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CETRONIA AMBULANCE CORPS RECOGNIZED AS LEHIGH COUNTY'S TOP PERFORMER IN PRE-HOSPITAL CARDIAC CARE BY LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, ALLENTOWN, PA – On Wednesday evening, representatives from Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) invited the EMS leadership throughout the Lehigh Valley to participate in an EMS Quality Roundtable in which a representative from the American Heart Association (AHA) reviewed EMS performance data for STEMI care and the impact that the first medical contact has on the patient outcome.

As part of the forum, Cetronia Ambulance Corps was formally recognized by LVHN as being the top pre-hospital performer in Lehigh County for Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) care. The top performer was selected by the ACS Committee based on performance and commitment to quality care, including an internal quality review of STEMI data by LVHN and the expert opinions from the members of the committee.

STEMI stands for ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction, and is the most dangerous type of heart attack. ACS is a type of Coronary Artery Disease that occurs when a blood clot suddenly forms within a coronary artery, stopping or significantly reducing blood flow to the heart. Often times ACS can lead to a STEMI. “EMS has been very successful at treating patients with ACS over the last several years. We want to celebrate and recognize that success,” said Orlando Rivera, ACS & MI Alert Program Coordinator for LVHN, adding that “EMS now has the opportunity to approach care of the ACS patient in a systematic way employing continuous quality improvement (CQI) using data resources provided by LVHN and the AHA.”

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Along with Cetronia Ambulance Corps, the ACS committee recognized Northampton-Regional EMS as Northampton County's top performer for their care of ACS patients.

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, 2 medic units and a special operations unit. Cetronia provides basic and advanced life support ambulance, para-transit, wheelchair, stretcher van, educational, medical alarm, dispatch, and medical billing services to meet the communities' emergency medical service, medical transportation, and population health needs in collaboration with other local healthcare agencies. Cetronia Ambulance Corps is accredited 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 receives over 44,000 requests for service 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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