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“EMS Champion” awards

(HARTFORD, Conn. – May 23, 2016) Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center presented its annual “EMS Champion” awards to three area Emergency Medical Services personnel. The awards have been given annually since 2011 to honor the extraordinary work of Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians who epitomize the spirit of the word “champion.”

Rob McIntyre, an EMS captain from the Cromwell Fire Department received the award because he is an example of the core values of his profession: teamwork, respect, trust, and pride. He is a mentor to other EMS staff and coordinates community education programs.

Paul Vining, a paramedic from Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance, received the award for taking the lead in his department with staff training and for being a kind and patient teacher to younger paramedics.

Todd Lomento, an operations supervisor with American Medical Response in West Hartford, received the award for setting an example of professionalism for those around him. He was especially commended for superb planning skills in coordinating EMS response

for events like concerts, road races and parades.

All honorees were nominated by co-workers. Recipients receive gift cards and their names are inscribed on a plaque at the Hospital.

Pictured (L-R): John Quinlavin, manager of Emergency Medical Services at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center; EMS captain Rob McIntyre of Cromwell; operations supervisor Todd Lomento of West Hartford; paramedic Paul Vining of Bloomfield and C. Steven Wolf, M.D., Saint Francis chairman of Emergency Medicine.

About Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center

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