2008
EMERGENCY HOSPITAL ROUTES &
"H" SIGN PLAN FOR DANBURY HOSPITAL
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FOR DANBURY HOSPITAL

INTRODUCTION
Danbury Hospital is a 371-bed not-for-profit hospital serving approximately 360,000 residents of western Connecticut and southeastern New York. For this largest institution in the Greater Danbury Area, the proper placement of emergency directional "H" signs is a public safety responsibility.

Such a signage plan must be regional in scope, as the signs in adjacent communities must be carefully coordinated for ambulance drivers and others to follow them properly.

This Plan does not constitute a standard, specification or regulation. It is instead a set of advisory recommendations for evaluation by the Connecticut Department of Transportation and local traffic authorities, usually the police commission, that are assigned by law to make the actual decisions concerning the posting of public roadside signage.

HISTORY OF SIGN PLAN
Danbury Hospital was an advocate for “H” emergency signage back in the early 1970’s when this form of signage was first authorized nationally. In 1972 the HVCEO assisted in the creation of the first plan identifying hospital sign locations on important roadways.

As the northern part of the HVCEO planning area, including New Milford, Bridgewater and Sherman, was seen in the early plan as primarily tributary to New Milford Hospital, a signage plan was also prepared for that area.

Then in 1990 the 1972 Plan was re-examined to determine its appropriateness for the Region relative to roadway improvements, area growth and sign attrition. As in 1972, the 1990 process involved the Region’s municipal police departments and the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s District 4 Office, as they are responsible for the placement and maintenance of “H” signs along state and local roadways.

As with the 1990 update, in this current effort missing “H” signs are identified for replacement, and new locations for additional “H” signs are suggested in order to improve the effectiveness of emergency access routes to Danbury Hospital.

In all cases vehicles bound for the Emergency Room are free to use routings of their own choosing. Indeed, there are many locations in Danbury from which a knowledgeable driver could access the Emergency Room by streets other than those described on the accompanying map. This regional plan then is designed for fast arrival of inter-town traffic, and those persons in Danbury less familiar with the area.
DANBURY
LEGEND: SIGN STATUS

State "H" Sign - Present
State "H" Sign - Not Present
Town "H" Sign - Present
Town "H" Sign - Not Present
BETHHEL
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BROOKFIELD
LEGEND: SIGN STATUS

State "H" Sign - Present

State "H" Sign - Not Present

Town "H" Sign - Present

Town "H" Sign - Not Present
NEW FAIRFIELD
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LEGEND: SIGN STATUS

State "H" Sign - Present
State "H" Sign - Not Present
Town "H" Sign - Present
Town "H" Sign - Not Present
**LEGEND:**

- **State "H" Sign - Present**
- **State "H" Sign - Not Present**
- **Town "H" Sign - Present**
- **Town "H" Sign - Not Present**

**New F**
NEWTOWN
LEGEND: SIGN STATUS

State "H" Sign - Present
State "H" Sign - Not Present
Town "H" Sign - Present
Town "H" Sign - Not Present
REDDING
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LEGEND: SIGN STATUS

State "H" Sign - Present
State "H" Sign - Not Present
Town "H" Sign - Present
Town "H" Sign - Not Present