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Date: May 18, 2020
To: EMS Professionals
From: Raffaella Coler, RN, MEd, Paramedic 
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Re: EMS Week May 17 - 23

Connecticut Department of Public Health Office of Emergency Medical Services Recognize EMS Week, May 17 - 23

The Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) community statewide would like to recognize National EMS Week from May 17-23. This year's theme, "EMS Strong: Ready Today. Preparing for Tomorrow".

EMS Week, originally started by The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) in 1974 as a way to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. EMS Week has developed over the years to bring together key organizations, local communities, media partners, and corporate sponsors to honor those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of the medical front line.

While OEMS is not able to offer in-person celebratory events this year, it is still the perfect time to recognize the service and sacrifice of all the EMS professionals. As our state faces the COVID-19 challenges, Connecticut EMS providers have never been more important and are the true heroes on the front lines. EMS providers are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to help the residents of Connecticut at times of the most need. EMS personnel are working through the COVID-19 pandemic amid medical supply shortages yet have continually stepped up to the challenge, oftentimes putting their own lives at risk to help preserve the health and safety of Connecticut residents.

OEMS would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of the EMS Community for your bravery and willingness to protect the health, safety and well-being of the Connecticut residents. Thank you for your selfless dedication in these challenging times.



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