



## Upcoming Area Training

*Oxford Ambulance Association Presents:*  
EMT Classes

**Winter—Sunday Only** 8 am - 4 pm  
February 25th through July 21st.

**March Accelerated**—Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays  
8 am - 4 pm March 5th through April 18th.

*Contact:*

Keri McDermott  
Training Coordinator  
203-881-5216 ext. 3303

*Seymour Ambulance Association Presents:*

**CME: Blue Shirt to White Shirt** on 1/31 from 6-8pm

*Contact:*

Lee Ives  
Training Coordinator  
203-888-8843 ext. 4

## Radio Days



For a week in December, Waterbury Hospital Business Development Director Jeremy Roderigo filled in as a guest host of **WATR 1320AM 97.7FMs "Talk of the Town"**.

Each day Roderigo featured either health care providers, hospital staff or EMS representatives.

*In the photo: Trauma Manager Dayna Failla, ED Manager Jen Purcaro and Trauma Surgeon Dr. Juan Diego Holguin.*

## New Deputy for Seymour EMS



Seymour Ambulance Association welcomed a new Deputy Chief this month. Andrew Tisdale joined the ranks as the paid Deputy Chief of the mostly volunteer organization after working for several years in Fairfield County. Most recently, Tisdale was the training coordinator for Trumbull EMS.

"I am excited for the challenge", said Tisdale. He feels that his tenure in other organizations helped prepare him for the leadership position he now has in Seymour. "I've been working in EMS for more than 10 years and I think this is a nice step in my career".

# Recognizing Pre-Hospital Excellence

## STROKE

**Southbury Ambulance Crew of Paramedic Ryan Zimmerman and EMT Leonardo Cavallo** were dispatched on 1/13 for a possible stroke. Upon arrival on scene, EMS noted the patient to be having acute stroke symptoms including; facial drooping and slurred speech with a last known well less than 1 hour prior to dispatch. Ryan and Leonardo were on scene with the patient for a total of 7 minutes and notified the ED of an incoming **stroke alert**. The patient was immediately brought to CT where it was determined an acute stroke was occurring. As a result of the swift actions of the prehospital providers and the ED stroke team, this patient received **Tenecteplase** in a record **25 minutes!** The patient experienced a significant improvement of his strokes symptoms. The patient was able to be discharged back home several days later with a resolution of their stroke symptoms. Another brain saved by the teamwork of EMS and the Hospital.

## Pre-Hospital Delivery



On January 17, 2024 at approximately 11:09 hours **Naugatuck EMS** and **Naugatuck Police** were dispatched to the report of a woman possibly in labor. NPD dispatch advise responding units of a possible active labor. While units were responding, **Northwest CMED** dispatchers were giving pre arrival instructions to the caller. Upon arrival, police officers located the female in a second-floor bathroom accompanied by her husband and began assessing the patient.

Naugatuck EMS units arrived on scene shortly after police and assumed patient care. Quickly, they determined an immediate transport to a medical facility would not be sufficient or safe. Naugatuck EMS units began care as additional EMS units and Police began to prepare an area for a safe on scene delivery.

Through coordinated efforts, excellent training, and great teamwork, the delivery of a baby boy was completed at 11:33 hours. Both mother and child were in good health post-delivery. Naugatuck EMS transported both parties to the hospital for post-labor care, with the aid of a police escort.

On the Friday of that week, Naugatuck EMS **Chief Kyle Kelley** appeared on **WPLR Radio's Chaz and AJ in the Morning** to talk about the call and praise his crew as well as the police officers and dispatchers involved.

## CO Poisoning

On the afternoon of January 14, **Beacon Hose Company** Fire and EMS crews responded to the home of an elderly couple on the floor in their garage. First arriving units determined that a log splitter had been running in the garage and there was not sufficient ventilation. Both victims were suffering from prolonged exposure to carbon monoxide. **Waterbury Hospital** was notified from the scene and both Beacon Hose Company ambulances responded. The patients were quickly assessed, provided airway and oxygen therapy and transported. One of the victims was treated in Waterbury's hyperbaric chamber. Both patients were later released.