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INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL SAYS 'THANK YOU' TO LOCAL EMS

Area Emergency Medical Services Rescue Teams Will Be Honored During National EMS Week

Alexandria, VA—Inova Alexandria Hospital will be serving a special breakfast Tuesday, May 22, to honor area Emergency Medical Services (EMS) workers who dedicate their lives to caring for the community.

"EMS workers are an extension of any hospital emergency department," said Martin Brown, MD, medical director of emergency medicine at Inova Alexandria Hospital. "What these men and women do at the scene of an emergency directly affects our ability to successfully treat patients that come through our doors. That's why we are so grateful to have such a dedicated group of professionals working in our city."

WHAT: Annual breakfast to honor area EMS during National Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEN: Tuesday, May 22
9 - 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Inova Alexandria Hospital- Atrium
4320 Seminary Road
Alexandria, VA

WHO: Martin Brown, MD, Inova Alexandria Hospital
Lewis Eberly, MD, Inova Alexandria Hospital
Keith Sterling, MD, Inova Alexandria Hospital
Pamela Copley, Alexandria EMS Council

This year's EMS Breakfast will focus on several important issues. Lewis Eberly, MD, medical director of Neurology, Inova Alexandria Hospital, will speak about "Current Diagnostic Approaches to Stroke." Keith Sterling, MD, medical director of Interventional Radiology, Inova Alexandria Hospital, will discuss the advancements the hospital is making for interventional stroke therapy, and Pamela von Gruber, chair, Alexandria EMS Council, will address the importance of keeping Alexandria EMS Services the best in the country.

Inova Alexandria Hospital is a certified Joint Commission Primary Stroke Center, the first of its kind in the Washington, DC metropolitan area and one of only two in the Northern Virginia region.

The hospital's stroke initiative focuses on improving the community's stroke awareness. The more time that passes before treatment begins, the greater the possibility of irreversible brain damage. The faster EMS workers arrive, the greater the chance of a positive outcome.

Inova Health System is a not-for-profit health care system based in Northern Virginia that consists of hospitals and other health services including emergency and urgent care centers, home care, nursing homes, mental health and blood donor services, and wellness classes. Governed by a voluntary board of community members, Inova's mission is to improve the health of the diverse community we serve through excellence in patient care, education and research.

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