



The Westchester County
Department of Emergency Services

TRAINING BULLETIN

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EMS Operational Spotlight: HAZMAT Operations for EMS

Course Description:

Although discussed in basic EMT school, many EMS providers have little to no experience with calls involving a hazardous material (HazMat). For those who have never been part of a scene requiring HazMat support, expectations of full Level A suits and decon showers may be disappointed. At the same time, some EMTs may have been on a call involving a HazMat and never realized it.

Join Jeff Meade, EMT-P/CIC, Assistant Team Leader of the Westchester County HazMat Team, in a discussion of what "real-world" HazMat incidents look like and the types of calls the county team routinely handles. This course will include topics such as recognizing when a HazMat is involved on a scene, proper defensive tactics, basic care for those affected by common hazardous materials, and how EMS may be asked to assist the HazMat team on call outs. Also reviewed will be reference materials available for use by EMS in a HazMat situation including medical management guidelines from the CDC and the free iPod application WISER.

This course may be applied toward EMS Operations or Elective CME hours under the NY State DOH EMS Continuing Education Recertification Program.

Date(s) / Time(s): Wednesday, February 29, 2012, 1900 - 2100

Targeted Audience: NY State Certified Emergency Medical Services Personnel

Program Location: Westchester County Department of Emergency Services Training Center
4 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY 10595

Program Cost: None

Registration: *Pre-registration is mandatory. **Walk-ins are not permitted. Class size is limited.***
Please visit <http://emergencyservices.westchestergov.com/training-classes>
or call (914) 231-1616

All students are to park in the lot adjacent to the Support Services Building at 35 Walker Rd.
(There is a stairway linking the parking lot directly to the training campus.)

Please refer all related questions to Katherine O'Connor, EMS Division
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