Care

Opiate Epidemic: The EMS Response

3rd Annual Emergency Stroke Care Conference

Stay tuned for dates and details.

## CONTACT US:

Any questions or suggestions about EMS? Looking for patient follow-up?



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