

TO: NYS Certified EMS Providers (CFRs, EMTs, AEMTs) Serving the Region

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SUBJECT: Volunteer EMS Opportunities for the 2010 Spiedie Fest and Balloon Rally

As you probably know by now, the Spiedie Fest and Balloon Rally, one of Broome County's premier family fun events, will return to Otsiningo Park on August 6, 7, and 8. We are very proud and excited to once again host this event at one of our outstanding County park facilities.

One of the most important support services needed to ensure a safe and healthy public event is adequate EMS coverage. While on-site ambulance coverage will be provided, additional EMS personnel are needed to staff the Emergency Healthcare Facility (first aid station), "Gator" patrols, and walking posts. Due to the expected high crowd density, we anticipate the need for a substantial number of EMS volunteers.

In the same way as last year, we are utilizing our on-line self-scheduling system for all EMS volunteers for the Spiedie Fest. Please use this link to the webform (<http://www.gbroomecounty.com/e911/spiedie-fest-ems-volunteer-form>), where you can sign-up, noting your day and time commitment(s) to provide EMS coverage. Please refer to the Events Schedule for the Spiedie Fest and Balloon Rally (link can be found on the self-scheduling form, or you can go there directly at: <http://www.spiediefest.com/>), if you are interested in volunteering during particular activities.

We are hoping to once again (as last year) provide uniform EMS T-shirts for you to wear while providing EMS coverage at the Spiedie Fest, but we do not yet have a sponsor's commitment for this. Please check your T-shirt size on the scheduling form, so that we can have it if we do get a sponsor to provide shirts. If you worked last year's event and still have your shirt, you are encouraged to wear it again this year. Otherwise, you are asked to wear your agency's EMS uniform (tee shirts or golf shirts are fine), or a "generic" EMS shirt if you don't have an agency uniform, or if your agency does not approve of this use of its uniform. **You must also wear your Regional EMS provider photo ID badge** (please contact the SREMS office at 607-634-4131 if you need to obtain or to update this).

Since less than two months remain before the Spiedie Fest, we ask that you schedule yourself on-line as soon as possible. During the days preceding the Spiedie Fest, you will receive a confirmation letter (by US Mail) listing the date(s) and time(s) to which you have been assigned, advising you where to park and report, and providing you with the necessary permit for free parking.

Please do not miss out on this opportunity to participate in what is sure to be a very memorable event! Please contact me at (607) 778-2184, or respond to this email with any questions you may have in this matter. **Also, please forward this message to any EMS colleagues who may be interested in this opportunity, as well.**

Thank you, in advance, for your kind attention and assistance in this important matter.

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