



## Emergency Medical Services *Partners*

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### Changing of Guard in Farmington



After over 40 years of providing paramedic service in the town of Farmington, 27 years as the state designated paramedic provider, the **UConn John Dempsey Fire Department** has relinquished their paramedic public service area (PSA) assignment for the town effective October 1, 2016.

We thank the UConn paramedics for the exceptional service they provided to the Farmington community. Among the first paramedics in the country, they have been at the cutting edge of prehospital care throughout the years, providing rapid sequence intubation, being early adopters of CPAP, carrying ventilators and video laryngoscopes, as well as undergoing vigorous quality assurance and simulation training. The medics will continue to respond to emergencies on the UConn campus, as well provide mutual aid to Avon, Canton, Simsbury, West Hartford, Farmington and other area communities as requested. They will also continue to provide critical interfacility transport services.



**American Medical Response**, the current Farmington transport provider will now provide Farmington with two 24 hour paramedic ambulances. As a sponsor hospital for AMR, we look forward to working with the new Farmington AMR crews, and the AMR staff in conducting training and quality assurance activities to maintain the excellent standard of prehospital care for the community. We wish all the best with the transition.



### The 1st Paramedics

*UConn Today*, the University of Connecticut's on-line magazine is publishing a fascinating series on the history of the **UConn Fire Department** paramedic program tracing its origins in 1975 to the present. [Part I: Born at UConn Health](#) and [Part II: Evolution](#) have been published. Part 3: should be published shortly. Written by Chris DeFrancesco, they are worth the read. Check out these historical photos:



### Download New Statewide EMS Protocols

EMS providers can download the new statewide guidelines from the Connecticut EMS web site:



[www.ct.gov/dph/ems](http://www.ct.gov/dph/ems)

Link is also available on the UConn JDH EMS website:

[www.health.uconn.edu/ems/](http://www.health.uconn.edu/ems/)

Download and read them now! All North Central sponsored paramedics will be required to take an exam on the protocols to be posted on CT-train. Stay tuned for more information.

## Choking Arrest Save

**UConn Fire Department** paramedic John Pickert responded in Farmington for a man who collapsed after choking on food. While CPR was being done, Pickert was able to clear the airway of the food impaction, and intubate the patient. After the insertion of an intraosseus (IO) needle and three rounds of epinephrine, Pickert had pulses restored. The patient was brought to **UConn John Dempsey Hospital** where he underwent hypothermic therapy. He has now been extubated and is out of the ICU, doing better. Nice work by one of our region's best paramedics.



## 35 Minutes Door to TPA

Great job by **Campion Ambulance** paramedic Dave Theyry and the crew from



**Winsted Ambulance Association** (Felicia Field, Cody Esbjerg and Ryan Weiss) in calling in an early notification stroke alert for an elderly man with sudden onset of right-sided weakness and aphasia. On arrival at the ED, the patient was taken directly to CT scan and evaluated by our neurology team. He received tPA within 35 minutes and has showed considerable improvement during his stay.

## Canton Medical Alert

**Canton EMS** paramedics Jay Nanni, Dan Fraczek, and EMT Jeff Davis responded for a female with severe weakness and tachycardia. They called in a medical alert to **UConn John Dempsey Hospital**. Their patient, who was discovered to have a critically low potassium, as well as an occluded right coronary artery, suffered a cardiac arrest, but was successfully revived, and after an eleven day hospitalization was discharged to short term rehab with full neurological function. Great job by the Canton crew!



UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION



**Stroke: First Medical Contact**

Dr. Sanjay Mittal

**Sepsis**

Dr. Tony Rianprakaisang

**Capnography**

Peter Canning, Paramedic, R.N.

Bagels and Coffee will be served

For Questions, email Peter Canning at [canning@uchc.edu](mailto:canning@uchc.edu)

October 19, 2016 CME

8:30-11:30 A.M.

400 Farmington Avenue, Farmington CT

ALL EMS RESPONDERS WELCOME

## STEMI Kudos

**UConn Fire Department** paramedics David Demerest and Jed Morrissey, paramedic preceptee from the **West Hartford Fire Department** Nate Went, **American Medical Response** EMTs Lindsay Ryan and Samuel Purcell.

**Bristol EMS** paramedic Betsy Austin and her partner Mathew Winters.

**UConn Fire Department** paramedic Jim Devanney and **American Medical Response** EMTs John Racloz, Timothy Sikorski and Heath Harley.

Great job with rapid 12-leads, early notification, and safe, rapid transport — saving heart muscle!

## 2016 UCONN EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION

Monthly Morning CME



October 19, 2016

November 16, 2016

December 21, 2016



Cell and Genome Sciences Building Conference Room

400 Farmington Avenue

Farmington, CT

8:30-11:30 A.M.

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[www.health.uconn.edu/ems/](http://www.health.uconn.edu/ems/)

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