

## Department of Emergency Services

The Department of Emergency Services (DES), plays a critical role in keeping Westchester safe. As part of its complex activities, the department helps local communities by assisting in the coordination of emergency management efforts, providing support with specialized emergency apparatus and other equipment, and offering extensive training opportunities for firefighters, EMT's and other first responders.

The DES training curriculum encompasses a wide range of courses ranging from basic firefighting and emergency management, to specialized courses in hazardous materials and blood-borne pathogens. Paid and volunteer first responders can register online for any classes offered at the facility. The department is comprised of four divisions: Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Fire Services, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Emergency Communications Center (60 Control). It is headed by Commissioner Anthony W. Sutton.

### Severe Weather

Hurricane Season is here. Are you Prepared?

Obtain information on hurricanes and other severe weather conditions that could hit Westchester.  
[Learn More Career Fire Academy](#)

The Career Fire Academy is a basic firefighter training program offered by Westchester County Emergency Services in collaboration with The New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control and the Career Fire Chiefs.

The 16 week intensive training program provides instruction in a classroom setting and practical skills training. [Learn More](#)

### Emergency Communications Center (60 Control)

The Emergency Communications Center commonly referred to as "60 Control" provides primary dispatch services for 42 fire departments and 18 EMS agencies in Westchester.

The center is staffed 24 hours, seven days a week to handle fire and EMS mutual-aid requests going in and out the county.

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### Emergency Medical Services(EMS)

The EMS division collaborates with local, regional and state agencies to enhance the effectiveness of the county's Emergency Medical Services system.

The department provides emergency preparedness training, mutual aid coordination and incident management assistance during large scale events.

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