

## **Peter Canning**

Peter Canning is a full time paramedic in Hartford, Connecticut. He is the author of *Paramedic: On the Front Lines of Medicine* (Ballantine 1997), which chronicles how in 1995 at the age of 37, he left a career as speech writer and top health administrator to Connecticut Governor Lowell Weicker to become a front line health care responder on the city's streets. His second book, *Rescue 471: A Paramedic's Stories* (Ballantine Books, 2000) continued tales of his new career helping victims of medical and traumatic emergencies. Since 2006, Canning has been the author of the popular paramedic blog, *StreetWatch: Notes of a Paramedic* (<http://www.medicscribe.com/>), which is distributed nationally by the JEMS (Journal of Emergency Medical Services Fire EMS Blog Network).

In 2008, while continuing to work full-time in the field, Canning was named the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Coordinator at UCONN John Dempsey Hospital. He has been actively involved in improving systems of care for heart attack, stroke, trauma and substance use both locally and statewide.