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Update Following Tragic Shooting

All of DCH Health System continues to mourn the loss of colleague Ada Doss following Tuesday's tragic shooting. DCH leadership continues to seek to assist the grieving family in a way that the Doss' would find most helpful.

While the investigation is still ongoing, DCH is continuing to take action to strengthen safety and security measures across all three campuses to help caregivers, patients, and visitors feel safer and more supported. Many of these changes have come through leadership's seeking suggestions from caregivers, and we appreciate their sharing their concerns and ideas with us. Like many of our improvements over the last several years, we need to establish incremental, sustainable changes to our environment.

DCH is conducting a comprehensive review of all security measures, both inside the hospital and on our campus grounds. Immediate enhancements including the addition of uniformed off-duty police officers overnight, increasing visible security presence (especially at shift change across our campuses), expanding training and resetting expectations for security personnel, and ensuring that security personnel are available to offer escorts to vehicles. Additional hours for the one shuttle will be implemented as well as having the DCH van in service to augment the one shuttle currently in use.

In addition to these immediate steps, DCH will continue evaluating the next level of security solutions, and identify national best practices implemented at healthcare organizations across the country.

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About DCH

DCH Health System is a public, not-for-profit health system located in West Alabama. For over 100 years, DCH has provided quality health care to the people of West Alabama. DCH Health System includes DCH Regional Medical Center, Northport Medical Center and Fayette Medical Center. For more about DCH, visit www.dchsystem.com.