

NIAGARA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

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With continued Federal support through the Homeland Security Grant Program, the Niagara County Office of Emergency Services was able to purchase heavy duty barriers to increase our protection and security at soft targeted and crowded events. These mobile barriers will be deployed by the Sheriff’s office to protect vulnerable pedestrian areas during community festivals and other events throughout the county.

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The Niagara County Sheriff's Office invited our municipal leaders to come see the barriers, explain how they work, and make them aware that they will be available if they choose to request them for use at upcoming events in their jurisdiction.



We are very fortunate to have the Homeland Security Grant funding stream available for the public safety of Niagara County residents and our visitors. Purchases like these would be much more difficult to budget for and obtain.



FIRE RECRUITMENT MONTH

Jonathan Schultz, Director of Emergency Services and Fire Coordinator for Niagara County, led a press conference Tuesday, April 1st with local officials, volunteer and career firefighters, and volunteer EMS members to discuss the challenges of recruiting new members.

Niagara County ran a recruitment campaign throughout April to align with the Recruit NY Weekend run by the Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) that takes place the weekend of April 26-27. Fire companies across Niagara County are participated in the FASNY initiative.

NCEM utilized their Social Media platforms to highlight the different Volunteer Fire Agencies and opportunities throughout Niagara County in efforts to increase public awareness and recruitment.

Watch the Press Conference here via LCTV:

[Click here](#)



CON COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

THE BIG LAKES REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING AT NIAGARA COUNTY PSTF



On Monday, May 5th, the CON Committee of The Big Lakes Regional EMS Council (REMSCO) held a Public Hearing at the Niagara County Public Safety Building at 5574 Niagara Street Extension concerning the Certificate of Need application to Niagara County EMS Ambulance Service. The purpose of this hearing is to welcome the public to comment on the application before REMSCO votes on a permanent operation status to the Niagara County EMS Services. As part of Article 30 of the NYS Public Health Law, this is the final step in declaring a permanent operating certificate. After over one year since receiving a temporary operating certificate as a new ambulance service, people came to this hearing in full support in seeking a permanent status. With no oppositions from any of the commenters; Sheriff Filicetti, Legislator McKimmie, Director of Emergency Services and Fire Coordinator Jonathan Schultz, multiple local Fire Chiefs, EMS Chiefs, Deputy EMS Coordinator, and others spoke highly of the positive impact this service has proven to be for our volunteer emergency responders and to the overall safety ensuring quicker response to all Niagara County residents.





With no oppositions at the May Public Hearing, the next step in the process of the permanent CON application was for the Big Lakes Regional EMS Council members to cast their vote. On Wednesday June 18th 2025, the members of Big Lakes REMSCO approved the Niagara County EMS CON application with 21-ayes and 0-noes.



Andrew Knoell, Chair of Big Lakes REMSCO, congratulated Niagara County EMS Manager, Tom Eggert. The Council will present the motion to pass the application to NYS Department of Health – Bureau of Emergency Medical Services to receive the official certificate as a permanent EMS agency.

A big thank you to everyone that supported us during this 4-year journey. Congratulations, Niagara County Emergency Medical Services!



NATIONAL EMS WEEK

NIAGARA COUNTY APPRECIATES THEIR FIRST RESPONDERS



NCEMS hosted an appreciation lunch open to all First Responders on Tuesday, May 20th in celebration of National EMS Week. Several First Responders attended from Local Volunteer and Career agencies. Director Schultz and [Sheriff Michael Filicetti](#) were joined by Legislators McKimmie, Nemi, Godfrey, Myers, and Abbott to cook, serve and convey their thanks to our everyday community heroes. Director Schultz and the team at NCEMS would like to thank our Sponsors who make this event possible:

[Tops Friendly Markets](#)

[Wegmans](#)

[Pellicano's Marketplace](#)

[Hoover's Dairy](#)

Niagara County Law Enforcement Foundation



NIAGARA COUNTY TECHNICAL RESCUE TEAM

SWIFT WATER RESCUE AND ROPE RESCUE

The Niagara County Technical Rescue Team along with members from Lewiston Fire Company #1, Youngstown Fire Company, and New York State Park Police conducted water rescue and rope rescue training on Thursday, June 5th at the Lewiston Sand Docks.

The New York Naval Militia along with local, state, and federal law enforcement also conducted training in the Lower Niagara River Thursday as a part of the “Empire Challenge.”

A special thanks to Deputy Fire Coordinator Dan Leven and Technical Rescue Deputy Coordinator Scott Seib on all of their work to conduct and assist in the coordination of this drill, which will serve as part of the Technical Rescue Team accreditation.





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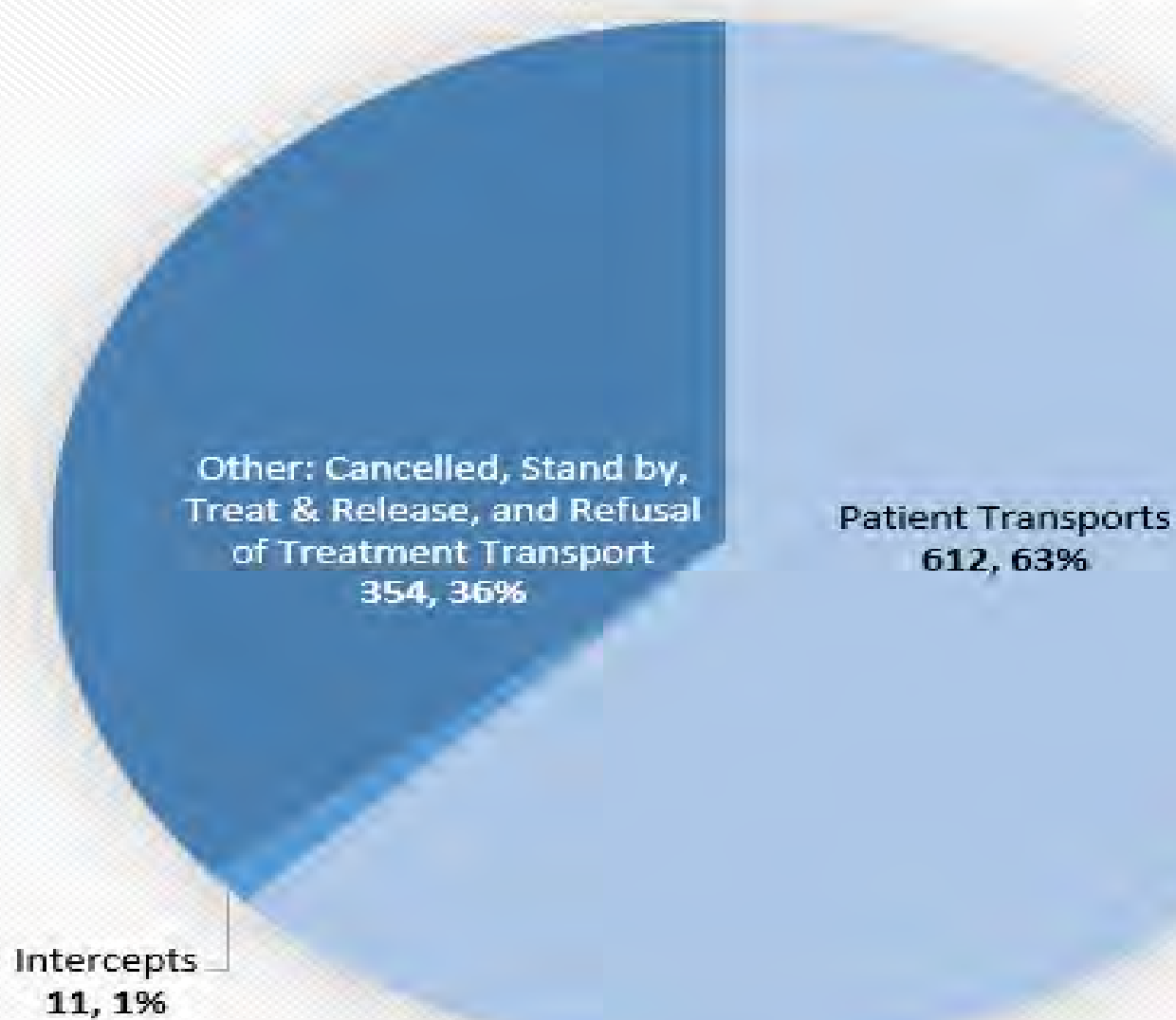
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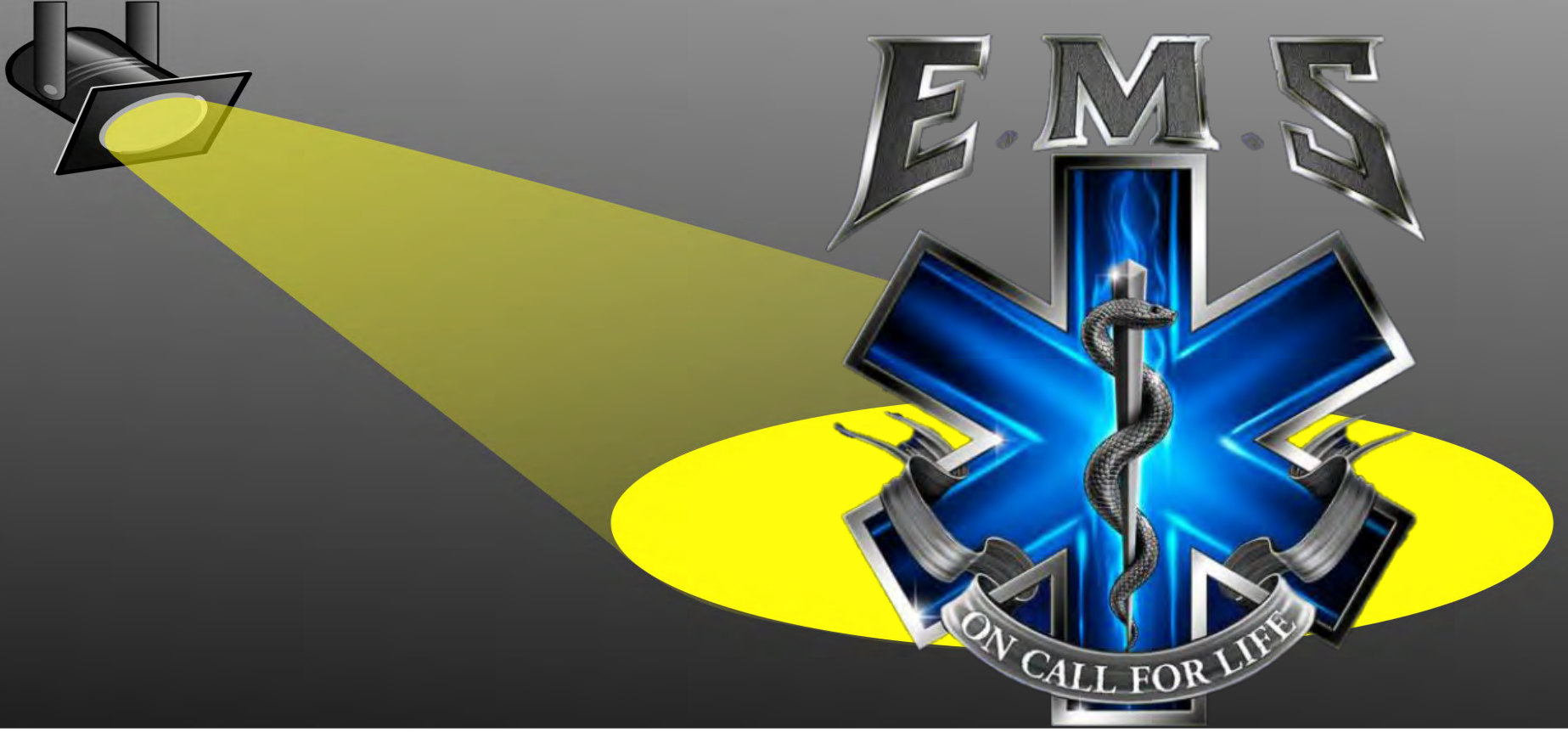


Niagara County EMS Data

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total
2023 Total Requests				52	52
2024 Total Requests	381	426	520	504	1831
Requests for Service as of June 23, 2025	524	453	0	0	977
Patient Transports	347	265			612
Intercepts	5	6			11
Other	172	182			354

2025 Year-to date EMS Data





Director Greenberg along with Branch Chief Mager from [NYSDOH - New York State Health Department](#) Bureau of Emergency Medical Services paid a visit to Niagara County Emergency Services on June 6th.

The visit came as part of Director Greenberg's initiative to check in with agencies throughout the state in efforts to continually make improvements to the State EMS system. Our team was able to provide an overview and tour of Niagara County EMS with a deep dive into operations and the service being provided to our community. Our crews on duty were able to speak with Director Greenberg and Chief Mager, providing insightful feedback of EMS in Niagara County as a whole.

The team at NCEMS appreciates the time and support of our partners at the [NYS Bureau of EMS](#). Thanks for stopping by!





It’s that time of the year again, Fair Season! The Niagara County Office of Emergency Management will be at the Niagara County Fair in the Merchant’s Building. Stop by our table to learn more about the fire service and EMS and how YOU can help! Just like previous years, we’ll be doing our Child ID’s, firefighter water gun game, and our Find Sparky Scavenger hunt! The lucky winner of the scavenger hunt will get a ride to school in a fire truck! Maybe Sparky, or Patches and Pumper will stop by!

Child ID’s and the water gun game will be available Wednesday-Friday from 10am-6pm.

If you’re the Chief of a Fire or EMS Company, we have sign up spots for volunteers that can also be used as a recruitment opportunity! Contact Chelsea Collett at Chelsea.Collett@niagaracounty.gov if interested!



Join us at the Niagara County Fair

The Niagara County Office of Emergency Management will be providing **FREE** child identification cards

Wednesday July 30th 10am-6pm

Thursday July 31st 10am-6pm

Friday August 1st 10am-6pm



****Disclaimer****

This ID card will not be uploaded into a public database. They are for your own personal use only.

UPCOMING EVENTS



*Frontier Volunteer Fire
Company*

FIREMAN'S PASTA DINNER

\$20.00: PASTA, SALAD, ROLL
BEER AND POP INCLUDED
BASKET RAFFLE: TICKETS- 1 SHEET \$5, 5 FOR 20\$

A Benefit for Firefighter
Rob Cornelius



JULY 19TH, 2025
3PM TO 9PM

Join us for our benefit for Firefighter Rob
Cornelius. Rob is suffering from Stage 3
SRCC of the esophagus. All profits will
go to him and his family.

CONTACT FOR TICKETS
ALAN PERRY (CHIEF): (716)930-1109
DENISE MORREALE (TREASURER): (716)622-6324

Celebrate the Worlds Oldest Working Fireboat! **125TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY**



Saturday, September 20th
1:00 - 6:00 pm

Buffalo Riverfest Park
249 Ohio St, Buffalo, NY 14204

Beverages & Food Included

Tickets: \$30.00

To get tickets please visit
www.emcotterconservancy.org
Or Scan Here



UPCOMING EVENTS



TERRY'S CORNERS VOL. FIRE CO. INC. PRESENTS

SUMMER SIZZLER 2025

TWO DAY SHOW • FREE ADMISSION

FRIDAY
JULY 18TH

GATES OPEN
AT 6PM



WWW.90WEST.COM

SATURDAY
JULY 19TH
GATES OPEN AT 4PM



COVERSHOT
THAT 80'S HAIR BAND

FOOD TRUCKS • LIVE MUSIC

BEER TENT • RAFFLES

\$100 DONATION INCLUDES

VIP TENT & 20K CASH RAFFLE

TERRY'S CORNERS IS 5 MILES EAST OF LOCKPORT ON RT.77

From the desk of the Fire Coordinator

Summer has finally arrived and wow is it hot, no complaints though as it's a short season and we all need to enjoy it! There's no better time than now to get out and enjoy family fun, summer cookouts and catch some much-deserved relaxation.

It certainly has been an exciting time here in Emergency Services. Just last week, NCEMS had their operating certificate brought to a vote at the Regional EMS Council and the vote for a full CON passed unanimously 21-0. CONGRATS NCEMS! I would like to thank Tom and everyone who worked to get this historic achievement completed for our citizens of Niagara County. I would also like to thank the Niagara County Legislature and the County Manager for their support to get to this point and for their continued support into the future.

I personally would like to thank all our Niagara County first responders for continually going above and beyond to provide the best service to our community. It takes the dedication of committed responders like yourselves to always be there in the time of need for our neighbors and friends at their worse time. As responders, you are committed to excellence for your community, never forget that and we thank you for that unwavering commitment.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Dan, Miranda, Bill, Lara, Tom and Chelsea for their commitment to Niagara County and all they do for you, our responders in Niagara County!! Thank You!! Remember don't let your guard down. Stay vigilant, take care of yourself and your families, and Never Give Up!

I hope everyone enjoys their summer and takes a few moments for yourself and your family!

Thanks for all you do,



Total App users 7,908 (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 October 1, 2025. 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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