

## Course Announcement

### Monroe County EMS Special Operations Paramedic

Monroe County, in partnership with the University of Rochester Division of Prehospital Medicine, is offering a Special Operations Paramedic Course. This course is designed to take the experienced paramedic and provide a diverse understanding of special operations environments with the goal of creating a systematic means for the Special Operations Paramedic to evaluate and assess special operations training and response incidents for medical threats and devise and execute medical pre-plans in response to those threats.

The course will provide medical knowledge and familiarization with water, rope, confined space, trench rescue, collapse rescue, Hazmat, bomb, SCUBA and tactical teams in Monroe County with the intent of the graduate being eligible for consideration in the Monroe County Special Operations Response Team Medical Unit. However, in no way does taking the course indicate credentialing as a Monroe County Special Operations Paramedic, which among other requirements will mandate a background check by law enforcement and/or other agencies. Further, this course will not train the paramedic to the awareness, operations, or technician level of any of the specialty rescue disciplines. This course is specifically designed to prepare the Special Operations Paramedic to support these response teams in a medical capacity.

Course participants must be able to attend ALL sessions. Portions of the course will be eligible for Continuing Medical Education Credit.

Course Dates: April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14 (All Tuesdays)

Time: 8AM-5PM

Location: TBA

Dress: Sponsoring Agency Duty Uniform

Fee: There is no charge for this course.

Students will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, with consideration given to geographic and practice variability to assure an appropriate representation of Monroe County EMS Services are in attendance. Materials will be distributed in advance of the class to accepted students. There will be significant reading and assignments between class sessions.

**Paramedics must meet the Eligibility Requirements and complete and submit the application at the end of this packet for consideration. Deadline for applications is 5pm Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

## Course Eligibility Requirements

The following requirements must be met for entry into the Monroe County EMS Special Operations Course.

1. Must be at least 21 years of age.
2. Must be sponsored by an ALS certified EMS Agency operating in Monroe County.
3. Must have minimum of 3 years of cumulative experience in EMS at the level of Paramedic or equivalent.
4. Must be currently certified in at least American Red Cross/American Heart Association Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Healthcare Provider or equivalent.
5. Must be currently certified to the NYS Paramedic level.
6. Must have successfully completed ICS 100, 200, 700.
7. Must have taken at least once since initial Paramedic certification ALL of the following:
  - a. ACLS (or equivalent)
  - b. PALS (or equivalent)
  - c. ITLS/PHTLS (or equivalent)
8. Must be proficient in and actively practicing pre-hospital care at the level of a Paramedic on a regular basis.
9. Must be able to function safely at heights and on or around rubble.
10. Must be capable of improvising and functioning for long hours under adverse conditions.
11. Must maintain current inoculations for Diphtheria/Tetanus (or Tetanus only if there is a contraindication to Diphtheria), Hepatitis B, Measles/Mumps/Rubella (if born after 1957) and Polio.
12. The member and the sponsoring agency must attest that the member has no criminal, arson, or sexual predator convictions nor any professional license/certification suspension. Any areas of concern identified may result in disenrollment.
13. Must be physically fit according to the standards of the sponsoring organization and NYS DOH Policy Statement 00-10. There cannot be any physical or mental handicaps, limitations, or conditions which would preclude the ability of an individual to safely perform any required tasks.
14. Must be able to perform all of the following physical tasks:

#### Event 1: Confined Space Entry

Crawl through a tube 20 feet long and 22 inches in diameter by crawling from one end to the other, then reversing direction crawling backward to the point of origin.

#### Event 2: Ladder Climb

While attached to an overhead safety line ascend a 36-foot, secured, extension ladder at 75 degrees; touching the top rung with one hand and then descending back to the ground without stopping while going up or down the ladder.

#### Event 3: Equipment Carry

Lift a 50-pound box from an elevated surface, of not less than 3 feet high, and carry it in a walking carry for 200 feet without putting the box down and then returning the box to the starting point. Dropping the box also constitutes a failure of this test.

#### Event 4: Tool Carry

Lift a 48-pound hydraulic tool from an elevated surface, of not less than 3 feet high, and place it on the ground, then return the tool back to the lift gate. This procedure will be repeated ten times within a two minute time period.

#### Event 5: Balance Beam Walk

Walk the length of a 12-foot beam forward that is four inches wide unsupported and unassisted. Falling off or stepping from the beam constitutes a failure of this test.

**Monroe County EMS Special Operations Paramedic**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NYS EMT-P #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial the following:

- \_\_\_ I meet all course eligibility requirements as outlined in this application.
- \_\_\_ I can perform the physical tasks as described in this application.
- \_\_\_ I understand that course attendance does not imply credentialing as a Monroe County Special Operations Paramedic.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The above individual is an actively practicing paramedic and has the support of this sponsoring agency to attend the Monroe County EMS Special Operations Paramedic Course.

Sponsoring Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency Official: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Agency Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deliver to the Monroe County EMS Office at 1190 Scottsville Road, Suite 203**

**Or FAX to the Monroe County EMS Office at 585-753-3867**

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