

## Dutchess County Citizen's Advisory Committee for Emergency Medical Services

The Mission of the Dutchess County Citizen's Advisory Committee on Emergency Medical Services is to work in a collaborative manner with stakeholders, to facilitate a pre-hospital system based on the principals of being *Patient Centered, Consistent, Reliable, Affordable, and Sustainable*.

The over arching goal is to *Bridge the Past to the Future* for Emergency Medical Services with in Dutchess County.

The objectives for the Citizens Advisory Committee include, but are not limited to:

- Advocate for methods to develop a coordinated emergency medical services system based on the recommendations as defined in the Taskforce Report of 2017.
- Identify community and provider expectations for the delivery of EMS:
  - Do they expect an ambulance with trained personnel; what level of training (BLS, ALS)
  - Importance or value on the quality on the care provided
  - Identify local communities ability and/or desire to establish and maintain an effective EMS response that is equitable
- Provide education and guidance for local leaders and EMS providers on current laws, regulations, mission of EMS.
- Identify models for the improvement of the provision of EMS that may be feasible within Dutchess County:
  - Inclusive of regulatory considerations
  - Identify shared services opportunities
  - Review emergency medical services data
  - Review best practice standards
- Provide emergency medical service updates and recommendations to the Dutchess County Legislature, County leadership and local elected officials.
- Evaluate emergency medical service systems outside of Dutchess County and New York State by working with other state, regional, county , national , and community programs.
- Increase community awareness of the EMS system and EMS providers in Dutchess County.
- Identify the benefits, feasibility, and the process of establishing an Emergency Service Authority in Dutchess County