



## Mark J. Balistreri

Currently Mark is serving in the position of Radio Engineer with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Office of Interoperable & Emergency Communications. His primary mission is to coordinate the Communications Unit (COMU), program, including all coordination and support of trainings, meetings, exercises, and planned events. He also coordinates the Communication Assets Survey and Mapping (CASM) program, and the Technical Assistance (TA) program.

Mark is a veteran, having served in the USCG for 4 and a half years with distinction being Honorably Discharged in 1988 in the rank of E4, Yeoman Third Class. He naturally entered emergency services and dispatching starting with the Troy Police Department as a part-time Police, Fire, and EMS dispatcher. In 1995, he became full-time as Rensselaer County merged the City of Troy and Rensselaer County dispatch services to form Rensselaer County 911. In 1996, Mark was promoted to Senior Communications Officer and in 2005, Mark was promoted to Deputy Director of Public Safety for Rensselaer County, and was primarily responsible for helping to manage the 911 Center, along with coordinating County emergency management, law enforcement, fire, hazmat, and EMS. As a natural extension, Mark joined the NY State 911 Coordinators Association in 2005, where he served as Secretary for 11 years. He was recognized for his efforts in 911 by the association when he was awarded an "Achievement Award" in 2018.

Mark is very active in his community serving in the Brunswick Fire Company No. 1 for the last 30 years., for the last 12 years he has worked as an EMT/Supervisor for the Mohawk Ambulance service. In 2014, Mark was appointed and subsequently elected as a Town Councilman for the Town of Brunswick, NY. In 2005, Mark formed a non-profit, Netter's Fund, Inc., [www.netters.us](http://www.netters.us), in memory of his wife Annette, who was killed by a drunk driver. The program has provided over 3,000 free cab rides home, earning a designation as the "2017 Partners for Safety Award" from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

Mark re-married in 2009, has a wife, Lisa, and three (3) children. He enjoys criminal justice, movies, camping, cards, and spending time with his family.