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Emergency Management Director Adam Rinko began his emergency services career in 1992 in the City of Waterbury, as an EMS provider with American Medical Response (AMR). While at AMR, Dir. Rinko served in numerous operations and supervisory positions between the Waterbury and Hartford Divisions. Shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Dir. Rinko was appointed to the position of Emergency Management Director with the City of Waterbury Fire Department to coordinate response to the new emerging homeland security threat. In 2005 Dir. Rinko was selected through civil service as the Fire Department's Executive Officer where he fills both roles to this day.

Dir. Rinko's responsibilities include working with the City of Waterbury's medical control physician to provide oversight and policy development for Emergency Medical Services. Dir. Rinko currently manages the Fire Department's pre-hospital Narcan® program. In April of 2017, Dir. Rinko was assigned collaterally to assist the Waterbury Health Department with the Center for Disease Control funded CT Opioid Response (C.O.Re) grant.

Dir. Rinko holds advanced degrees in Public Safety Administration and Homeland Security. He holds numerous certifications from the CT State Fire Academy, CT Dept. of Health, US Department of Homeland Security, and is a graduate of the Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Academy. Dir. Rinko has achieved national recognition as a Certified Emergency Manager® through the International Association of Emergency Managers.