

## **SAVES AMBULANCE**

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In the first 3 months of 2026, SAVES responded to 279 calls. Responses in the Village and Town of Skaneateles represented 65% of the total calls.

“Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency.” This is something that we teach our children. We have noticed that some residents continue to call SAVES directly in emergencies. Although we have crews on duty 24 hours a day, the large volume of calls and time spent in the ER’S mean they may not be available when you call. If help is needed calling 9-1-1 is the only way to ensure a rapid response. We also recommend preparing lists of medications for family members which can be accessed by first responders in an emergency.

**The only thing more tragic than a death is a death that could have been prevented.**

SAVES continues to offer instruction regarding CPR and AED use. The CPR classes include techniques for handling choking emergencies. First Aid classes are offered as needed. During First Aid classes, techniques for controlling traumatic bleeding are included. SAVES personnel taught 1 First Aid and 3 CPR classes for 21 students so far this year. In 2025, SAVES conducted 30 classes for 139 students. Call SAVES, 315 685-5217, for more information or to sign up. Many local businesses offer classes to employees. Contact SAVES if we can provide classes for your employees. SAVES also offers classes focusing exclusively on controlling traumatic bleeding. There is a fee for these classes.

We are always looking for volunteer members. If you may be interested in volunteering, or you are not sure, stop in and see us. Personnel are always willing to conduct a tour of our facilities and discuss volunteering opportunities.

Have a safe spring.