NEW YORK STATE | Homeland Security and Emergency Services | State Preparedness Training Center

Training Announcement:

Emergency Vehicle Defensive Driving

October 14-16, 2026

State Preparedness Training Center

Course Description

Across all disciplines in the emergency services, vehicle operation-related incidents represent some of the leading causes of on the job injuries and fatalities. These incidents can occur regardless of the situation, while operators are responding to calls, arriving on scene, or returning to home station. The Emergency Vehicle Defensive Driving Course is a unique drivers' training program designed to meet the needs of vehicle operators in New York State's diverse emergency response community. The course presents safe emergency driving techniques that are applicable to all responders, regardless of their mission or the type of vehicle they operate. This course includes one day of classroom-based discussion followed by two days of skill lanes on the SPTC's Emergency Vehicle Operations Track (EVOT). **Students must provide their own vehicles - vehicles will not be provided by the SPTC.**

Topics Include

Discussion: Defensive and Perceptive Driving, V&T Law and Guidelines, Vehicle Inspections and Safety, Emergency Operations. Hands-on: Skill Lanes, Road Course

Course Provider

This course is being provided by a team of instructors from the State Preparedness Training Center

Location

State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC)
5900 Airport Road, Oriskany, NY 13424

Cost
There is NO FEE for this course. Lunch will be provided. Travel and all other meals are the responsibility of the course participant.

Times
October 14, 2026: Registration and Check-In (7:30am-8:00am), Course (8:00am-4:30pm)
October 15 & 16, 2026: Check-In (7:30am-8:00am), Course (8:00am-4:30pm)

Audience
The target audience for this course is emergency responders from all major disciplines including: EMS, state response agencies (e.g. fire and emergency management), and rescue personnel. Students must bring their driver's license and be prepared to provide it to SPTC staff during check-in. Students must be an employee and/or volunteer of an emergency services agency, possess a valid NYS driver's license, and bring an agency assigned vehicle. The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services reserves the right to determine eligibility for this course

SPTC Registration Process
All student registrations will be reviewed by the SPTC with approvals sent to students NO LATER THAN 2 weeks prior to the start of the class. Registration does not guarantee a seat in the class. If you are accepted into this course, you will receive a confirmation email from the Center.

All Registration for this course will be handled via DHSES's Learning Management System (LMS).

https://lmsportal-dhses.ny.gov/AcadisViewer/Login.aspx

If you need an LMS account or have any questions about LMS, please email LMS@dhses.ny.gov.

Please be sure to select the proper course and date when registering.

No Show Policy
Failure to attend a class you have registered for can result in restriction on future course attendance and agency notification. **If you have not received a confirmation or denial two weeks prior to the course date, please contact the SPTC at (315) 768-5689 or SPTC.INFO@dhses.ny.gov**

Lodging
Lodging will be provided on the nights of October 13, 14 & 15, 2026 for participating public sector personnel.

You are eligible for lodging if your residence and official work station are more than 50 miles from the SPTC and you a State or Local responder. Lodging is not available for federal employees or private industry participants. You must be enrolled in the course and have received lodging confirmation from the SPTC before arriving at the Center, or your lodging will not be covered and you will not be allowed in the class.

Questions
If you have any questions, please contact the SPTC at 315-768-5689 or SPTC.INFO@dhses.ny.gov prior to arriving at the center.

For more information, please contact the State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC

Phone: 315-768-5689 **Email: SPTC.Info@dhses.ny.gov** **Website: www.dhses.ny.gov/sptc**