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## **BON SECOURS CHARITY HEALTH SYSTEM'S GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL TO BE HONORED BY NYSVARA FOR SUPPORT OF EMS PROFESSIONALS**

**SUFFERN, N.Y. – (June 16, 2009)** – Bon Secours Charity Health System's (BSCHS) Good Samaritan Hospital, in Suffern, N.Y., will be honored by the New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association (NYSVARA) at its PULSE CHECK Educational Conference and Trade Show for the hospital's "continued and tireless support of emergency medical services."

The honor, which will be presented during the Conference at their Awards Banquet October 3, was announced at a barbecue for local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel at Good Samaritan Hospital's Emergency Department on May 21, during the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual EMS Week.

Good Samaritan Hospital was presented with a banner announcing the honor, and it will be displayed near the Emergency Department entrance. Presenting the banner were Kim Lippes, Rockland County EMS Coordinator; Angela Wagner, Chairperson, District 1 (Rockland County) of NYSVARA; and Michael Mastrianni, President, NYSVARA.

In her remarks at the May 21 EMS Week barbecue, Wagner stated that Good Samaritan Hospital provides significant support for the EMS community, including hosting NYSVARA's district meeting, its Annual Trauma Symposium, and monthly continuing medical education sessions, and has established close relationships with local EMS organizations. Dr. Michael Lippe, Director of Emergency Services at Good Samaritan Hospital, also serves as Medical Director for several local ambulance services.

This year's EMS Week theme, "A Proud Partner in Your Community," was fitting for the relationship EMS has with Good Samaritan Hospital, Mastrianni noted, as the hospital has formed a true partnership with both the local and regional EMS communities.

"This prestigious recognition is a reflection of our close ties with local EMS professionals and our dedication to serving our community with the highest standards of care," said Good Samaritan Hospital EMS Coordinator Ernie Stonick. "Our local paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders, firefighters and police are extremely dedicated in their service, so we are truly humbled by this recognition of our partnerships."

NYSVARA will hold PULSE CHECK 2009 Educational Conference and Trade Show in Albany N.Y. October 1-4, 2009. The honor will be presented to Good Samaritan Hospital at their Awards Banquet on Saturday October 3, 2009.

### **About the New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association**

The New York State Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association is a not-for-profit, membership organization whose mission is to promote and assist the interests of the state's community volunteer and nonprofit EMS sector. The Association has been representing the volunteers and community based emergency medical service of New York State since its founding in Rockland County in 1939. NYSVARA started as a very small group of squads and has grown to represent almost 200 volunteer ambulance services and nearly 2,000 individual members. **For more information, visit [www.nysvara.org](http://www.nysvara.org).**