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Alabama Medical Director Recognized For Leadership During Tornado Crisis

Hollywood, Florida, July 6, 2011 – Dr. Doug Alexander, Medical Director for Russellville Hospital in Russellville, Alabama, has been recognized for his service and leadership in the aftermath of the tornados which devastated Alabama in April. [Hospital Physician Partners](#) (HPP) has given Dr. Alexander its Partners in Excellence Award for Outstanding Service. HPP, through an affiliate entity, manages the emergency department at [Russellville Hospital](#). The award is given by HPP to clinical providers who demonstrate service above and beyond the call of duty and help deliver world class patient care, customer service and leadership.

The F5 tornado on April 27 devastated the communities of Phil Campbell and Hackleburg, Alabama with 39 victims, many in critical or life threatening condition, arriving at Russellville Hospital's Emergency Department within a three hour window of the tornado. The emergency department averages 30 patients in a 24 hour period patients per hour. "I've never been in battle, but this must be what it's like," said [Dr. Alexander](#). "The level of injury and the pace of which people were arriving was unlike anything I'd ever seen. It was the teamwork and rapport our staff has together that helped pull us through. There wasn't a person in this entire hospital that wasn't doing something to save a life, make people comfortable or help in some way."

Hospital CEO, Christine Stewart, who along with many of the 301 person hospital staff was on the front lines that day, says she could not have asked for a more prepared team or better response. "Dr. Alexander and the emergency department team were at the front door of the crisis and they responded superbly. There was no way to predict how everything was going to turn out as victim after victim kept arriving. We're a small rural hospital, which responded like a major city trauma center. We're lucky to have this level of talent saving lives here in our community," said Stewart.

[Dr. David Schillinger](#), HPP President and Chief Medical Officer, presented the award to Dr. Alexander in a recent ceremony at the hospital. "Dr. Alexander and his team rose to the occasion in a time of great crisis. This is proof once again of how important teamwork, training and communication are between departments in a hospital."

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