



OFFICE OF THE  
**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**  
OF SARATOGA COUNTY

40 MCMASTER STREET  
BALLSTON SPA, NEW YORK 12020  
(518) 884-4742  
FAX (518) 884-4723

**STEVE BULGER**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**RIDGE HARRIS**  
DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**MATTHEW ROSE**  
MANAGEMENT ANALYST

**AUDRA M. HEDDEN**  
CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**November 4, 2021**

Contact: Christine Rush, Director of Public Relations

Phone: 518-884-4748

**SARATOGA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PARTNERS WITH SARATOGA COUNTY EMS COUNCIL TO  
HOST FREE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) COURSE FOR U.S. MILITARY VETERANS**

**Saratoga County, NY**--- Registration is open for U.S. Veterans seeking to get their Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification.

The Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is partnering with Saratoga County EMS Council to host a **free** EMT certification and professional development course for U.S. Military Veterans. This is the third year the organizations have teamed up to provide this training.

The course will be held at the Saratoga County Public Safety Building in Ballston Spa, NY and will be taught by Saratoga County EMS instructors, most of whom are Veterans themselves.

The curriculum follows the New York State Department of Health Bureau of EMS certification program. Classes start December 14th and meet two nights a week for six months. To participate in the program, applicants must have served in the military and must submit a DD-214.

Carl Zeilman, Commissioner of the Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services said, "We are proud to once again partner with the Saratoga County EMS Council to offer this free course to our military veterans. This course provides an excellent opportunity for veterans who are looking for a meaningful way to transition back into civilian life and for those who are looking to build skills to enhance their current career."

"The Saratoga County Veteran EMT Program has been allowing Capital Region Veterans to continue their service, free of charge since 2015. The program was started as a path to give Veterans meaningful employment in an industry that mirrors the Military. We have found that this course is a great transition tool for those just coming out of the service or having a difficult time transitioning to the civilian world. Incorporating these individuals into emergency services provides the Veterans with a way to continue their service after they have hung up their fatigues." Russ Coonradt, OIF/OEF Veteran and Course Instructor Coordinator.

Course alumni, and New York Army National Guard, Sgt. Matthew Catlin said, "This has proven to be a life changing resource for me, which I still use to this day. This EMT course offers something others cannot, it's a course that builds off of something that is already there on the first day; a bond through Military service, not only students but instructors as well. As a Veteran, more often than not, you feel an instant connection with other Veterans."

For more course information, please contact: Russell Coonradt at [emtveteran@gmail.com](mailto:emtveteran@gmail.com). To register, visit [www.saratogaems.org/register](http://www.saratogaems.org/register).

###

Enclosed: Event flyer

# FREE Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certification Course

BEING OFFERED TO

# MILITARY VETERANS

BY SARATOGA COUNTY EMS COUNCIL



## EMT COURSE DETAILS:

- This 6 month course will begin on December 14th at the Saratoga County Public Safety building in Ballston Spa. Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1900 to 2200.
- Classes will be taught by EMS professionals, who are also military veterans.
- Curriculum will follow the New York State Department of Health Bureau of EMS certification program.
- Applicants must follow the link below to apply for the course, a DD-214 for proof of service will be required.
- The course will also include professional development such as; support and counseling referrals, as well as career consulting including resume building and interview preparation
- Students will have access to Veteran employment resources such as the Veteran's Business Council of the Saratoga County Chamber

**Apply online:**

<https://saratogaems.org/register/>

**For more course information, please contact:**

Russell Coonradt via email at [emtveteran@gmail.com](mailto:emtveteran@gmail.com)



## A CAREER IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE

EMTs are clinicians, trained to respond quickly to emergency situations regarding medical issues, traumatic injuries and accident scenes.

A career in emergency medicine opens up so many doors and opportunities.

“Becoming an EMT gives veterans an opportunity to continue their service. They have the ability to exchange one uniform for another, in a career field that has many similarities to the U.S. Military.” says **Russell Coonradt, EMT and Navy Corpsman.**