

New Solution for Historic Alliance



Location

Alliance, Ohio

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The carnation plays an important role in the 156 year history of Alliance, Ohio. The "Lamborn Red" variety was first propagated there by Dr. Levi Lamborn – a man who ran against William McKinley (later the 25th US President) for the 18th Congressional District in 1887.

More importantly, it was the scarlet carnation he received before each debate with Dr Lambord, that McKinley referred to as his 'good luck charm'. On September 14, 1901, McKinley was assassinated; moments after handing the flower to a supporter.*

Founded that very year, and equally historical, was the Alliance City Hospital. Today known as the Alliance Community Hospital, it is licensed for 204 beds and 78 aged care patients at an attached facility. Fully accredited, the hospital is staffed by over 150 active and relief physicians.

Early this year, Bob Rice with Stellar-1 Communications in Ohio provided Alliance

Community Hospital with an INTELPage system, a 50 watt transmitter and 52 pagers from CommtechWireless. The system is integrated with the West-Call nurse call system used at the hospital to provide automatic messaging functionality.

Covering the entire campus and the attached aged care facility, the system sends messages from duress call points in patient rooms to staff carrying pagers throughout the hospital. When a patient presses a call point button, the nurse on duty receives notification of the call and the room from which it originated, in under two seconds.

To further make use of this versatile system, nursing staff at Alliance Community Hospital notify housekeeping staff when a patient is discharged. Virtually instant notification means the room can be cleaned and prepared for the next admission, as soon as possible. During day-to-day operation, these notifications are used to let housekeepers know that a room needs tidying.

Prior to installing Stellar-1's Commtech solution, Alliance Community Hospital used overhead voice paging to alert nurses and other staff of requirements. Besides the fact that

this meant patients were alerted to situations that were not their concern, the "squelch" of the PA, on busy nights, meant things were not entirely peaceful.

Through their very own "good luck charm", the CommtechWireless solution provided by Stellar-1 Communications, Alliance Community Hospital has almost eliminated the need for overhead voice paging. The hospital environment is now substantially quieter and more beneficial to the rest and healing of its patients.

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