

## Participating Squads:

Elizabethtown-Lewis EMS  
Essex Fire Department & Rescue  
Keene Valley Fire Department Ambulance  
Keene Volunteer Fire Department  
Moriah Ambulance Squad  
Schroon Lake Volunteer Fire Department  
Westport Fire District Emergency Squad  
Willsboro Fire Department

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## Message from the EMS Medical Director



Emergency medical response services are a significant contributor to community health and can sometimes be an indicator of the quality of healthcare services in the area. It is not only important for EMS members to be skilled at basic procedures, but to also be up-to-date on the latest information on the management of common, life threatening conditions.

I am excited to be a part of the local EMS system. My focus will be to

breakdown medical information and provide clinically useful tips to EMS members, as you are the first responders to medical emergencies. I am also trying to get first hand experience of the actual conditions faced during EMS calls. So far, I have had the opportunity to meet most of our members. Those who I have not met personally, please feel free to call or email me with any questions. I will appreciate any input on future topics for CME activities.

Keep up the good work!

Thank You,  
*Bharat Magu MD*

## A Note from the Administrator

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the *ECH-EMS Link* newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and find it very informative and helpful.

Over the past year, I have been meeting with area EMS and feel confident that we are strengthening relationships and communication with all of you. I plan to continue meeting with all squads in 2006 and thereafter. As well, I feel certain that Dr. Magu will be a valuable resource to squads as the EMS Medical Director. Although he has only been here a short time, he has quickly fit in, and is working hard to provide you with the training and assistance you need.

EMS services are a vital part of every community. As residents, we are lucky to have such dedicated individuals; as a hospital, we are very fortunate that EMS personnel are so well-trained and professional. Together, we strive to provide high quality healthcare to Essex County residents. Thank you for all you do to keep our communities healthy.

If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to seeing you in the future and wish you a Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

Respectfully yours,  
*Rodney C. Boula*

## ECH Update

### CT Scan Arrival

After months of construction and preparation, the CT scanner has been installed. A Certificate of Need has been filed with New York State and upon its approval (anticipated by the new year) we will be able to provide this high-tech diagnostic tool to patients. ECH radiologic technologists have been training for months at CVPH Medical Center to properly and effectively use the unit. Once the unit is fully operational, it will save patients the travel time and hassle of being referred to another facility. As well, we will be able to do emergency cases.

### ECH a Narcotics Site

ECH is considering filing the paperwork to be a contact and exchange site for narcotics. If your squad is interested in using ECH as a site, please contact Julie Tromblee at 873-3013.

### EMS on Hospital Website

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their squad or department information. Within the next couple of weeks, check out [www.ech.org](http://www.ech.org). On it, you will find a link to information about yours and other local EMS squads. ECH is providing this service to the community so they can get to know their local emergency team and understand all that you do for the community. If you have not yet sent in your information, there is still time. Please contact Kerry Haley, 873-3003 or [khaley@ech.org](mailto:khaley@ech.org)

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## Calendar of Events

**Teleconference schedule of Albany Medical Center CME program. All are broadcast in the ECH boardroom at 7p.m. and any interested EMS personnel are welcome to attend. Please call Julie Tromblee at 873-3013 if you plan to attend.**

### December

13<sup>th</sup> Pain Management  
Chest Pain-Acute Coronary Syndrome Treatment

14<sup>th</sup> Trauma in Pregnancy  
12 Lead EKG Basics

### January

10<sup>th</sup> Pharmacology  
Trauma Assessment  
18<sup>th</sup> Fracture Management  
Pediatric Assessment

### February

14<sup>th</sup> Cardiology  
TBA  
15<sup>th</sup> Pediatric Trauma  
Pediatric Toxicology  
Special Needs Children  
23<sup>rd</sup> Topic undecided

## Fun Facts

### THE NUMBERS

#### *Personnel in the US:*

567,221 Emergency Medical Technicians  
154,187 Paramedics  
127,876 First Responders  
180,000 The approximate number of medics working full-time in EMS

#### *Operations in the US:*

15,276 EMS Systems  
48,384 Credentialed EMS Vehicles

*Taken from: <http://www.acep.org/webportal/Advocacy/EMS/EMSWeek/default.htm>*

## Informational Links

For more EMS information, visit:

[www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/ems/main.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/ems/main.htm)  
<http://nyemtinfor.com>

 *Best wishes this holiday season!* 