

Unit Commander Candidates

Mike Zanker



I am a board certified emergency physician and currently serve as Chief Medical Officer of CT-1. I serve as medical director for the Hartford Fire Department, Hartford Police Department SSU Medical Detachment and the State Police ESU, as well as a number of EMS organizations. As such I have acquired a sound working understanding of ICS. As medical director of the Capitol Region MMRS, I have been actively involved in emergency planning for our region. My professional interests include WMD response, disaster and mass gathering medicine. I have served as medical director for the GHO and the Hartford Marathon. These events have given me great experience in managing mass care medical units.

I have suggested and testified on legislation needed to establish this team as a State resource. I serve on a workgroup charged with planning for the State's purchase of a mobile field hospital as part of the bioterrorism plan, and for CT-1 to be a primary user of the equipment and facility. I have continued to pursue funding for team startup costs, and have secured an initial \$75,000 to be acquired after our Chief Financial Officer has been elected. As Unit Commander I will continue to support this team and to promote our needs and our name.

My vision for the future of this team is to achieve deployable status both federally and within our State. I want to see the team included in the State's Emergency Operations Plan. I will work with all of our committees to foster training and logistics allowing us to achieve our team's goals.

It would be my honor to serve as CT-1's Unit Commander. I feel that I possess the background and motivation required for the position and I would like the opportunity to move this team toward operational status.

Don Moore



I have been involved with emergency response for the past 24 years in both a volunteer and paid capacity. I joined the Manchester Fire Department 8th Utilities in 1980 and rose to the position of deputy chief, retiring from that position April 1st 2003. (Volunteer Department)

In 1983 I became an Emergency Medical Technician and worked part time with G&L Ambulance in Hartford and ASM Manchester.

In 1988 I graduated the Connecticut Police Academy and started my career in law enforcement. In my position with the Bloomfield Police Department for the past six I have been assigned as the division commander for emergency services. My responsibilities under this division are Town of Bloomfield Emergency Manager, Chief of emergency medical services, responsible for hazardous materials responses and mitigation and Local Emergency Planning Committee Chair.

As the Emergency Services Division Commander it is my responsibility to oversee the Emergency Operations Center, Operate within the Incident command system and ensure the safety of all 84 employees of emergency services division during emergency operations.

In my tenure of emergency services I have been the incident commander of major structure fires, confined space rescues, hazardous material incident spills and dispersions, natural disasters and mass casualty incidents.

I also feel that training and education is imperative for emergency responders. I have attended the National Fire Academy (NFA) and Emergency Management Institute (EMI) for training on several occasions; please see the attached resume for classes attended.

Deputy Commander, Operations Candidates

Paul Brooks



Paul Brooks is an EMT-P and an EMS-I, with 20 years of emergency services experience in the State of Connecticut. Paul is certified to instruct in many EMS disciplines, including all AHA programs. He is also a State of Connecticut Fire Service Instructor. He has extensive training in emergency response to large-scale incidents, including those caused by terrorism, hazardous material releases

and natural disasters. Paul was the Triage Master at the 1985 River Restaurant explosion in Derby, CT, which resulted in 13 injuries, and 6 fatalities. He also served as an ALS staging manager at the Chelsea Piers in Manhattan on September 11, 2001, where he was responsible for the tracking and utilization of 400 ALS ambulances following the terrorist attack in NYC.

Paul has significant training in the field of tactical EMS, and is certified as an Advanced EMT-Tactical. Paul serves as the medical team leader for the FBI SWAT team based in New Haven.

Mr. Brooks serves as a Petty Officer, Second Class in the US Navy Reserve. As a Hospital Corpsman stationed at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, he is responsible for patient care as well as the supervision of junior enlisted personnel. Paul is currently the Manager of Clinical Education Services for American Medical Response. He is responsible for all education and quality improvement initiatives for AMR's 1700 employees in their New York, Connecticut and Western Massachusetts operations. He manages a staff of 6 Quality Improvement Coordinators, 40 instructors, and one Administrative Assistant.

Deputy Commander, Administration Candidates

Beverly Dillon



Most of you have heard me introduce myself as a pharmacist at New Britain General Hospital, an EMT, EMT-IV and an EMSI. I am also a current American Heart Association CPR instructor (since 1976). In 1986 I "retired" after twenty years of teaching standard and advanced first aid and CPR for the American Red Cross. From its inception in 1985 until last fall, I was an instructor for the National Ski Patrol Winter/Outdoor Emergency Care course. In addition to the standard EMT/MRT courses, I also teach the Traumatic Brain Injury course and the Pediatric Education for Prehospital Providers (PEPP) course. I have been a member of the Winsted Area Ambulance Association (WAAA) for almost 30 years and a designated crew chief since the 1990.

Administratively:

I have many years of first aid/EMS course administration experience. Since 1986 I have served as Training Officer for WAAA, teaching and maintaining OSHA mandated records for an active membership ranging from 40 to 90 volunteers. My husband and I served 6 terms as "Captain" (scheduling and personnel officer), and completed 3 or 4 others when that officer resigned mid-term. I have served as Secretary (and personnel records officer) of WAAA since 1999. I have been a member and secretary of the Torrington Area Health District Board of Directors since 1998. I serve as recorder to the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee at New Britain General Hospital. I am currently the HIPPA Privacy and Compliance Officer for Winsted Ambulance. Just for fun, I've been organizing the annual Christmas Party and Spring Banquet for Winsted Ambulance, and the Spring meetings of the Sundown Ski Patrol since 1995. It's too late to make a long story short, but two things I have learned: One is how to stay organized. The other is if I don't have an answer, I generally know where to find it. And I'm not afraid to ask.

Lenny Guercia



My name is Leonard H. Guercia, Jr. I am running for the position of Deputy Commander of Administration. I am one of the original team members. I have 17 years of EMS experience. I am currently the Director of Operations for the New Haven Division of American Medical Response. I oversee a staff of 10 direct reports and a field staff of 344 providers. I am responsible for all aspects of the operation including budget, staffing, payroll, human resources, incident management and liaisoning with both state and municipal officials. This operation of 79 vehicles provides 80,000 ambulance and chair van transports each year. I have been assigned as the EMS liaison for both local and national VIP visits. In addition I am a part-time police officer in the Town of North Branford. I have 17 years of both full and part-time law enforcement experience. I have also have received formal training in structural fire fighting as a volunteer member of the North Haven Fire Department for 7 years. I am a CT EMS-I and am certified to teach all AHA courses. I have served on the Statewide Board of MADD. I am the deputy commander of a Tactical EMS Team which currently provides medical coverage to the CT FBI SWAT Team. My EMS experience includes running operations in New Haven, Waterbury and Springfield, Massachusetts. I current sit on the CT DPH BT and Smallpox Task Force. I have also overseen the QI and Training Division of the CT and Western Mass divisions of AMR. My years of experience in all areas of public safety and my successful track record

of successful operational management make me well rounded and a good candidate for this position. I would be honored to serve the Team on the road to deployability.

Chief Medical Officer Candidates

Mark Prete



I am honored to accept the nomination of CT-1 DMAT Chief Medical Officer and eagerly await the opportunity to serve in this role if elected. I will briefly outline my background, training, and philosophy, which will demonstrate my qualifications to fulfill the CMO's two main responsibilities, (1) to be final authority for medical decisions during a deployable emergency medical service and (2) to share leadership responsibilities with the unit commander while deployed.

Background/Training

I am Board certified (1987, 1997) and prepared in Emergency Medicine and spent seven (7) years in active service in the U.S. Army. I have extensive experience in operational and combat medicine and was part of a nationally classified rapidly deployable emergency medical team from 1987-1990.

I was involved in many exercises and real world deployment in support of a joint service special operations force. As part of this team, I have gained valuable experience in field triage command and control of disaster/combat scenes, multidisciplinary emergency medical teams and the ability to establish medical treatment areas in austere and diverse environments. After discharge from the U.S. Army, I have been actively involved in emergency medicine as an Emergency Department Director (1994-2000) of a community hospital in northwest Connecticut and was the local EMS director from 1994-2001.

I also bring administrative experience to bear as the current Vice President of Medical Affairs at The Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in northwest Connecticut and President of NWCT Emergency Medicine, PC, (private group of emergency medicine M.D.'s and P.A.'s). I am also currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Medical Management through the American College of Physician Executives (ACPE) and recently completed the basic Incident Command System course.

Philosophy

My approach to the CT-1 DMAT as CMO will be to build a multidisciplinary emergency medical team by organizing, training and nurturing the individual team members. The easiest way to construct a cohesive team of professional and paraprofessional providers of emergency medical care is to foster individual excellence at all levels of medical care delivery. I will assist the unit commander in the process in an assertive, decisive, and flexible manner. I look forward to being at the helm of the CT DMAT clinical team!

Administrative Officer Candidates

Marge Letitia



Greetings CT-1 DMAT Members., my name is Marge Letitia and I am running for the position as Administrative Officer. Currently I am the EMS/Trauma Coordinator for New Britain General Hospital. I have been an Emergency Nurse for 27 years and a Paramedic for 11 years. Since December 2002 to present I have been the Acting Unit Commander for this team

When the election process started I decided that the role of Administrative Officer was a good fit for my talents that I can offer to make CT-1 DMAT a deployable team. In 1983 I was one of the original founders of the Connecticut ENA. Since that organization conception I have held every position in that organization except Treasurer. As the Trauma Coordinator for NBGH I helped develop and maintain the Trauma Services of a verified Level III Trauma facility. Within these systems I have learned to organize and prioritize the work to make an organization maintain their solid foundation.

In reflection of my life experiences, besides being able to give good patient care, I have learned to look at the global picture and work in a team effort to get the goals accomplished. Since December, our team has accomplished great achievements. Yet there still is a lot of work to do. My skills as a communicator, an organizer and a very hard worker will be utilized to help create and achieve the vision for this team. I would be honored to work for you as your A.O. and I promise to give my best to all.

Financial Officer Candidates

Dave Samuels



Non Medical Education

- Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, Quinnipiac University School of Law
- Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, University of Hartford

Medical Education

- Nationally Registered/CT Paramedic
- AHA, Instructor – Trainer, ACLS-I, PALS-I, AED-I
- CT EMS-I
- NSC, Instructor – Trainer

Prior to obtaining my law degree, I worked for Hartford Hospital Department of EMS Education as the Quality Improvement Coordinator for EMS personnel. My undergraduate degree is in education with a concentration in mathematics (teacher) greatly assisted in this role. I concurrently worked for AMR's New Haven Division until 2000. In 2000 I transferred to the AMR's Northeast Division.

After obtaining my law degree, I began working for Robinson & Cole, LLP. I am admitted to both the CT state and federal courts. My practice is concentrated on insurance coverage, commercial/business and criminal litigation. Additionally, I continue to serve as part-time faculty for Hartford Hospital where I assist, instruct and coordinate and oversee numerous educational programs.

Member at Large Candidates

Lincoln Abbott



My name is Lincoln Abbott. I'm an attending physician at Hartford Hospital in the Department of Emergency Medicine. I graduated the UConn Integrated Residency in Emergency Medicine, then stayed on as an academic attending. I work clinically at both Hartford Hospital and UConn Health Center (John Dempsey Hospital) where my responsibilities include direct patient care and on-going education of residents and students. My extra-clinical responsibilities keep me busy working as part of the Stroke Center at Hartford Hospital as well as teaching for the Department of EMS Education. My interest in DMAT grew out of my exposure with EMS through my teaching opportunities in the Dept of EMS Ed. As a part of the CT-1 DMAT, I have taken on the role of Chairman of the Elections committee. The committee has been working diligently to provide fair and accessible procedures to elect our leadership. As part of this process, I have been working closely with the current leadership of the team, contributing to budget planning and miscellaneous other issues. If I am elected to the position of Member at Large, I will continue to provide determined and enthusiastic support of the team. I will act as the voice of the general assembly to the executive leadership.