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Holden Firefighters Union honors EMS Coordinator

On Tuesday, Aug. 15 Holden Professional Firefighters Union Local 4557 president Lt. Robert Connor presented Holden firefighter and paramedic David Russo with a Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding service as Holden Fire EMS coordinator from 2012 to 2017.

According to Connor, Russo made significant improvements to Holden's emergency medical service during his tenure, including initiating a community CPR program, which brought CPR training to grade schools, middle schools, and the high school.

"Dave also researched and put in service cutting edge medical response equipment which enables all of us in the Holden EMS unit to more effectively treat our patients

in the pre-hospital setting," stated Connor. "Dave even had a big impact on education, scheduling and organizing outside presenters throughout each year to provide education from an expert perspective in diverse areas of emergency medical service delivery. And while Dave has stepped down as EMS coordinator he will remain a valuable asset to the department."

Holden firefighter and paramedic Ethan Naiman has been appointed the town's new EMS coordinator and, with the support of the fire department and the firefighter's union, will continue to improve and enhance the town's emergency medical response team so that it can continue to deliver the highest quality pre-hospital medical service to Holden residents.



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Hospice hour

Holden Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Center and Compassus Hospice will begin offering a hospice hour monthly for anyone interested in hospice care information or support. A hospice colleague will be available for conversation and discussion of any of your questions. No charge and no obligation. Open to the general public. Aug. 24 from 2-4 p.m. in the library at Holden Rehab, 32 Mayo Drive, Holden.

Harvest Dinner and Auction to benefit Wachusett Food Pantry

The Holden Grange Harvest Dinner and Auction will be held on Sept. 23, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Holden Senior Center. The cost is \$10. A meatloaf dinner with green beans, butternut squash, bread and homemade apple crisp with ice cream will be served. The auction will include vegetables, baked goods, flowers, craft items, large pumpkins, and pies. Both the dinner and auction will benefit the Wachusett Food Pantry. Call to make reservations 508-829-6293.




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