



ULSTER COUNTY NEWS

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Emergency Services Week Proclaimed In Ulster County

David B. Donaldson, Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature joins Legislator Frank Dart, Chairman of the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee in proclaiming May 20 – 26, 2007, as Emergency Services Week in Ulster County, in recognition of all those engaged in emergency medical services activities and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Each year residents and visitors to Ulster County may require emergency medical care for traumatic injuries, burns, poisoning, spinal cord injuries, heart attacks, and other critical medical emergencies.

Emergency care personnel, including Emergency Medical Dispatchers, First Responders, First Aiders, Emergency Medical Technicians, paramedics, Nurses, and Physicians, whether volunteers or paid personnel, give selflessly of themselves for the welfare of others.

The citizens of Ulster County benefit from the knowledge, skills and dedication of these Emergency Medical Services Specialists, as they work together to ensure prompt and appropriate treatment at the scene, on the way to the hospital, and in the emergency department.

New York has a wide range of emergency medical providers, including local first responder units, first aid and rescue squads, ambulance services, mobile intensive care programs, a helicopter EMS response program, specialty burn care, a poison information and education center, designated trauma centers and other vital services that have the potential to save lives and reduce disabilities of the critically ill or injured in our community.

Advances in emergency medical care have increased the number of lives saved every year in New York and in Ulster County.

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It is important for the citizens of Ulster County to know about our emergency medical service system, including what to do in a medical emergency and whom to call, and to benefit from reminders about ways to prevent emergencies from happening.

There are 20 ambulance squads and 25 first responding fire departments in Ulster County who handled 22, 314 calls for medical help in the 2006 calendar year and continues to improve upon its Emergency Medical Service System in order to assure all citizens the highest standards of emergency care