

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2011

## EMS Symposium at Sharon Hospital

SHARON—The EMS Institute, Inc. at Sharon Hospital will hold its fourth Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Symposium at the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville Saturday, March 12, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The EMS Symposium will feature lectures/workshops on a variety of topics including “Dead Men Do Tell Tales—Unless You Screw Up The Crime Scene,” head injuries, seizures and more.

The keynote speaker is Jon Politis, whose topic is “Teamwork in Emergency Services.” Mr. Politis is an educator who has presented at many state and nation-

al conferences across the U.S. and Canada. Starting his career in 1971, he has served in many capacities: firefighter, ski patrolter, field paramedic, paramedic program coordinator, state EMS training coordinator and EMS chief. Ann Leary, EMT, author of the memoir, “An Innocent, A Broad” and the novel “Outtakes from a Marriage,” and wife of actor Denis Leary will be a special guest speaker.

Continuing medical education credits will be available for New York and Connecticut personnel and instructors. There will also be vendors and equipment demonstrations throughout the day. The registration fee is \$40 prior to March 1, and \$50 thereafter, including lunch.

One of the challenges of rural emergency medicine is providing access to high-quality continuing education and the latest research and technology. EMS providers often must travel more than an hour to attend similar symposiums and workshops. The EMS Institute is proud to present this opportunity for EMS providers in the tri-state area.

The EMS Institute at Sharon Hospital, a nonprofit agency, was established in 1998 to assist the EMS providers in Sharon Hospital’s service area. Funded primarily through an endowment and a grant from the Foundation for Community Health, which is overseen by a volunteer board of directors, the institute provides speakers and courses on a variety of topics and maintains an inventory of literature, videos and training equipment available to EMS agencies we support. The EMS Institute is also the local training center for the American Heart Association, providing more than 1,200 certifications annually.

For more information on the EMS Institute or to register for the EMS Symposium, visit the website at [www.emsinstitute.org](http://www.emsinstitute.org) or call 860-364-4665.