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CHA to Recognize Lawrence + Memorial Hospital's Ron Kersey as a Healthcare Hero

WALLINGFORD – At its 97th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) will recognize Ron Kersey, Emergency Medical Services Coordinator at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital, as a 2015 Healthcare Hero. He was nominated for this award by Lauren Williams and Bruce D. Cummings.

Whether the situation is a fire, hurricane, flood, blizzard, or other extraordinary event, Mr. Kersey readily takes the lead, orchestrating complex responses, mobilizing needed resources, ensuring the flow of information, and above all, keeping patients safe.

He led the hospital through multiple emergencies stemming from a fire caused by a faulty utility-owned transformer. When shoreline communities were devastated by Hurricane Sandy, he readied Incident Command to address the medical needs of those displaced.

When the possibility of an infectious disease emergency arose with the Ebola pandemic, Mr. Kersey served as liaison to the Centers for Disease Control and public health departments in two states, ensuring that staff would be protected and capable of caring for victims should the need arise.

Mr. Kersey is a certified teacher in the hospital's high reliability/patient safety program. He also manages the regional paramedic service, teaches new first-responders, and has led advancements in pre-hospital care for those having a heart attack or stroke.

CHA's Healthcare Heroes award was developed in 2002 to celebrate the invaluable contributions of healthcare workers, both to their field and to the community at large. Now in its 14th year, the presentation of the Healthcare Heroes awards has become a highlight of CHA's Annual Meeting.



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About CHA

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, health equity, and hospital reimbursement.