



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

RITCHIE MARKS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK BY ANNOUNCING \$50,000 FOR OSWEGO COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING CENTER

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As National Fire Prevention Week continues, State Senator Patty Ritchie is announcing that she has secured \$50,000 for the Oswego County Emergency Response Training Center.

“From being on call around the clock to putting themselves in life threatening situations, our emergency responders go to tremendous lengths to protect our communities and keep

people safe,” said Senator Ritchie.

“This funding will help enhance training and make the brave men and women who put their lives on the line better prepared for the dangers they may face. I’m pleased to be able to provide this funding and support the important work they do.”

“The safety of our community depends on the training that our emergency service providers are able to receive,” said Oswego County Fire Coordinator Don Forbes.

“Our Emergency Response Training Center is an invaluable asset; preparing our responders with the hands on experience they need to save lives. We can’t thank Senator Ritchie enough, not only for her support of the center, but also for her support of the work we do each and every day to safeguard the people of Oswego County.”

A state of the art training facility, the Oswego County Emergency Response Training Center helps firefighters prepare for interior structural fires, pit fires, motor vehicle fires, transformer fires and other types of emergencies. In addition, the facility also features space for classroom instruction. Funding secured by Senator Ritchie will be used to update the live fire training props, which are over two decades old.

Funding for the Oswego County’s Emergency Response Training Center continues Senator Ritchie’s efforts to support emergency responders and the work they do. Last month she announced \$50,000 in special state funding for 10 fire departments and emergency service programs in St. Lawrence, Jefferson and Oswego Counties.

(Senator Ritchie is pictured in the above photo on a recent visit to the Oswego County Emergency Response Training Center with Oswego County Fire Coordinator Don Forbes)