

SAVES AMBULANCE

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SAVES was formed in 1967 by dedicated members of the community who saw a need for pre-hospital treatment and transport of the sick and injured within the Skaneateles area. In the beginning SAVES was staffed exclusively by volunteers. As times have changed and with advancements in the education requirements and the skills needed to be a professional EMS provider, we now have a nearly 100% compensated staff. New advance care procedures also require purchase of new and expensive equipment. SAVES' operation is partially funded by our patient's insurance and contributions provided by communities we serve. Unfortunately, these sources do not totally cover the organization's operating costs. We are currently mailing our annual fund-raising letter to all community residents. Please consider contributing so that SAVES can continue providing service to community members in need.

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

Instruction regarding CPR and AED use are offered the third Saturday of each month. First Aid classes are offered as needed. During First Aid classes, techniques for controlling traumatic bleeding are included. Call SAVES, 315 685-5217, for more information or to sign-up. There is a fee for classes.

"Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency." This is something that we teach our children. We have noticed that some residents have called SAVES directly in emergencies. Although we have crews on-duty 24 hours a day, 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 will occur. We also recommend preparing lists of medications for family members which can be accessed by first responders in an emergency.

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.