



# **UConn RESCUE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL EMERGENCY CARE CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020  
UConn SCHOOL OF NURSING  
STORRS, CT**

## **DETAILED SPEAKER INFORMATION**



# CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

## **WILLIAM PEREZ, EdD, NRP, EMS-I FIRE CHIEF, UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

William Perez is the current Fire Chief for the University of Connecticut Fire Department and a 25-year retired Assistant Fire Chief of the East Hartford Fire Department. Will serves as the commanding officer for the Connecticut Capitol Region Hazardous Materials Response Team. Will started his public safety career in 1987 as an EMT and became a licensed paramedic in 1990. He has had the opportunity to use his medical expertise while working as a Fleet Marine Force Navy Corpsman during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has been a member of the adjunct faculty at Capital Community College in Hartford, since 1995, where he teaches fire science, emergency management, and paramedicine. Will is also an instructor at the National Fire Academy where teaches Hazmat, EMS, and Leadership Classes. During his career, Will has earned a multitude of awards and recognitions from the US Navy and the East Hartford Fire Department. He obtained his Doctorate in Educational Leadership at the University of Hartford. Will has a Master of Public Administration from Anna Maria College, a Bachelor of Science with a concentration of Public Safety, and an Associate of Science with a Paramedic concentration.



## **JOSHUA BEAULIEU, MBA, LP, CEMSO BATTALION CHIEF, MANCHESTER FIRE-RESCUE-EMS**

Joshua Beaulieu MBA, LP, CEMSO is the current Battalion Chief of EMS for Manchester Fire-Rescue-EMS. Josh has been a licensed paramedic since 1996. In his current role he is responsible for paramedic and first responder service delivery and EMS planning for special events and low frequency critical incidents. Over his career Josh has been actively involved in community planning and outreach around EMS-related topics such as community services coordination, public bleeding control programs and public safety training for hybrid targeted violence / active shooter incidents. Josh is also a co-founder of B2 Products LLC in Tolland, CT and is an inventor named on multiple patents for some of the unique patient handling equipment his company has developed. Josh is an active contributor to several EMS and fire service committees and professional organizations and is the chair of the CT EMS Advisory Board's MIH Committee. He regularly presents on a variety of leadership, safety and patient care topics for professional audiences and community groups.



## **RAFFAELLA, "RALF", COLER, RN, MED, PARAMEDIC DIRECTOR, CT DPH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Ralf currently she serves as the Director for the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Services. She is an experienced healthcare provider and educator. She has a background in Emergency Medicine and EMS Education. Ralf began her career at Hartford Hospital where she worked for 38 years prior to joining state government. While at Hartford Hospital she worked in the Emergency department as a care provider, served in the role of EMS Coordinator and left as Director of EMS Education. She also served as the program director for the Goodwin College/Hartford Hospital Paramedic Program and under her leadership the program attained COAEMSP accreditation. She is registered nurse, paramedic, an Emergency Medical Service Instructor and holds instructor certification in BLS.





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## **INVESTIGATOR COURTNEY DESILET, EMS-I LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATOR**

Courtney M. Desilet currently serves as an Investigator and Human Trafficking Liaison for the East Hartford, Connecticut Police Department where she has been since 2013. Courtney began her career as a First Responder in 2007 while serving as an EMT for the Ambulance Service of Manchester. Courtney graduated the Connecticut Police Academy in April of 2011 where she was awarded the Samuel Luciano Award, for having the highest academic average in the recruit training class. Courtney started her law enforcement career at the Avon Police Department in Connecticut where she served in the Patrol and Digital Forensics Divisions. Excelling in an undercover role, Courtney spent two years as an Investigator on the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Courtney has discovered and cultivated a passion for knowledge in combating child sex trafficking. Fervent in her desire to share knowledge with others, Courtney serves as a certified Law Enforcement Instructor and Emergency Medical Services Instructor. She has presented at National conferences and been published by Homeland Security Today on human trafficking. Courtney has been recognized for saving the lives of human trafficking victims through her involvement in bold undercover operations. Through her investigations into human trafficking Courtney committed herself to providing victim's a voice not otherwise possible. While she describes these cases as particularly horrific, Courtney describes her human trafficking investigations involving children as being the most satisfying and rewarding cases of her career. Courtney hopes through training she can continue her efforts to build awareness and combat human trafficking.



## **JASON BRESKY, RN, CCRN BURN OUTREACH COORDINATOR — THE CONNECTICUT BURN CENTER AT BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL**

Jason currently serves as the Burn Outreach Coordinator for the Connecticut Burn Center where he has served in this role since 2019, but has been with the Burn Center since 2007. Jason first obtained his CT EMT certification while in high school at Joel Barlow High School in Redding CT in 1996. He went on to join the Gettysburg Pennsylvania Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Department while matriculating at Gettysburg College. He also attended the Fire Academy at the Harrisburg Area Community College School of Public Safety. Upon returning to Connecticut, he attended the Norwalk Community College Paramedic Program and graduated with honors in 2001. He then attended St. Vincent's College where he graduated with honors with an Associates of Science in Nursing in 2007. Inspired by patient management he participated in during his clinical rotations, Jason joined the Connecticut Burn Center in 2007. He has become one of the senior critical care nurses and has served as a panelist at both the American Burn Association Annual Meeting (2015) and the Northeast Regional Burn Consortium Conference (2016). Jason volunteers each summer at the Arthur C Luff Children's Burn Camp. In his current role, he provides education and outreach to EMS programs, fire agencies, schools, community groups and emergency room staff within the Connecticut Burn Center catchment area.

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