

# SARATOGA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



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## September Is National Preparedness Month

September is the first month of fall, when most of the kids head back to school, and our traditional month when we celebrate preparedness. Due to the success of last year's theme, "Don't Wait, Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today," will be returning this September with a continuing emphasis on preparedness for youth- especially teens, older adults, and people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs. FEMA is excited about the opportunity to help you and your family learn more about emergencies and how to be prepared whenever or wherever they strike.

As is the tradition, each week of National Preparedness Month has a designated theme:

- **Week 1 (August 28-September 3): Promote National Preparedness Month**
- **Week 2 (September 4-10): Preparing Family and Friends**
- **Week 3 (September 11-17): Preparing Through Service**
- **Week 4 (September 18-24): Individual Preparedness**
- **Week 5 (September 25-30): Lead-up to National PrepareAthon! Day**

Get ready for National Preparedness Month (NPM) with the 2016 NPM Social Media Toolkit! <https://www.ready.gov/september>

The toolkit has emergency preparedness messages you can share on your social media channels to spread the word to colleagues, family, and friends throughout the month of September and beyond! Feel free to copy the messages directly or customize them. Find graphics, videos, and other resources you can use to promote preparedness. Check out the Toolkit here: <https://www.ready.gov/september>

As always, if you have a question, suggestion, or are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office at: 885-2232 or via e-mail: [emergencyservices@saratogacountyny.gov](mailto:emergencyservices@saratogacountyny.gov).



## SARATOGA COUNTY FIRE SERVICES



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### DEC Notice on Class B Foam

Discontinue use of any Class B foam concentrate for training purposes due to potential environmental and public health concerns. Class B foams include aqueous film forming foam (AFFF), alcohol resistant aqueous film-forming foam (AR-AFFF), film-forming fluoroprotein foam (FFFP), alcohol resistant film-forming fluoroprotein foam (AR FFFP), and fluoroprotein foam (FP, FPAR).

This is due to the fact that it is POSSIBLE the foam MAY contain chemicals that are dangerous to Health and the Environment.

More information can be found at: <http://goo.gl/E4pk7N>

### Hazardous Materials Grant Award

The Office of Emergency Services was notified of \$5,172 grant award under the FY2016 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program. Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. This funding will be utilized to support the County's Local Emergency Planning Committee to conduct traffic planning.

### County Fire Advisory Board

Fire Advisory Board meetings are open to Fire Chief's from across the County. The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Monday, August 29th in the County EOC. For a copy of the Meeting Minutes, please visit the Fire Officer's Association website: <http://www.saratogacountyfire.org/>

### Firefighter I Curriculum Update

During the review process of the Firefighter I curriculum, there were several issues which were brought to the table. With these in mind, beginning in September 2016, several changes have been made to make the class run more smoothly.

The New York State OFPC Firefighter-1 certification will be delivered in two courses. All students will begin with the Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations and then progress into the SCBA/ Interior Firefighting Operations course if they are seeking to be trained as an Interior Structural Firefighter who will wear a self-contained breathing apparatus.

Click here for more information: <http://goo.gl/UOmusL>

### Crude By Rail Training



Saratoga County Deputy Fire Coordinator, Nate King traveled to Pueblo, Colorado for the Crude By Rail Emergency Response Training offered by CP Rail. Coordinator King, took part in practical evolutions that included a demonstration of crude oil fires, boil overs, and foam applications as applied to crude oil incidents by rail and advanced fire fighting techniques. The practical evolutions culminated in a full-scale derailment exercise.

## SARATOGA COUNTY EMS



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### County BERT Update

The Biological Emergency Response Team (BERT), assembled during the Ebola crisis last fall, met recently for additional training. The team remains available to respond to current and future calls for patients with suspected or confirmed high-risk infectious diseases. The team consists of EMTs and Paramedics from several County EMS agencies and will be recruiting additional members during 2016.



Members of the County Biological Emergency Response Team recently conducted a training in Saratoga Springs.

### Thank You Leadership Saratoga

The Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce sponsors Leadership Saratoga, a program to develop leaders in the community [www.leadershipsaratoga.org](http://www.leadershipsaratoga.org). Five current participants selected the Saratoga County EMS Council for their leadership project and have developed a series of videos, printed materials and enhancements to the Council web site in an outstanding effort to help promote the work of Saratoga County EMS agencies. Many thanks to Lisa Munter, Jennifer Allen, Jennifer Howard, Floria Huizinga and Chris Meyer. Stay tuned for the results of their hard work.

### Pulse Point Kicks Off In Saratoga County

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Ellis Hospital Foundation, administrative support from Clifton Park & Halfmoon Ambulance and the leadership of the Saratoga County Public Safety Committee and Board of Supervisors, Pulse Point will officially launch in Saratoga County on July 4th. Pulse Point, an app that alerts nearby citizens of cardiac arrests occurring in public locations, is available free from [www.pulsepoint.org](http://www.pulsepoint.org). A public relations campaign will roll additional information out to the community through ambulance agencies and fire departments.



Town of Clifton Park Supervisor, Phil Barrett talks about Pulse Point and the importance of its launch in the Town of Clifton Park and Saratoga County.



## SHERIFF'S OFFICE

### Animal Advocacy Event Held in Albany



Saratoga County Sheriff Zurlo along with members of the Sheriff's K9 Unit attended an Animal Advocacy Event today with Assemblyman James Tedisco.

### National Night Out in Clifton Park



Sheriff Michael Zurlo takes a moment out at National Night Out to pose for a photo with members of the Fire and EMS services in Clifton Park. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

### Camp Abilities 2017



The Saratoga County Sheriff's Office visited Camp Abilities Saratoga, a one-week educational sports camp for children and teens who are blind, visually impaired, and deafblind. It is held at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. Camp Abilities Saratoga is a service project of the Saratoga Springs Lions.

### Two New Deputies



The members of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office are honored to welcome two new member to our ranks as they recently graduated from the Zone 5 Law Enforcement Academy. Deputy John Carey and Deputy Carson Salaway.

### Follow the SCSO on Facebook and Twitter

Our Facebook and Twitter pages display press releases as well as additional information on topical issues and breaking stories. We encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay informed on matters of public interest and safety. Feel free to contact us at (518) 885-6761 or use the Contact Us page on our website to send us an email if you have a tip, comment or suggestion.

## 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 to access the portal.  
<http://radio.saratogacountyny.gov/>

## 800 MHz Radio Procedure Manual

The Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services recently completed its update to the radio communications procedural manual. The manual provides information about the 800 MHz radio system to include general purpose, governance, FCC licensing, radio templating, reporting faulty equipment and a guide to channel use. The manual will be distributed to agency administrations.

## 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.

## OES Director Tapped to Serve on DHSES Committee

The Director of Emergency Services is one of three emergency managers from across the State to be selected by the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to serve on the Intrastate Mutual Aid Program Committee. The committee will meet routinely throughout the year to identify best practices for mutual aid assistance among participating governments in the prevention of, response to, and recovery from, any disaster that results in a formal declaration of an emergency by a participating local government.



## Whitney Prep at Saratoga



Office of Emergency Services Intern, Taylor Salaway fills out the ICS Communications form in preparation of the Whitney Stakes at Saratoga Raceway.

## Local Emergency Planning Committee

The Saratoga County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met on Wednesday, January 27th in the Office of Emergency Services. The committee will meet at 2pm on the dates listed below. Meetings are open to those interested in attending.

- The LEPC set its 2016 schedule as:
- Wednesday, September 28
  - Wednesday, December 28

## Celebrate National Preparedness Month with "The Prep Step!"

Celebrate National Preparedness month with "The Prep Step!" – a fun song and dance that teaches kids the basics of emergency preparedness – and keeps them grooving and moving during break time, afterschool or at home.



**Save the Children**  
Get Ready. Get Safe.

FEMA and Save the Child are partnering to promote "The Prep Step."

Less than half of American families have an emergency plan, but children can be powerful change agents in leading the movement towards preparedness.

Join more than 25,000 children across the U.S. in learning the importance of knowing ICE contacts, making a plan and packing a go-bag. Learn more and register at: [www.SavetheChildren.org/PrepStep](http://www.SavetheChildren.org/PrepStep).

## Zone Fire Coordinator Meetings



Over the past several months, the Director of OES, Carl Zeilman and the County Fire Coordinator, Ed Tremblay have met with each zone coordinator and fire chiefs from across the County, to discuss fire training development, interoperable communication issues, mutual aid and any outstanding issues or concerns that might need to be addressed in the fire community. Each meeting was set-up through the deputy fire and zone coordinator by area of representation. Thank you to everyone who participated in these meetings. OES plans to continue yearly meetings as a way to obtain feedback from the fire community.

## Q & A About NIMS Training

**Q: Is the NIMS Training Program just for firefighters and law enforcement officers?**

*A: No, the training is intended for all personnel who are directly involved in emergency management and response. This includes all emergency services related disciplines such as EMS, hospitals, public health, fire service, law enforcement, public works/utilities, skilled support personnel and other emergency management response, support and volunteer personnel. This training is intended to aid people who don't usually work together or even know each other to seamlessly respond to and recover from a disaster either natural or man-made.*

**Q: Who should take NIMS and ICS training?**

*A: Everyone involved in emergency management (to include emergency operation center personnel in support of the field), regardless of discipline or level of government, should take the NIMS baseline curriculum courses (Independent Study-700 and ICS-100). Incident command occurs in the field; therefore, the NIC recommends that only individuals with a command and general staff role take advanced ICS courses. Fulfilling the training associated with this plan helps emergency management organizations, departments and agencies to develop preparedness capabilities for effective and efficient incident management. As a result, trained emergency responders are available as mutual aid to support incident management in other jurisdictions, if requested. The NIMS Training Program should sustain a personnel qualification system that is coordinated, maintained and meets the needs of the emergency management community.*

**Q: Which courses are recommended for Elected and appointed officials?**

*A: Elected and appointed officials should have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities for successful emergency management and incident response. To that end, it is vital that elected and appointed officials understand and receive NIMS training. Therefore, FEMA recommends the following training for senior elected and appointed officials:*

- G-402 Incident Command System (ICS) Overview for Executives/Senior Officials
- G-191 Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface

**Take a on-line course:** <http://goo.gl/vUHD0X>



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Event proceeds to directly benefit the funding of the Toys for Tots Christmas gift distribution for the Capital Region Chapter.



The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver a Christmas message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact SSGT Patrick M. Lurenz USMC at 518-698-2560 or [Pat@toysfortotsalbanyny.com](mailto:Pat@toysfortotsalbanyny.com) for more information.



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