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## Emergency Responder Leadership Academy Addresses Future Challenges for Emergency Services

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Because the delivery of Emergency Medical Services is rapidly changing, Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center (AHEC) focused its 2014 flagship Emergency Responder Leadership Academy on the “Evolving Emergency Service Roles and Agency Preparedness for Future Challenges” and presented it to 49 leaders in Emergency Services on June 7, 2014 at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Library in Hyde Park. The purpose of this program was to provide an educational forum for the leadership of our region’s Emergency Services to discuss the potential impact of these changes personally, agency-wide, and to the greater community and how to most effectively face and manage these changes pro-actively.

Presenters, including Jon Politis, MPA, NR-P, Director of Operations, Malta-Stillwater EMS; Steve Kroll, Vice President for Government Affairs & External Relations, HANYS; Michael Dailey, MD, FACEP, Regional EMS Medical Director and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at Albany Medical Center; and Lee Burns, BS, EMT—P, CIC-RF, Director, Bureau of EMS, NYS DOH, delivered well-balanced and relevant presentations that held the interest of all present on a beautiful, Saturday afternoon at this historic setting. As stated by an attendee. *“The program was well run, organized, and spoke to all levels, backgrounds and kinds of organizations. The facility is perfect, beautiful, and inspiring, especially coinciding with the anniversary of D-Day. I think FDR and Eleanor would have gotten a lot out of this program and would have agreed with everything discussed! The breadth of topics and quality of the speakers were outstanding.”*

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From left to right: Michael Dailey, Lee Burns, Steve Kroll and Jon Politis

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