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On May 16th, 2016 The Yale-New Haven Hospital Sponsor Hospital Program (YNHHSHP) Celebrated EMS week by awarding Cardiac Arrest Save Unit Citations. These citations were awarded to the crews of nine local EMS agencies that exist under the medical direction of YNHHSHP and the medical protocols that are in place for emergency medical care in the field. The theme from EMS Medical Director Dr. Sandy Bogucki as she presented the awards revolved around early intervention in the case of sudden cardiac events, prompt activation of the 911 system, and the advanced life-support efforts of the responding EMS crews.



Five members of the Hamden Fire Department were honored for their efforts to revive a 66 year old male patient, who suffered full cardiac arrest in his gym on April 7th, 2016. Lieutenant Dan Such, Firefighter / Paramedics Shane Schaffer, Kevin Martin, and Firefighter / EMTs Nelson Hwang and Larry DeBurra responded to the scene and initiated advanced life support. The HFD medics assisted the AMR crew of Michael Violano and William Crisci in transporting the patient to the hospital. The 66 year old Hamden resident has since been discharged to his home and is doing well.

The attached photo shows the above YNHHSHP Cardiac Save award recipients, who are flanked on the left by Deputy Chief Gary Merwede and on the right by Chief of Department David A. Berardesca; who attended the event in support of the HFD members.

L-R: DC Merwede, **FF DeBurra**, **FFP Martin**, **Lt Such**, **FF Hwang**, **FFP Schaffer**, and Chief Berardesca.

