



**Emergency Medical Services**  
*Partners*

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**A Letter of Appreciation for EMS**

We recently received a thank you letter from a fellow EMS responder, John Ryan, expressing his gratitude for the efforts of EMS and hospital staff in taking of his mother, who suffered a cardiac arrest. While this letter was directed to those involved in her care, it is also a letter to all of you. Too often in our work, we forget the value of caring, of what EMS does each and every day, the value of touching the lives of others in difficult times. As John puts it so eloquently, your efforts are not unnoticed. The letter is reprinted with his permission. Thank you, John, for your thoughtful words.

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*We often read in the newsletter of the heroic efforts of our EMS brothers and Sisters as they do everything in their powers to keep life going. It is so often that you write of Cardiac arrests that end with successful resuscitations, allowing patients to return home to their loved ones. We often read of the miracle work of both STEMI and Stroke teams as they conduct life changing interventions which again allow our patient's a return to a normal life.*

*Today I want to take a moment to make mention of a few of our EMS family members, the efforts they took, and thank them for a different kind of success. On the morning of July 12th I received a call from my younger brother that my mother was experiencing a medical emergency and there were "two ambulances at the house", (AMR and UCHFD M2). For anyone who has met my mother this was not an unheard of event. He shared a few more details and I knew this was something more serious. I proceeded to the emergency department here at JDH and was met by the professionals who responded. I was given a few more details of the event terms like, CPR, ROSC, Intubation, Arrhythmia were used and at this time she was being cared for.*

*Over the next few days my large family gathered from around the country to spend some final moments with my mother and on the morning of July 16th Gloria went to a better place. I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone involved in the care of my mother and recognize your efforts as they bought my family enough time to see their Sister, Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Wife, and lifelong friend one more time. Even though she didn't walk out the front door your efforts are just as notable and heroic. Thank you again Rick Bergen, John Williams, John Pickert, Eric Colantonio, the staffs of the Avon police department, JDH Emergency Department, and JDH ICU, your efforts are not unnoticed.*



## EMS Honor Roll

### Cardiac Arrest

#### American Medical Response



paramedic Rick Fortier and his partner Maximilian Sedlack for their post ROSC care of a patient who collapsed in a Southington gym and received bystander CPR and defibrillation X1. Patient is alert and oriented and doing great!

### STEMI

**UCONN FD paramedics** Tony Ruggiero and David Noyes. *58 Minute DTB, 97 FMC.*



**UCONN FD paramedic** Brian Little. *21 Minute D2B, 38 FMC.*

**UCONN FD paramedic** Dan Massaro and Neil Prendergast, *70 Minute D2B, 95 FMC.*

**Bristol EMS paramedic** Scott Bullock, *47 Minute D2B, 86 FMC*



**American Medical Response** paramedic James Golymbieski, *66 Minute D2B, 88 FMC*

### Acute Stroke

**Great job by UCONN FD, American Medical Response, Canton Ambulance and Simsbury Ambulance** crews for their stroke alerts, enabling patients to go direct to CT scan and have immediate neurological evaluations.



### Hip Fracture

**American Medical Response** paramedics Jane Gordon, Lester Pourciau, Amanda Winn for their pain and comfort management.

## INTERACT/ACUTE Nursing Home Transfer Process

A new acute care transfer process with participating nursing homes will rollout August 31, 2015. The nursing homes will seal a red envelope with the program documents and have a separate set of transfer documents for the EMS service so they will not have to open the envelope. The entire red envelope should be handed to the ED staff either at triage or in the ED room as the patient is being transferred from the stretcher to the bed. There will not be a W-10 as part of the transfer documents. A short training video is available to watch at:

(<http://www.healthcarefornewengland.org/providers/nursing-home/#tool>)

Select "INTERACT Training for Emergency Services"

## 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

### Prehospital Ultrasound

Jenni Wang, M.D.



### Excited Delirium

Heather Bradford, M.D.



### Case Reviews:

STEMI, Stroke,  
Trauma, Anaphylaxis  
Richard Kamin, M.D.

### Research Review

#### The Latest in EMS Research

Peter Canning, Paramedic, R.N.

September 16, 2015

8:30-11:30 A.M.

East Farms Fire, 94 South Road, Farmington CT

All EMS Providers Welcome



## 2015 UConn EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION

Monthly Morning CME



September 16, 2015

October 21, 2015

November 18, 2015\*

December 16, 2015

Held at East Farms Fire  
94 South Road, Farmington, CT  
8:30-11:30 A.M.

\*November CME will be in Keller Auditorium

## Save the Date for this Excellent Program EMS, Veterans and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder:

Keller Auditorium  
UConn Health/John Dempsey Hospital  
November 18, 2015  
8:30-11:30 A.M.

## CONTACT US:

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



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