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Twin City Ambulance hosts training on treating Law Enforcement K9s injured in line of duty.

Amherst, NY (February 2, 2016) - Twin City Ambulance will host a training session for local emergency responders on treating Police K9s. Town of Tonawanda Police Department Paramedic David Rice Sr. will be the presenter and will be covering topics such as CPR for dogs, dealing with chemical and narcotics exposures, and caring for injured K9 officers.

K9 line of duty deaths (LODD) have been on the rise recently prompting Governor Andrew Cuomo to pass legislation which, as of January 1st, 2016, allows EMS providers to use an ambulance to transport K9 service dogs to emergency veterinary care in the event that they are injured or fall ill in the line of duty.

Michael Baumgartner, Paramedic Supervisor for Town of Tonawanda Police is pleased to stand behind the training.

“Our department, like many in Western New York, has a K9 officer. He’s as much a part of our team as any other officer, and our Paramedic Division is pleased to be able to share our medical expertise in helping these animals with the Emergency Response Community.” Baumgartner said.

Twin City Ambulance was inundated with requests to attend when the training was first announced.

“We had incredible interest from the outset.” stated Sean Hulsman, Director of Education at Twin City.

“We host many guest speakers who discuss a wide variety of medical topics, however for this presentation we’ve unfortunately had to turn people away due to limited seating.”

Hulsman estimates 150 to 200 people have contacted Twin City about the training.

The event will happen at Twin City Ambulance on Monday, February 8th from 7pm until 9pm – 555 Commerce Drive, Amherst. The event is limited to area first responders.

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