

SARATOGA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



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September is Preparedness Month



If an emergency occurred today, would you be ready? The month of September is National Preparedness Month (NPM). Take action now - make a plan with your community, your family and for your pets. It is important to plan how to stay safe and communicate during disasters that can affect your community. FEMA is asking everyone to participate in America's PrepareAthon and the national day of action, which culminates National Preparedness month on September 30th.

Here are the weekly hazard focused themes for 2015:

- Week 1: September 1-5th Flood
- Week 2: September 6-12th Wildfire
- Week 3: September 13-19th Hurricane
- Week 4: September 20-26th Power Outage
- Week 5: September 27-30th Lead up to National PrepareAthon! Day (September 30th)

For more information about National Preparedness Month, please visit www.ready.gov

In preparation for National Preparedness Month, the Office of Emergency Services is asking people to take part by registering their cellphone in the 9-1-1 Emergency Notification database. The County utilizes the database as an emergency notification warning tool to make rapid emergency telephone notifications to residents and businesses in precise geographic areas. You can register your cellphone by clicking on the link: <https://secure.hyper-reach.com/comsignup.jsp?id=22342>

Another step is register with the Saratoga County Special Needs Registry. This registry is voluntary and free. It is designed to assist first responders and emergency planners in identifying those residents that may need assistance in evacuating and special sheltering during an emergency, so that they may develop the necessary plans. It will also aid emergency planners in the development of shelter plans for those residents with Special and Functional Medical Needs, while enhancing communication to the end user and their emergency contacts. To register please click on the link: <http://www.saratogacountyny.gov/upload/2008072210975.pdf>

Finally, the Saratoga County Office of Emergency offers those who are interested in verifying that their address in our 9-1-1 database is correct. Simply call our office at 885-2232 and we will verify your information. This database is for resident with "land line" telephone numbers-NOT- cellular telephone numbers.

Stay connected with the Office of Emergency Services and follow us on Twitter at /SaratogaOES and on Facebook at SaratogaOES.

SARATOGA COUNTY FIRE SERVICES



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Emergency Management Certification and Training: Tier 3

The Office of Emergency Services will host an Emergency Management Certification and Training: Tier 3 on Tuesday, October 13th from (6pm to 10pm) at the Corinth Fire Department, 16 Saratoga Ave, Corinth.

The training is intended for those with a role in emergency management or disaster response in New York State.

The Tier 3 training is delivered in partnership with Saratoga County Emergency Services

Topics Covered:

- Emergency Management in New York State and the Role of Chief Executives
- Emergency Operations – Understanding the Process
- Article 2B: Legal Authorities and Responsibilities of Chief Executives
- Disaster Recovery Awareness

Who Should Attend? This training is intended for local public officials, first responder leadership and other partners with a role in local disaster response and emergency management.

Registration: Complete the registration form at: (Click link) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SXZDB6YEmergency>



Explosive and Blast Injuries

In cooperation with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Counter Terrorism, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New York State Police – Bomb Squad, and Albany Medical Center and the South Glens Falls Fire Company will be offering an Explosive and Blast Injuries class on October 17th at the South Glens Falls Fire Company #2.

Registration begins at 8:30 am
Course runs from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Location: South Glens Falls Fire Company, Station #2
Route 197
Fort Edward, NY 12828

Who Should Attend?

- Emergency Medical Services
- Tactical Medical Personnel
- Emergency Room/Hospital Providers
- Law Enforcement
- Fire Service
- Hazardous Materials Personnel

This course provides instruction on recognition, medical preparedness, and response for incidents involving energetic materials (explosives and incendiaries). Classroom presentations address potential terrorist bombing targets in US communities, common military and commercial explosives available to terrorists and other extremists, and evaluation and treatment of blast injuries associated with these explosives. This course culminates with a live demonstration of various explosives first responders could encounter, reinforcing classroom material and establishing an appreciation for the potential impact of explosive devices.

Registration: The Statewide Learning Management System (SLMS) <https://www.nyslearn.ny.gov/> will be used for course registration. If you already have an account within SLMS please choose SLMS Login, if you are new to the system please choose First Time Logging.

Please click on the link below for information on how to validate/obtain an account within the New York State Learning Management System. <http://www.dhses.ny.gov/>

If you need assistance with registration please call (518) 292-2351.

Deadline to register is October 3, 2015.

SARATOGA COUNTY EMS



Mike McEvoy, PhD, NRP, RN, CCRN is the EMS Coordinator for Saratoga County, paramedic supervisor for Clifton Park & Halfmoon Ambulance, firefighter and chief medical officer for West Crescent Fire and EMS editor for Fire Engineering magazine. He is a nurse clinician in the cardiothoracic surgical ICU at Albany Med where he also teaches critical care medicine and chairs the hospital resuscitation committee. Mike also serves on the EMS Section Board of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the board of the National Registry for EMTs.



IAM Responding Trial

EMS agencies in Saratoga County are gearing up for a trial using the County funded iamResponding system to track crew status in real time. The EMS Council recently approved a standardized protocol developed and tested by Deputy EMS Coordinator Mike Seney. Agencies will utilize the IaR system to report crew status so that Desk Officers at the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department can track agency staffing on minute-to-minute basis. The trial is expected to launch July 1 and will run for several months.

Providence Ambulance Service

The EMS Council unanimously supported the Town of Providence continuation of their Certificate of Need (CON) to operate an ambulance service in the Town. The town filed a Municipal Certificate of Need two years ago, garnering a temporary ambulance operating certificate. New York State Law requires the Town to demonstrate need for the service in order to obtain a permanent CON. Providence currently contracts with Galway and Edinburg for ambulance coverage. A hearing will be held at the Regional Emergency Medical Organization to review the application for permanent operating authority.

County BERT Conducts Drill



The Biological Emergency Response Team (BERT) recently conducted a drill with the Saratoga Hospital Emergency Department (SHED), transporting a simulated patient suspected to be infected with Ebola. The drill provided an excellent platform for both BERT and SHED to test their abilities to transport and care for a high-risk patient with suspected biological illness. Despite the declining concern about

Ebola, BERT will continue to train and refine their practices in order to maintain a response capability to any current or emerging infectious disease threat in the County. See more photos on page 5.

Automatic Response to EMS Calls

Effective June 1, the Vischer Ferry Fire Department will no longer participate in automatic response to EMS calls. According to County EMS Coordinator Mike McEvoy, the planned installation of a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system will address the concerns of Vischer Ferry and other fire-based EMS first response departments. With the capabilities of a top-tier CAD system, the County will gain the ability to write department level rules for response. For EMS, McEvoy anticipates being able to specify activation of fire department EMS assists based on specific patient condition, time of day and ambulance ETA, among other criteria. The current CAD system does not allow this functionality beyond priority determinants that can only be applied to all calls dispatched by the County. OES expects a new CAD may be running as early as December 2016.



SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Joint Dive Team Training



Saratoga County Sheriff's Office Dive Team Instructor Mike Rogan gives a safety briefing at a joint dive training conducted recently on Ballston Lake with the Corinth and Waterford Fire Departments Dive Team personnel and members of the County Office of Emergency Services.

Camp Abilities in Saratoga Springs



Sheriff Michael Zurlo and members of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office visited Camp Abilities at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs. Camp Abilities gives children and youth who have vision impairments the opportunity to discover their abilities as they get to play and be active.

New Deputies Appointed



Sheriff Zurlo recently appointed four new Deputies to the ranks of the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Matthew Ball, Deputy Donald Thompson, Deputy Kyle Loucks, and Deputy Jeremy Tremblay will spend the next 6 months attending basic training at the Zone 5 Law Enforcement Academy in Schenectady.

Navy Admiral Visits Saratoga



Sheriff Zurlo, Supervisor Phil Barrett and Chief Rick Castle met with Navy Rear Admiral Thomas Moore, Program Executive Officer for the U.S. Navy Carrier fleet, to discuss the Navy's presence in Saratoga County. This was a unique opportunity to meet personally with a top officer from the Navy to discuss local issues.

Send Us Your Department Patch

The Office of Emergency Services works closely with fire, police and ems agencies from across Saratoga County protecting life and property.

As a way to show off our partnership, we are in the process of creating a first responder wall where we can proudly display your departments colors. To date, we have had 15 departments submit their patch to us.

If you would you like to provide OES with a patch for the wall, please send it to: The Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services, 25 West High Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

Emergency 9-1-1 Notifications

Hyper-Reach is an emergency warning tool used to make rapid emergency telephone notifications to residents and businesses in precise geographic areas. Hyper-Reach will be used by Saratoga County emergency officials, during emergencies only, to deliver incident-specific information or potentially life-saving instruction to those in the affected area(s).

Hyper-Reach integrates mapping technology with phone databases, and will call listed and unlisted land line telephone numbers for Saratoga County residences and businesses.

Cellular phone numbers are not automatically included in the system database, nor are Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone systems. If you would like to receive these emergency telephone notifications on your cellular or VoIP phone, you must first register these phone numbers. You may register at the Self-Registration Portal by clicking <https://secure.hyper-reach.com/comsignup.jsp?id=22342>

If you are a Town 911 Coordinator or Supervisor and would like to set-up a training or refresher on how to utilize the Hyper-Reach system, contact Chuck Pasquarell, in the Office of Emergency Services at 885-2232.

Mobile / Portable Radio Service

Did you know that the Office of Emergency Services operates a web portal for reporting all radio (mobile/portable) equipment failure? You can also request radio service's to include installation and re-programming via this same portal.

To ensure that your request is met in an efficient manner, please conduct all radio requests through the radio web portal.

Please use the link below to learn more.



<http://radio.saratogacountyny.gov/>

Sheriff Office Promotions



Sheriff Michael Zurlo recently announced the promotion of Deputy Christopher Lorey to the rank of Investigator and Deputy Jeffrey Bouyea to the rank of Sergeant. Both have shown continuously demonstrated their commitment to their profession and to the citizens of Saratoga County throughout their careers. Congratulations.

EMS Facility Opens in Mechanicville



Clifton Park Halfmoon EMS held a Ribbon Cutting of Clifton Park Halfmoon EMS Mechanicville Station #3 and Dedication of John H Ahearn Memorial EMS Station in the City of Mechanicville on August 6th.

Sheriff's Office Earn Re-Accreditation

Saratoga County Sheriff Michael Zurlo's Office recently received recognition for the re- accreditation of his Corrections Division and 911 Communications Center. NYS Sheriffs' Association Executive Director Peter Kehoe presented re-accreditation credentials to Sheriff Zurlo in a ceremony held at the Sheriff's Office in Ballston Spa.

"Achieving accreditation takes hard work by a lot of people. The entire staff of Sheriff Zurlo's Corrections Division and 911 Communications Center deserves to be recognized for this achievement," Mr. Kehoe said.

"Only a fraction of the state's 62 counties have qualified for multiple statewide accreditations," said Sheriff Zurlo. "Earning accreditation requires that a very stringent, lengthy list of standards be met. It really does show that members of our office are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in their profession, in order to best serve the citizens of our county," he continued. "The clerical staff, the dispatchers, everyone."



Sheriff Zurlo recognized the following individuals who spearheaded the effort to earn the re- accreditations: Colonel Richard Emery, Lt. Sean Connolly, Lisa McInerney, and Sgt. Steven Gordon

The New York State Sheriffs' Association, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation, formed in 1934, for the purpose of assisting sheriffs in the efficient and effective delivery of services to the public. It comprises all of the elected and appointed sheriffs of New York State.

If you'd like more information about this topic or the Sheriffs' Association, please call Pat Hughes at 518/434.9091; e-mail phughes@nysheriffs.org; or visit our website: www.nysheriffs.org.



Grant Information

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Grants Quarterly Application Deadlines:

- Friday, September 04, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. for 4th Quarter Grants
- Friday, December 04, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. for 1st Quarter Grants (Q1 2016)

\$12M Awarded to Over 1,000 Communities
Public Safety Grants for Communities Served by Firehouse Subs

The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation allocates public safety grant funding in 5 distinct areas:

- Life-Saving Equipment
- Prevention Education
- Scholarships and Continued Education
- Support for Members of the Military
- Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Relief

Distributions are done on a quarterly basis and approved or denied by the Foundation's Board of Directors. All applicants will be considered and notified after distributions are made whether support will be granted. Only a limited number of grants will be awarded.

For more information click on this link:
<http://tinyurl.com/nrb5dcm>

