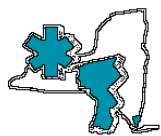


# Westchester Regional Emergency Medical Services Council



*We've  
Moved!*

The Westchester Regional EMS Council has officially moved into a new office.

The office is still located at the DES Training Center on 4 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY in a structure behind the main building.

When visiting, please stop in at the front office, and they will direct you to our new location.

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

Westchester Regional EMS Office  
(914) 231-1616

Westchester Regional EMS Fax  
(914) 231-1140

## **Westchester REMSCO Hosts 2002 EMS**

### **Appreciation Day**

On Friday August 30, 2002, the new Regional Council hosted the annual EMS Appreciation Day awards, honoring the Emergency Medical Service Providers of the Westchester Region. The awards ceremony and barbeque were held at Rye Playland, followed by an evening of rides and fireworks.

11 Unit Citations, 37 Meritorious Service awards, 2 EMD Citations, 65 EMS Citations, and 133 Lifesaving Awards were received!

**Congratulations to this  
years award recipients!**



## **REMAC CREDENTIALING**

Including both grand fathered and original applicants, the Westchester REMAC has credentialed 242 Paramedics, 36 EMT-Intermediates, and 88 Medical Control Physicians within the Westchester Region since May 1, 2002.

## **REMINDER!**

Your MAC credentialing will expire concurrent with your New York State EMS Certification. Please allow ample time to apply for Credentialing Renewal. All application, forms, and credentialing procedures are available on the regional website <http://www.wremSCO.org>. For further information or questions call 231-1616.

## **MEETINGS**

### **REMSCO (6:00pm)**

Thursday, November 21, 2002  
Thursday, January 16, 2002

### **REMAC (9:00am)**

Monday, October 21, 2002  
Monday, November 18, 2002  
Monday, December 16, 2002  
Monday, January 20, 2003

Meetings held at the Westchester County Dept. of Emergency Services 4 Dana Rd., Valhalla, NY, unless otherwise noted. Both meetings are open to the public, and providers are invited to attend and participate.

If your agency does not receive minutes of either the REMAC or REMSCO meetings and would like to, please contact Katherine O'Connor at (914) 231-1685 or [koc1@westchestergov.com](mailto:koc1@westchestergov.com).

## **PCRs**

The Westchester Regional staff would like to thank all agencies and their providers for your continued efforts and support during the transition and implementation of new State mandated PCR collection, correction, and tracking guidelines.

Please remember that PCRs serve not only as a legal medical document, but also as a vital tool for quality improvement (QI) and a direct link to meet the growing needs of the patients we serve. Be sure to document your assessment and all findings to the best of your ability.

## **PCR RETURNS**

As directed by the New York State Department of Health Bureau of EMS (NYS DOH BEMS), Westchester Regional staff will screen every PCR for the following data elements:

- 1) Date of Call
- 2) Presenting Problem
- 3) Agency Code
- 4) Location Code (Geo Code)

PCRs missing any of the above listed information are returned to the agency for correction and resubmission.

If you have any questions regarding Prehospital Care Reports, please contact Aimee Rubeo (914) 231-1682 or [aar5@westchestergov.com](mailto:aar5@westchestergov.com).

# EMS NEWS

## New York State Allows Extension for Schools to Have Defibrillators

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The passing of bill A10577 this spring requires certain public school facilities to retain on premises at least one functional Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

The act, which was mandated to start September 1, 2002, has been amended to allow schools that are unable to fully comply, an extension until December 1, 2002.

For more information and updates, visit the New York State Senate website. Click on Bills/Laws, and type in bill A10577 :

[www.senate.state.ny.us/](http://www.senate.state.ny.us/)

Additional information is available on the New York State Education Department search website. In the search box type in "Defibrillators in schools":  
[www.nysed.gov](http://www.nysed.gov)

## Department of Health Performing Surprise Ambulance Inspections

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The New York State Department of Health Bureau of EMS issued Policy Statement No. 02-03 Re: Inspections on May 8, 2002.

This policy supercedes/updates Policy Statement 89-05, and is a reminder that the "Department of Health is authorized to conduct full service inspections/surveys as well as individual vehicle inspections" as stipulated in the New York State Public Health Law (NYS PHL) § 3011.

### Vehicle Inspections

Inspections of EMS vehicles may be conducted by representatives of the DOH, anytime the vehicles are in service. This includes at the ER bay of a hospital.



A "Spot/Quick Check" attempts to verify twenty-four items of the required equipment listed in Part 800. Any ambulance found missing these minimum standards may be removed from service, and have a full vehicle inspection conducted.

### Ambulance Services

In addition to individual vehicle inspections, full service inspections will be done to ambulance services. Types of auditing performed may include:

- Personnel files, Training records
- Incident Reports
- Prehospital Care Reports (PCRs)
- Agency policies (including all required in Part 800.21(p) )
- HAZMAT, MCI, Mutual aid plans
- Ambulances
- Emergency Ambulance Service Vehicles (EASV)
- Facilities for proper storage
- Equipment (including all listed in Part 800.22-800.25)
- Vehicle check sheets and maintenance records
- Controlled Substances Licenses
- Quality Improvement Programs

For more information, visit the New York State Department of Health website. Click on Info for Providers, then Emergency Medical Services, then Bureau of EMS Policy Statements and SEMAC Advisories:  
[www.health.state.ny.us](http://www.health.state.ny.us)

## EMS EDUCATION

### CME Refresher Program

Richie Robinson from the NYSDOH BEMS will be holding 3 training sessions on the NYS Pilot CME refresher program. Check the REMSCO websites for announcement of dates and times.

[www.wremSCO.org](http://www.wremSCO.org)

If you would like to be part of the EMS e-mail training list, please send an e-mail to:  
[emsedu@westchetsergov.com](mailto:emsedu@westchetsergov.com)  
with your name, affiliation, and brief note requesting training e-mails.



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**Happy Halloween  
& Thanksgiving!**

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