

# Niagara County Emergency Services

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## The Final Countdown...

With only days away, have your plans in place for viewing the Solar Eclipse on April 8th. For more information, please visit the [Niagara County website](#). We encourage the use of 511NY for the most accurate traffic information to avoid certain areas. The [Prepare Niagara](#) app has a quick link for this, see page five of this newsletter.



Please be safe and wear proper solar eclipse viewing glasses.

# Please remember...

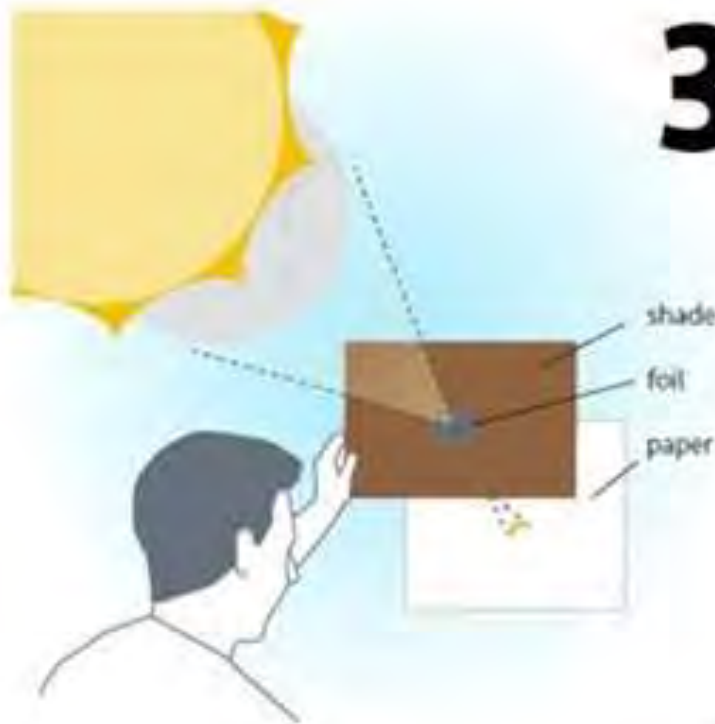


## **DRIVER SAFETY**

- **Do NOT wear solar eclipse glasses while driving**
- **Do NOT attempt to take pictures while driving**
- **DO pull over to a safe parking area for viewing with proper solar eclipse glasses**



# 3 ways to safely view an eclipse



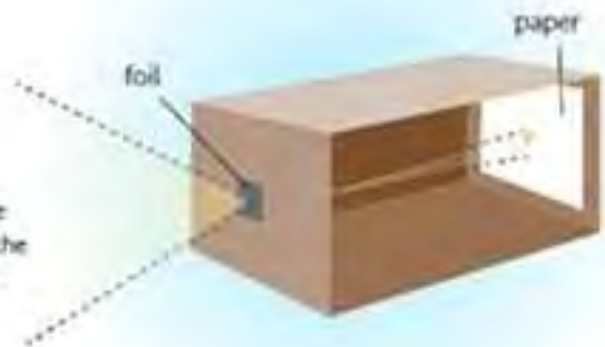
## Foil window pinhole

The solar eclipse can be safely viewed by making a pinhole in a foil window, mounted on a cardboard shade.

Simply hold the shade so sunlight passes through it, and see the eclipse on the paper.

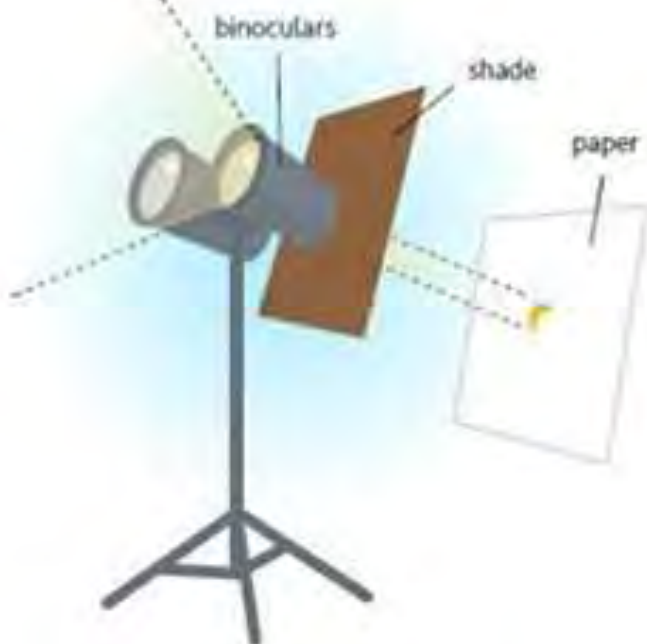
## Pinhole projector

A pinhole projector can be made using a cardboard box. Create the foil window on one end, and place paper on the inside, opposite the pinhole side. The eclipse is seen on the paper.



## Binocular magnification

To get a better view of the eclipse, use binoculars to magnify the image. **Be sure not to look at the eclipse through the binoculars.** Place a cardboard shade around one eyepiece, and with the binoculars mounted and pointed toward the sun, position the binoculars to project the image clearly onto a sheet of paper.





# Total Solar Eclipse 2024

- Arrive to your destination early
- Have a plan and supplies for unpredictable weather
- Be prepared for large crowds and limited parking
- Commit to one viewing area to avoid missing the Eclipse
- Wear proper Solar Eclipse viewing glasses for protection
- Leave later and give traffic a chance to clear out



If you miss the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse, your next opportunity will be on August 12, 2026. Unfortunately, you will need to travel to Greenland, Iceland, Portugal, Russia, or Spain for that viewing.



# App Changes



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Changed Icon and Title



Public Health



Maps & Locations



Power Outages

NEW FEATURE



Traffic



Training



Recruit Fire & EMS



"211"



My Location



More





# New ambulances finally arrived



Current NC EMS Fleet shown below



# You've reached the Office of Emergency Services



To better suit the needs of our community, we have created a phone tree for the main line, 716-438-3171. All callers will be given prompts to direct them to the appropriate person and/or resource to further assist them. In the event of a declared disaster, this new feature will allow us to provide information to the community.

All staff's direct lines remain unchanged with the exception of Lara MacFarlane. Please note her new number is 716-438-3022.





# Egg hunt,

# in the snow?



The snow didn't stop the Easter Bunny from hippity-hopping through Cambria Town Park with NC Sheriff's office and Niagara County EMS staff.





# The 55th Annual Polar Bear Swim



On Sunday, March 3rd, our very own Director Schultz took the plunge at the annual Olcott Polar Bear Swim! He joined Sheriff Filicetti and his crew on this wonderfully mild March day.

1000's came out to support friends and family taking the plunge for a wonderful cause.

We can't wait for Deputy Fire Coordinator Leven and EMS Manager Eggert to take the plunge with him next year!





# IS THERE A FIRE IN YOU?

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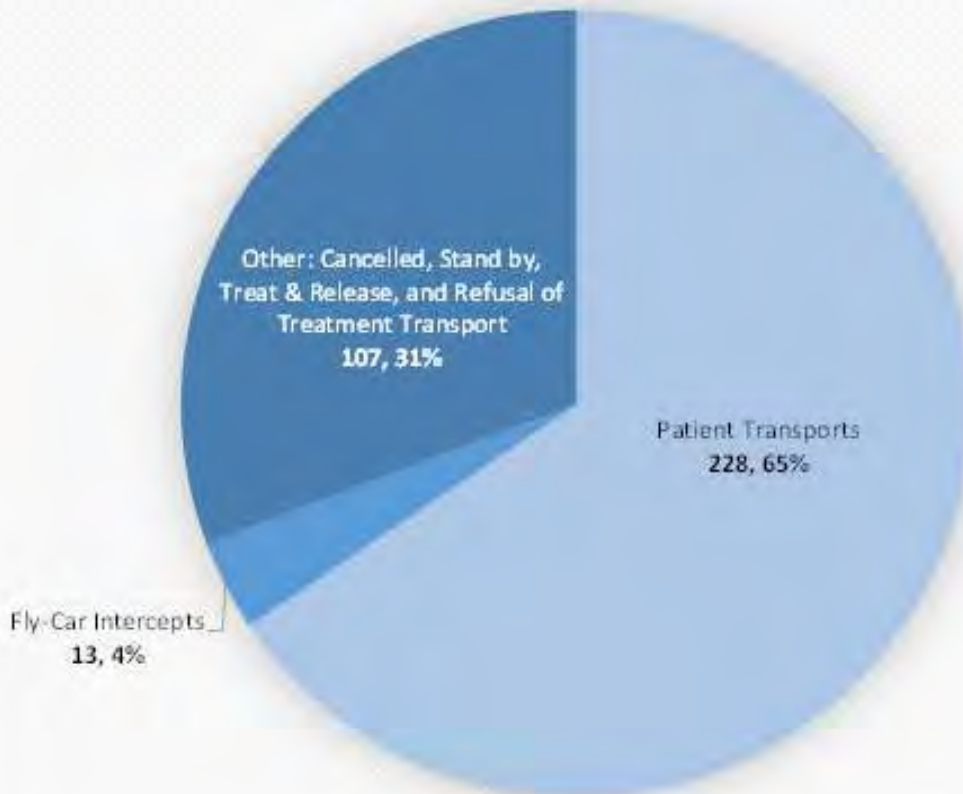
**RECRUITMENT | APRIL  
OPEN HOUSE | 13-14**



# Niagara County EMS Data (as of March 25, 2024)

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total
<b>Requests for Service</b>	<b>348</b>				<b>348</b>
Patient Transports	228				228
Fly-Car Intercepts	13				13
Other	107				107

## Year-to date EMS Data





# New to the newsletter

Looking for nominations from the fire service for the next newsletter. If you would like to recognize a member from your company, please send their name and brief reason for their nomination. If you have a picture, we would love to include that with the announcement.

Nominations can be sent to [ncem@niagaracounty.com](mailto:ncem@niagaracounty.com) .





On January 1, 2024, NCEMS responded with Lewiston Fire Company No.1 for a patient suffering from sudden cardiac arrest. Upon arrival, NCEMS and Lewiston Fire Company No. 1 performed CPR and other life-saving interventions. The resuscitation resulted with the return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC). NCEMS then transported the patient to Mount St. Mary's Hospital for further treatment. We would like to recognize Critical Care Brent Ast, AEMT Carl Farris and Paramedic Supervisor Timothy Licht from NCEMS and EMT, Andrew Mallone, from Lewiston Fire Company No. 1 for their efforts and outstanding care provided to the patient.



On January 10, 2024, NCEMS responded with the Miller Hose Company for a patient suffering from sudden cardiac arrest. Upon arrival, NCEMS and Miller Hose performed CPR and other life-saving interventions. The resuscitation resulted with the return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC). NCEMS then transported the patient to Lockport Memorial Hospital for further treatment. We would like to recognize Paramedic Chloe Brennan, EMT Joseph Lewis and EMT Taylor Summerville from NCEMS and providers from the Miller Hose Company for their efforts and outstanding care provided to the patient.

If any local EMS agency would like to nominate one of their members for a future newsletter, please email us at [NCEM@niagaracounty.com](mailto:NCEM@niagaracounty.com).



# Working **SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES**

**Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery**

With Daylight Savings time having just passed, it's the perfect time to check the batteries and the expiration date of your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Smoke alarm and Carbon monoxide detector batteries should be changed twice a year. Using daylight savings time is a great way to remember when to do it.
- Smoke alarms should be tested once a month to ensure they're working properly, and replaced if they aren't.
- You should be replacing your alarms every 10 years.



# Don't Wait – Check the Date!

Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years



Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms.  
Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

1

Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.



October 6, 2016



2

Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.

3

Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.



4

Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.



A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.



Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.



# ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILL



No one likes the idea of performing an active shooter drill, but the unfortunate reality is the necessity for this training is increasing as active shooter situations are becoming more prevalent.

Recently, Wilson and Niagara Wheatfield schools took part in 2 complex active shooter drills. With teachers voluntarily playing the roles of victims, Niagara County was able to test their skills at responding to an active shooter situation. This was a joint effort drill that involved Niagara County EMS, Niagara County Sheriff, State Police, Border Patrol, Lewiston Police, and local fire departments.

The results of these drills can help unite law enforcement, fire and emergency services to be certain all responders are prepared to take action. Among many advantages of expediting an active shooter drill, some of the most important is finding our gaps and seeking ways to improve plans we currently have in place.







**Be sure to contact Lara MacFarlane with any and all updates to your departments after your installations have taken place. Here's the information we'll need:**

**Chief:** Name, Address, Phone Number(s), Email

**1st Asst Chief:** Name, Phone Number(s), Email

**2nd & 3rd Asst Chief:** Name, Phone Number

**President:** Name, Address, Phone Number, Email

**Please send promptly to:** [lara.macfarlane@niagaracounty.com](mailto:lara.macfarlane@niagaracounty.com)

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 716-438-3022





The Fire Coordinator would like to recognize any **50+ Year Service Awards** you have for your department. Please contact Lara MacFarlane with any 50+ year service award requests. Please be sure to include the full name, years of service, and department. If you would like to request recognition from the Niagara County Legislature or Niagara County Sheriff's Department, please also indicate that within the email. We are happy to help facilitate.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

Lewiston Fire Company No. 1

May 18, 2024

## MEAT RAFFLE

Table of 8 for \$70

Call VP Terry Rutland to  
reserve your table

716-444-4365

Doors  
Open 4  
PM  
First  
Drawing  
5 PM

Beverages Provided - No  
outside alcohol

Bring your friends and  
snacks for a fun night!

145 N 6th St Lewiston NY



Wrights Corners Fire Company

## FIRST ANNUAL TRUCK RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE . . .

### 2024 Chevy Silverado

1500 Crew Cab LT 4x4 3.0 L Duramax

Warranties start when winner takes possession / Dealer covering all taxes, title, etc.  
\*any extras are responsibility of winner



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**3000  
tickets  
sold**

**PRIZES** will be drawn at the **NIAGARA COUNTY FAIR**

Prizes 26~50 will be drawn on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Prizes 1~25 will be drawn on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

**GRAND PRIZE** will be drawn on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

**Tickets: \$50 Donation**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## TERRY'S CORNERS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

APRIL 7, 2024 FROM 12:00PM TO 4:00PM

**GRAND PRIZES:**

- Golf Cart OR \$5000 cash
- Camping Package
- Fishing Charter
- 36" Blackstone Grill
- PlanterBoxDirect.com Package
- 4 Pack of Season Tickets to Darien Lake
- Ryobi 6 Tool Combo Package
- Top Flight His and Hers Golf Club Sets
- Kayak
- Outdoor Movie Night Package



**LIMITED TICKETS!**  
Only 1000 tickets will be sold so don't delay!  
Tickets are \$20.00 each.  
To purchase tickets contact Stephen Baes at 716-523-2369

# SPRING RAFFLE

No:0082

### CAMBRIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

4631 Cambria-Wilson Rd • Cambria, NY 716-434-8948

## 6th ANNUAL SPORTSMAN RAFFLE

Donation \$20.00

Only 1500 tickets printed

April 13, 2024

Doors Open 2:00 pm Raffle Starts 3:00 pm

Food & Refreshments Included

50/50s, Side Raffle, Door Prize

Only Available in Person

Each person in attendance must have a ticket

Door Prize: Lifetime Hunting License for NYS

### Bonus Raffle for 8 more prizes for an additional \$10.00

Mossberg 500 Combo 12 GA W/Scope  
Rossi Rio Bravo .22 gold/Walnut  
250.00 Cash

Savage AXIS II .350 Legend Package  
CVA Optima V2 .50cal Black/SS Package  
Savage 220 Slug Synthetic 20 GA  
Charter Arms Pink Lady .38 Special  
Centerpoint Dagger Crossbow Package

### Main Tickets Raffle Prizes

- 1- 250.00 Cash
- 2- Remington 870 Express 12GA Wood
- 3- CK Drake 12 GA O/U Blued Wood (includes 5 choke tubes)
- 4- Henry Firefighter Tribute .22 LR Octagon Engraved
- 5- 250.00 Cash
- 6- Ruger American Predator .308 green/black
- 7- MB Patriot .350 with Scope 6.5 Creedmore
- 8- Ruger AR556 5.56 NYS Compliant
- 9- 250.00 Cash
- 10- Sig Sauer P365 9MM
- 11- MB 500 Super Bantam Combo 20 GA
- 12- Henry Big Boy Carbine .44
- 13- Rossi Tuffy .410 Black Synthetic
- 14- Traditions Buck Stalker XT .50 Cal Muzzleloader
- 15- Beretta Ultima 12 GA Synthetic
- 16- MB 500 Combo 12 GA Wood
- 17- Stevens 320 20 GA Muddy Girl Camo
- 18- Smith & Wesson MP Shield .380 ACP EZ
- 19- Wicked Ridge X Bow Kit -Rampage
- 20- 2023 Kawasaki Mule SX XC UTV

PLEASE NOTE: Winners of a gun from main or bonus raffle will receive a gift certificate; may also choose store credit or a pre-determined cash value. Some guns may NOT be readily available and need to be ordered. Fed. Law requires a passed NYS background check to receive firearms and be over the age of 21. Winner will be responsible for any fees from NY State. Handgun winners must have a valid permit as a gift certificate will be provided.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

Napoli Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.  
7115 Plank Road, Lockport, NY 14094

## 24th Annual GOLF BONANZA

Drawing, Party & Side Raffles  
Saturday, June 8th, 2024  
2:00 - 7:00 PM

Food & Refreshments included  
**!!! PIG ROAST !!!**

Donation \$20.00  
Tickets can win more than once

Only 2,200 Tickets available

Please bring a lawn chair seating limited

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[napifire.com](http://napifire.com)



\$10.00 buys an additional raffle stub for the following prizes:

- Hiwa M1500
- 7/8 Compass
- CVA Optima
- Stevens 301 Turkey
- Mossberg 500 Combo
- Centerpoint Arrow Pkg
- 5000 Nature's Prize Cert
- 5200 Runnings Cert.
- Mini Grinder
- Mini Hand



# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Tri-Town Ambulance Service, Inc.**

## Open House & Summer Raffle

When- **Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Where- **8935 Ridge Rd  
Gasport, NY 14067**

Time- **11AM- 3PM**

Come out and check out our equipment, the main hall,  
and talk about our requirements to join

We will be serving refreshments and having a basket  
raffle

Our partners in Fire, EMS, and Police Dept's from the  
area will be there as well





**Irish Angel is a support network for Law Enforcement, EMS, Firefighters, and the Military. We provide education, awareness, and resources about addictions, PTSD, PTSI, TBI, Depression, and anxiety. Through our partnerships, we offer opportunities to inform, heal and promote a healthy lifestyle for first responders.**



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**Sustaining  
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From the desk of the Fire Coordinator

Well, spring has sprung for 2024 and winter just won't loosen its grip on us. We are looking for someone to go and have a chat with Punxsitawney Phil and talk about seeing or not seeing his shadow. He promised a short winter and it just won't end! Soon enough we will all be enjoying the warmth of the sun.

The first bit of the year has proven to be as busy as ever. Countywide call volume continues to increase causing the stress on our responders to become more and more burdensome. There has been some stress-relief to the system with the Niagara County EMS crews rolling down the streets taking calls, but the overall EMS issues is far from over. We need to remember that in our field of emergency services the greatest asset is not the equipment, apparatus, or stations, but rather it is you our great first responders. So please remember to take care of your self and take time for yourself and your family because without all of you our community will struggle. The brotherhood and sisterhood in our County going above and beyond for our citizens never ceases to amaze.

As we continue into 2024 and the weather gets better remember to stay positive, keep your head held high, and keep an eye on your brother and sister first responders! Always stay positive! The struggles we are all in today are giving us strength we need for tomorrow! Remember, don't let your guard down. Stay vigilant, take care of yourself and your families, and Never Give Up!

Thanks for all you do,





Our next newsletter will be going out on July 1, 2024. If you would like to have an article published please feel free to get into contact with us at [NCEM@niagaracounty.com](mailto:NCEM@niagaracounty.com) and we will get everything put in accordingly. We kindly ask that all articles be received no later than two week's prior to the next newsletter (date listed above).

Thank you for all that you do.



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