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CETRONIA AMBULANCE CORPS HOSTS STATE REPRESENTATIVE GARY DAY FOR AMBULANCE RIDE-ALONG DURING NATIONAL EMS WEEK

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, ALLENTOWN, PA - Cetronia Ambulance Corps welcomed State Representative Gary Day (R-Berks/Lehigh) to participate in an ambulance ride-along in celebration of National EMS Week on Thursday, May 24th.

Representative Day joined the emergency response crew of Michael LaPearl, EMT-P and Jason Fusselman, EMT to experience firsthand the critical role that EMS providers play in pre-hospital care and emergency preparedness. “Emergency medical service personnel are an invaluable part of our communities by giving us the medical attention and care in life-and-death situations,” said Representative Day. “It is my pleasure to ride-along with Cetronia Ambulance Corps and to see the work they do in serving our community’s medical needs and the challenges they face. As a part of National EMS Week, I offer my heartfelt appreciation to all EMS workers and volunteers for all they do to care for us.”

This year, National EMS Week is celebrated from May 20 – 26th and is centered on the theme “EMS: More Than a Calling”. It is an opportunity for the public to recognize what EMS professionals do every day and to educate the public on how, when and why they need to utilize emergency services. “We are proud to have Representative Day ride with our crews and give him the opportunity to see our local heroes – those who unselfishly dedicate their lives to public safety and their community– in action. We appreciate his taking the time to witness firsthand the vital role that our nationally accredited EMS system and our people play in the safety, health and well being of Lehigh County residents,” said Cetronia Ambulance Corps CEO Larry Wiersch.

The goal of the legislative ride-along is to educate about the emergency preparedness and response needs of the community, as well as provide knowledge about the local impact efforts in

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Congress have directly on the fiscal stability of the EMS system. It is also designed to demonstrate how wisely executed system design can efficiently utilize Medicare and homeland security funding for ambulance services to save lives. “It is essential for our legislators to support community-based ambulance services, such as Cetronia, so that they have the capacity to respond to not only public health and safety threats, but to individual medical emergencies and medical transportation needs of the communities we serve,” said Wiersch.

Cetronia Ambulance Corps, founded in 1955, is a non-profit, 501(c)3 community based emergency medical services provider prominently located in the Lehigh Valley. Cetronia Ambulance Corps is one of the largest providers of ambulance services in Eastern Pennsylvania; employing 125 full and part time career associates, 20 active volunteers and boasting a total fleet of 32 vehicles, including 18 ambulances, 11 para-transit vehicles, a supervisor’s vehicle, medicar and a special operations unit. Cetronia provides basic and advanced life support ambulance, para-transit, wheelchair, and stretcher van services to serve the communities emergency medical services and medical transportation needs. Cetronia Ambulance Corps is recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) for its superior care, rapid response and performance excellence and is the only nationally accredited EMS agency in Eastern Pennsylvania, one of only seven in the state and one of only 144 in the nation. As the regional leader in High Performance EMS, Cetronia Ambulance Corps answers over 44,000 calls annually, covering an emergency service area that spans across 108 square miles and a non-emergency coverage area that encompasses seven counties. Cetronia Ambulance Corps provides Health on Wheels™ and is dedicated to saving lives and partnering with community every day.

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