

NIAGARA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

JANUARY-MARCH 2026

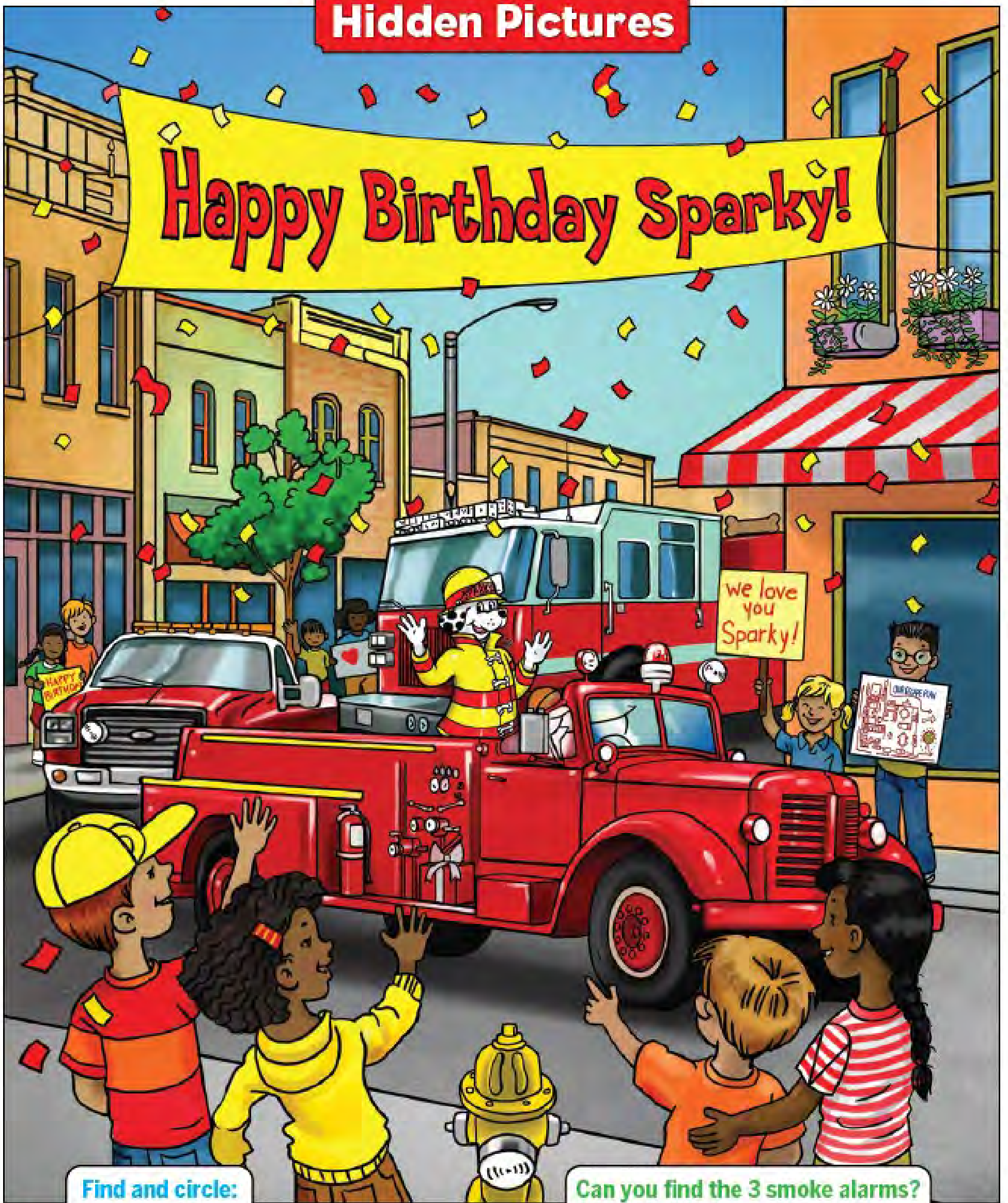
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**Happy 75th
Birthday,
Sparky!**



Hidden Pictures

Happy Birthday Sparky!



Find and circle:

Can you find the 3 smoke alarms?

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Kids

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NY CARES UP

Strengthening Resiliency & Wellness
for Uniformed Personnel



LAW ENFORCEMENT



FIREFIGHTERS



EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES



MILITARY VETERANS



CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS



EMERGENCY COMMS CENTERS

In January 2026, Niagara County Emergency Services became the proud recipient of the 2026-2027 CARES UP grant. This was a highly competitive grant awarded to only 15 out of 60 applicants. This grant comes from the NYS Office of Mental Health's Suicide Prevention Center (OMH SPCNY) and the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene (RFMH).

What CARES stands for:

- Changing the conversation
- Awareness
- Resilience
- Empower peers
- Skills building/suicide prevention for **Uniformed Personnel**

The goal of CARES UP is to promote organizational and cultural change that supports the mental health and wellness of uniformed personnel in New York State. CARES UP takes a focus to BUILD UP the leadership for five different types of emergency services: Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Emergency Management Services, Corrections Officers and Veterans.

Niagara County Emergency Services continued efforts to mental wellness within the County EMS division will benefit tremendously as this funding will bring opportunities of more training classes to strengthen peer support.

Thank you, OMH SPCNY and RFMH, for the award!

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE

24/7 CALL, TEXT, CHAT

3

Are you or someone you know in
crisis?
Don't hesitate, seek help today!

INSPIRATION



Take 5-minutes, just FIVE MINUTES...
Click this link and take a brief moment to bring pause, quiet reflection, and feel “seen”. It’s okay to take a moment to rest and refuel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8egTTr2fM6g>

Director Schultz Delivers Key-Note Speech at NCLEA Graduation

Fire Coordinator and Emergency Services Director Jonathan Schultz and his team at NCEA would like to extend their sincerest congratulations to the 85th graduating class of the Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy.

Fire Coordinator Schultz delivered the key note address at the Graduation, highlighting the importance of the relationships between First Responders and Law Enforcement, stating that “the badge on your chest represents authority, but it also represents responsibility- to your community, to your fellow officers, and to the First Responders standing beside you. Firefighters, EMT’s, dispatchers- we are your partners.”

Schultz continued in his speech, painting the picture of partnership he has experienced in his 30 some years in the Fire Service,

“Now, some of you might be wondering why a Fire Coordinator is standing up here on your graduation day. After all, you wear a different uniform. You train differently. You’ll respond to different calls. But, make no mistake, what we do is deeply connected. When the tones drop at three in the morning, when chaos breaks loose, when someone’s worst day is unfolding in real time—we are often rolling toward the same scene. Different tools. Same Mission.”

“As Fire Coordinator, I’m proud to stand here today and welcome you— not just into a profession, but into a shared calling. We will stand beside you on scenes you’ll never forget. We will rely on you. And when the day comes that you need us, we will answer that call without hesitation, because that’s what this is about – Service, Sacrifice, Commitment.”

The Veteran Fire Coordinator delivered his closing remarks with his congratulations, and a reminder to stay safe, “Stay safe, watch out for one another. And welcome to the watch.”



Congratulations to the Graduates of the 85th Class of the Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DRILL

On March 13th, our EMS Crews were invited to participate in a Simulated Emergency Preparedness Drill in conjunction with local Law Enforcement, Volunteer Fire, and EMS agencies across Niagara County at Niagara Wheatfield's Middle and High Schools.

The scenario was simulated to give our First Responders an opportunity to test their response to an evolving crisis, with NWCSD Superintendent Daniel Ljiljanich noting to a local reporter that the exercise was the "most complex" he has seen.

Director Schultz and EMS Division Manager Tom Eggert were on scene along with NCEMS Paramedics and EMT's, and were able to take away valuable insight from the Emergency Preparedness Drill. Please note, no students were present on campus and no real-life injuries or harm took place during the exercise.

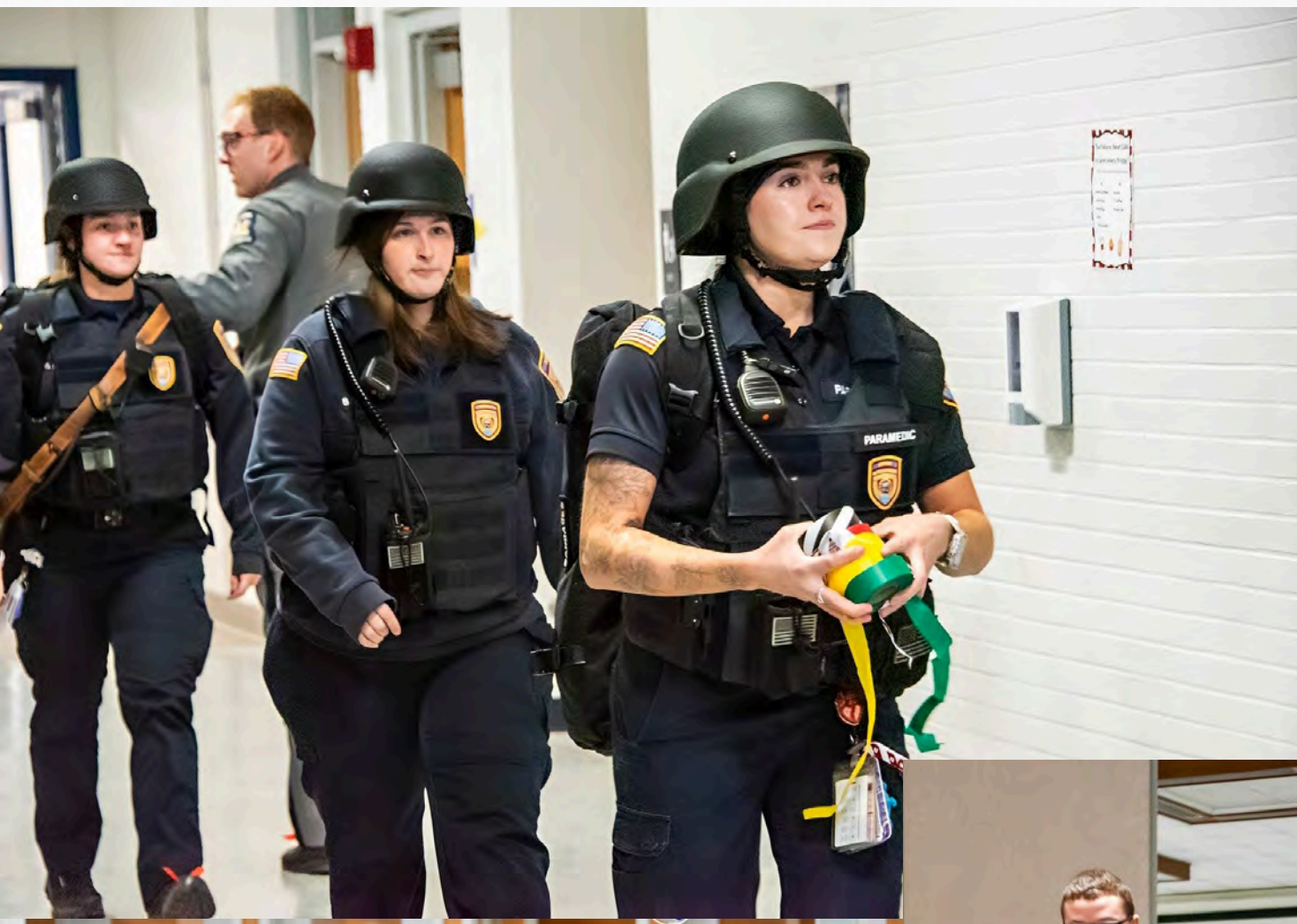
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EMERGENCY PREPARDNESS DRILL



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**MARCH 16 -
MAY 14**

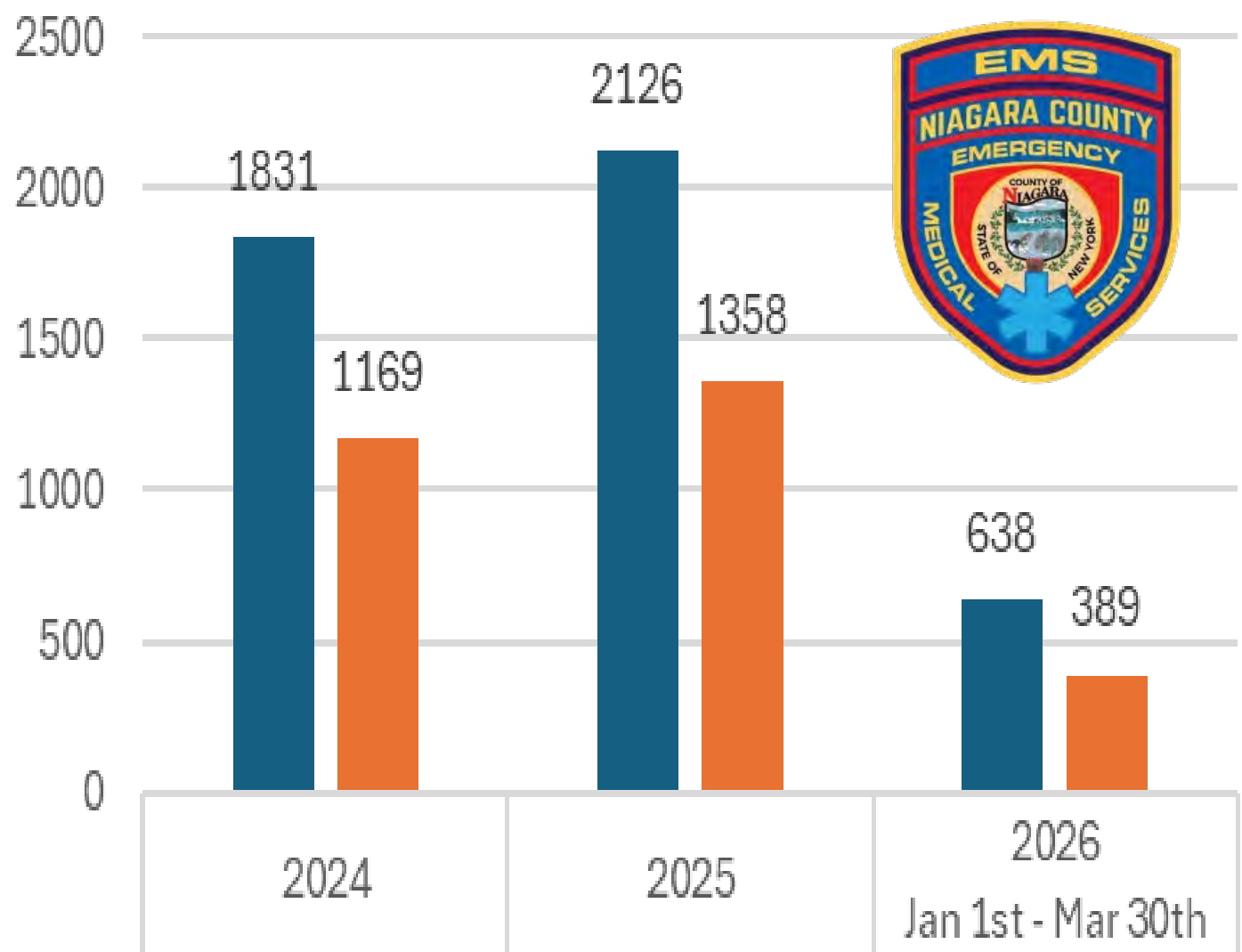
***SPRING BURN
BAN IN EFFECT***



 WHAT IS ALLOWED	 WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED
<p>Recreational Fires for Cooking Contained cooking fires under 3 ft high and 4 ft wide</p>	<p>Open Brush Burning No burning of leaves, brush, or yard waste</p>
<p>Fire Pits with Fireguards Only with fireguards and a maintained safe size</p>	<p>Wood Piles of Logs No burning wood for waste disposal</p>
<p>Charcoal Grilling Charcoal may be used for food preparation</p>	<p>Paper or Cardboard Burning Burning of Paper or Cardboard waste is banned</p>
<p>Approved Barbecue Grills Portable propane or gas grills</p>	<p>Construction Debris Burning No burning of construction waste</p>
<p>Propane Fire Products Portable propane or gas grills</p>	<p>Any uncontained Fire No uncontained fires of ANY materials</p>

For full rules: <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental.../air-quality/open-burning>

Niagara County EMS Response Data



■ Total Requests	1831	2126	638
■ Total Transports	1169	1358	389

NCEMS Hosts Leadership Niagara

Niagara County Emergency Services was happy to host Leadership Niagara in conjunction with the Niagara County Sheriff's Office on Thursday, March 12th.

EMS Division Manager Tom Eggert and Paramedic Supervisor Michael Carroll provided an overview of Niagara County EMS Operations, as well as equipment overviews and apparatus tours. Eggert and Carroll delivered an in-depth explanation of our supplemental service and great work being done here in Niagara County alongside our great Volunteer Fire Service.







Thank you, Seven Brew-Lockport, for choosing us on a test run for high volume drink order and delivering to NC Emergency Services!

Can't wait for grand opening in Lockport this April!



RECRUIT NY



From 1998 to 2021, New York's volunteer firefighters numbers dropped 32%, while calls increased 29%.

April 18-19, 2026 is RecruitNY, where fire companies open up their halls to show the community their trucks, have hands-on gear demos and safety activities for families, in the hopes of sparking an interest to join the fire company and protect the community. Check your local fire department to see when their open house is.

But you don't have to wait until then to join, if you're interested in protecting your community now don't hesitate to reach out to your local fire company! Firefighters and EMS volunteers are needed everywhere!



**IS THERE A
FIRE IN YOU?**

Upcoming Events:



Adams Fire Company

BBQ CHICKEN & RIBS

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH
7113 NASH RD

\$16 INCLUDES CHICKEN OR RIBS, BUTTER POTATOES, COLESLAW & ROLL

DRIVE THRU PICK UP FROM 12PM - SOLD OUT

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
CALL: 716-692-3212 TO PREORDER

ALL PROCEEDS TO HELP THE ADAMS FIRE COMPANY



ADAMS FIRE COMPANY FUNDRAISER

Thursday, April 23rd, 2026
Time: 6-9pm

Location: Fattey Beer Co., Wurlitzer
908 Niagara Falls Blvd Suite 105,
North Tonawanda, NY 14120



COME OUT AND SHOW YOUR Support



Barker Fire Department
1660 Quaker Road • Barker, NY 14012

SPORTSMANS RAFFLE

SUNDAY, MAY 17th, 2026
Doors open at Noon / Food served at 12:30

MAIN PRIZES
(Need Not Be Present to Win)

- \$200 Cash
- Savage Axis 7mm-08 or \$400
- Mossberg 500 12ga or \$458
- Taurus 856 .38sp Revolver or \$360
- \$250 Cash
- Rugar 10/22 or \$259
- Savage Axis 30-06 or \$341
- Goyojo Thermal Monocular 256x192 or \$349
- Springfield Hellcat 9mm-Package or \$560
- \$300 Cash
- Henry Classic .22lr Lever Action or \$299
- Kimber 1911 .45acp or \$560
- Stoeger STR-9 9mm pistol or \$259
- Smoker
- \$350 Cash
- Escort 20ga Shotgun or \$259
- Ammo Package (555=.22lr/500=9mm/200=.223) or \$316
- Glock 43x 9mm or \$358
- \$400 Cash (IF PRESENT \$500 Cash)

\$25 per Ticket
includes One (1) Entry, Food, Beer & Pop

Barker Fire Department Sportsman Raffle 2026
~ DOOR PRIZE ~
(Must be present to win)
Henry Golden Boy .22lr

Floor Raffle (Must be present to win)

- 5 Main Tickets (2 Winners)
- Meat Package
- Escort Bulltac 12ga shotgun or \$200
- Henry Golden Boy .22lr or \$440
- \$250 Home Depot Gift Card
- FMK 9C1-G2 9mm pistol or \$200
- Meat Package
- MYSTERY GUN or \$800

50/50 - 70/30 & Other Floor Raffles

For Tickets...CALL/TEXT
Alan: 716-628-6580 or Edwina: 716-795-3175
or stop by Barker Fire Dept any Thursday 6pm-8pm

Guns provided by GMFIREARMS LLC
Phone: 518-729-8049 / Email: gmfirearms@gmail.com

Posters Courtesy of... **Kax Solutions & Services**
3976 Lockport Olcott Road • Wrights Corners Plaza Lockport, NY 14094
716-514-4567 • info@kaxsolutions.com

Upcoming Events:

Bergholz Fire Company

MEAT RAFFLE

SATURDAY MAY 30, 2026

LOCATION: SANBORN FIRE COMPANY



SCAN ME

\$12 presale
\$15 at the door
\$100 to reserve a table of 8

50/50, SIDE RAFFLES & MUCH MORE

For tickets contact Jennifer Wittkowsky @ (716) 430 - 3763

HARTLAND FIRE CO. SPRING SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT NOON

★ **SPECIAL DRAWING** ★
MARLIN 1895 GUIDE 45-70 STAINLESS STEEL LEVER ACTION RIFLE

\$25 DONATION = 1 CHANCE AT SPECIAL DRAWING
EXTRA TICKETS: \$5 EACH OR \$20 FOR 5

🎁 **DOOR PRIZE** 🎁
CAST IRON COOKING PACKAGE
"EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO COOK BUT THE MEAT!"

🍷 **FOOD & DRINKS**
Beer • Pop • Water • Food Provided
Plenty of Side Raffles

📞 **FOR TICKETS**
Kim: 607-661-0456 | James: 716-715-5733
Carleen: 716-480-9188



Rumble On The Ridge Truck and Tractor Pull

Main Event Starts at 6:00PM
Stock Pulls Starts at 11:00AM



Pull what you brought at 11AM
Western New York Pro Pullers at 6PM

Concession will be available
8945 Ridge Rd
Gasport, NY 14067
\$20 per Adult
12 and Under Free
See Facebook event for more information
Rumble On The Ridge Tractor Pull

July 25th 2026

Upcoming Events:

Rapids Volunteer Fire Co.



June 13th, 2026

2pm - 7pm

\$20 donation per ticket

Ticket includes admission, a chance to win the 52 main ticket prizes, food, and refreshments.

**All firearms are supplied by:
Escarpment Arms, INC
3580 Lockport Olcott Rd
Lockport, NY 14094**

Need not be present to win!

Raffle to be held at 7195 Plank Road Lockport NY 14094

TERRY'S CORNERS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

SPRING RAFFLE

1. Golf Cart or \$5,000 Cash	6. 4 Pack of Season Tickets to Six Flags Darien Lake
2. Camping Package	7. Chainsaw
3. Fishing Charter	8. His and Her Golf Club Sets
4. 36" Black Stone Grill	9. Kayak
5. PlanterBoxDirect.com Package	10. Outdoor Porch Swing

10 MAIN PRIZES
SIDE RAFFLES AT THE PARTY

FREE PARTY APRIL 12, 2026
12:00-4:00pm TICKET HOLDERS ONLY

DONATION: \$20.00
Only 1000 tickets sold, 1st come 1st serve
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

*Please make checks payable to TERRY'S CORNERS VFC
Proceeds to benefit the purchase of
NEW EQUIPMENT*

For more information contact
Stephen Baes (716) 522-2369

WENDELVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

LobsterFest 2026

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 • 4 - 8 PM





Celebrating

★ **EMS** ★

Appreciation Week

Thank You to Our Everyday Heroes

★ **Niagara County Recognizes** ★
National EMS Week May 17th - 23rd, 2026

All Volunteer and Career First Responders
are invited to join us for a **Hot Dog Lunch:**

Tuesday, May 19th

at the **Public Safety Training Facility**

5574 Niagara St. Ext., Lockport, NY

11am-2pm & 7pm-10pm

Hosted by Emergency Services Director Jonathan Schultz,
Sheriff Michael Filicetti, and The Niagara County Legislature

Enjoy food, camaraderie, and appreciation
for your dedicated service!



★ *We Appreciate You!* ★

From the desk of the Fire Coordinator

As spring begins to make its long-awaited arrival in 2026, it's clear that winter isn't quite ready to let go. Warmer days are on the horizon, and before long, we'll all be enjoying the sunshine and renewed energy that comes with the season.

The first quarter of the year has been as busy as ever. Countywide call volume continues to rise, placing increasing demands on all of our responders. Here in the office, we are actively updating our Continuity of Operations Plans to ensure every department is prepared and resilient in the face of disaster.

We are also continuing to grow our CIST team, making sure mental health support is readily available for all responders and their families. You are not alone. Support is here, and it's okay to use it and talk about it. In the midst of these demands, please remember to take time to care for yourselves and your loved ones. Your community needs you, but most importantly your community needs a healthy you.

To show our appreciation to all EMS providers, please stop by the PSTF building for our annual *EMS Appreciation Cookout*. This year it will take place on Tuesday, May 19th. There will be two 3-hour time slots this year. Please see our flyer in this newsletter. Come join us, meet some of our CIST members and take a moment to feel support! We appreciate ALL OF YOU!

The brotherhood and sisterhood across our county - and the way you consistently go above and beyond for our citizens and your fellow responders is just amazing.

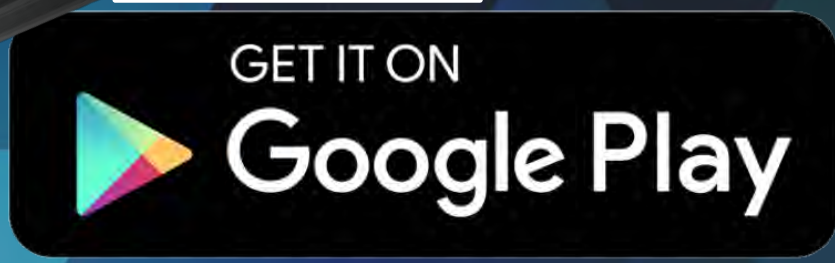
As we move forward through 2026 and the weather begins to improve, stay positive, keep your head held high, and continue looking out for one another. The challenges we face today are building the strength we will need for tomorrow.

Stay vigilant. Take care of yourselves and your families—and never give up.

Thanks for all you do,



Total App users 8,274 (and counting)



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PREPARE NIAGARA



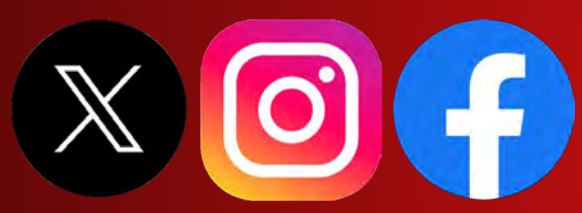
An app developed by our office to help communicate to the Niagara County community in the event of an emergency to keep the public safe and informed.

<https://apps.myocv.com/share/a58414094>

Our next newsletter will be going out on July 1, 2026. If you would like to have an article published please feel free to get into contact with us at NCEM@niagaracounty.gov and we will get everything put in accordingly. We kindly ask that all articles be received no later than **two week's prior** to the next newsletter (date listed above).

Thank you for all that you do.

Stay safe out there!



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