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Orange County Executive Neuhaus recognizes National EMS Week

County to host annual EMS awards ceremony during the week of recognition

Goshen, N.Y. – Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus is proud to recognize local first responders during National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, which is May 21-27.

“Our dedicated EMS agencies, both volunteer and commercial, serve Orange County with commitment and pride every day,” Neuhaus said. “We are grateful for their dedication and I think that it’s important that they are recognized for all they do to keep us safe. These men and women are ready 24/7 to provide care, which is often lifesaving, to our residents.”

EMS Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who provide day-to-day lifesaving and medical services wherever and whenever needed. It also seeks to celebrate, unify and inspire the men and women of emergency medical services communities across the nation. EMS Week is celebrated in partnership with EMS STRONG, an annual campaign designed to unite and inspire emergency medical services (EMS) personnel and to strengthen the profession on a national level.

The Orange County Emergency Medical Services Council will hold its annual EMS awards ceremony during the week. The event is set for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23 at the County’s Emergency Services Center in Goshen. At the reception, selected dedicated individuals and EMS agencies who have worked tirelessly over the past year will be honored.

These honorees are nominated by colleagues and peers who are aware of the individuals and agencies that have exhibited special or extraordinary service during the past year. The recipients of our county awards are forwarded to the Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council and are eligible for further nomination to the New York State Health Department Bureau of EMS Awards given in October at the New York State Vital Signs Conference.

This year's award winners are:

Basic Life Support Provider of the Year: Kevin Smith

Advanced Life Support Provider of the Year: Nicholas Gardner

Harriet C. Weber Leadership Award: Andrew C. LaMarca

Agency of the Year: New Windsor Ambulance

“We all look forward to celebrating National EMS week and embrace everything that ‘EMS Strong’ stands for,” said Frank Cassanite, Orange County’s Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Services/Division of EMS. “For us, ‘EMS Strong’ is motivating and encouraging, and reminds us that the residents of Orange County trust us with their safety and well-being.”

The dedicated and hard-working volunteer EMS agencies of Orange County are always looking for additional help. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, call the Orange County Division of Medical Services at 615-0400.

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