



Beebe Healthcare Deploys Canopy's Wearable Safety Technology to Protect Staff and Strengthen Its Culture of Safety

LEWES, DE, UNITED STATES, August 10, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Canopy, the leader in connected safety technology for healthcare, today announced a partnership with Beebe Healthcare, the not-for-profit community health system serving Sussex County, Delaware, to deploy Canopy Protect, Canopy's workplace safety platform. Beginning with approximately 1,500 frontline staff members, the rollout will give caregivers wearable duress buttons that instantly alert nearby colleagues and security when help is needed.

The rollout began July 28 in Beebe's Lewes Campus Emergency Department, where leadership, including President & CEO Dr. David Tam and Chief Nursing Officer Kathy Tregear, personally distributed the first Canopy Buttons to nurses, clinicians, and staff. The program will expand across the remainder of the Lewes Campus, Abessinio Health Campus locations like the Specialty Surgical Hospital and Tunnell Cancer Center, and Beebe's South Coastal Health Campus in Millville, by the end of fall.

"Every person who comes to work at Beebe deserves to feel safe and supported while caring for our community," said David A. Tam, MD, MBA, CPHE, FACHE, President & CEO of Beebe Healthcare. "This investment – thanks to the support of the Beebe Medical Foundation and Canopy – reflects our commitment to listening to our team members and giving them additional tools to help prevent situations from escalating. Supporting the safety and wellbeing of our caregivers ultimately helps us provide the highest quality care to the patients and families who depend on us."

The trend mirrors a statewide and national reckoning with violence against healthcare workers. Delaware lawmakers have taken notice: in 2022, the state enacted legislation making assault on a healthcare worker a second-degree felony, and this year the General Assembly passed further protections allowing staff to temporarily detain individuals who pose a safety risk to workers, patients, or visitors while awaiting law enforcement. Beebe leaders say the legislative momentum reflects what their own data has shown for years: that meaningful protection requires both policy change and better tools on the floor.

Workplace violence continues to be one of healthcare's most pressing challenges, with frontline caregivers frequently facing verbal threats and physical aggression. By deploying Canopy Protect, Beebe is putting real-time protection in the hands of staff, enabling faster, more coordinated

responses before situations escalate.

"Healthcare workers and frontline staff deserve to feel safe every time they step onto the floor, and we're proud to partner with organizations like Beebe Healthcare that are making workplace safety a priority," said Shan Sinha, CEO and founder of Canopy. "By equipping frontline caregivers with Canopy Protect, Beebe is taking a proactive approach to helping staff get support the moment they need it. We're excited to work alongside their team to create a safer environment for caregivers so they can stay focused on what matters most: delivering exceptional patient care."

Beebe is prioritizing the distribution of buttons using its own incident data, starting with patient-facing staff in departments and locations that have historically experienced the highest rates of workplace violence. Leaders say this phased, transparent approach ensures Canopy Buttons are available first to the people who need them the most, starting in the Emergency Department and expanding campus by campus through the fall.

As the rollout of Canopy Protect continues, Beebe plans to track outcomes closely, including alert response times and workers' compensation claims tied to physical workplace violence incidents, to measure the platform's impact and revisit the program's results with the community in the months ahead.

About Canopy

Canopy is the category leader in connected safety solutions, dedicated to ensuring healthcare workers feel safe, appreciated, and empowered every day. Through its proprietary Location ID network, Canopy provides real-time protection and operational intelligence to more than 70 major health systems and over 300,000 workers nationwide. From preventing workplace violence to optimizing hospital operations and improving patient outcomes, Canopy is building the infrastructure that enables healthcare staff to deliver their best work. To learn more, visit canopyworks.com.

About Beebe Healthcare

Beebe Healthcare is a not-for-profit community healthcare system serving the medical needs of Sussex County, Delaware, since 1916. One of the largest employers in Sussex County, Beebe provides patient-centered care across multiple locations, including its main campus in Lewes and its specialty surgical hospital on the Rehoboth Health Campus. Learn more at beebehealthcare.org.

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