

Success Story

Erie County



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ECDOH EMS Division receives impressive score on NYSDOH Technical Assistance Review (TAR)

In July of 2008 the results of a Technical Assistance Review (TAR) by the New York State Department of Health Division of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) was released. The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) SNS Unit received an impressive score of 91%. The success of this review can be attributed to the ongoing collaborative efforts of the ECDOH, EC Emergency Services, state agencies, the private sector and local towns and villages. The hard work and dedication of Health Department and Emergency Services staff assigned to this project has positioned Erie County as a national leader in disaster planning.

The nationwide scoring of all counties and states will be released for public examination in a few months. Congress is expected to base future funding for communities on the overall performance and this review. Scoring for this TAR was based on key preparedness benchmarks, including but not limited to,

- Overall Preparedness
- Developing an SNS Plan
- Management of SNS & Command and Control
- Tactical Communication
- Public Information and Communication
- Security
- Regional/Local Distribution Site
- Controlling Inventory
- Dispensing Prophylaxis
- Treatment Center Coordination Training, Exercise, and Evaluation