UPDATE: COVID-19 Information for Saratoga County
April 17, 2020

Ballston Spa, NY — The Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services today announced that there are 253 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Saratoga County and 14 of those individuals are hospitalized at this time. The Department also confirmed the county's seventh death from COVID-19 — a 91-year-old female.

Poster Contest for Students

Saratoga County Sheriff Michael Zurlo (R,C,I) today announced a COVID-19 poster contest for students in grades K-12 in Saratoga County. The theme is 'What Saratoga County First Responders Mean To Me.'

Students of all ages from Saratoga County are invited to participate in designing a poster illustrating what a Saratoga County first responder means to them. Artists should consider incorporating one of the following:

- Saratoga County Sheriff's Office
- Saratoga County Public Health
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Departments

Posters must be received by Monday, May 18, 2020.

Twelve winners will be selected from the submissions and invited to participate in an awards ceremony at an upcoming Saratoga County Board of Supervisors meeting.

All posters submitted will be placed on display in the public area of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, 6010 County Farm Road, Ballston Spa and throughout the Saratoga County Municipal Building. The twelve winning posters will be placed on display in the Supervisors Boardroom located in the County Municipal Building, 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa.

Those who wish to enter the contest can mail their completed poster (on any size paper) to the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office 6010 County Farm Road, Ballston Spa, New York 12020 or e-mail their submission to **sheriff@saratogacountyny.gov**.

They are also encouraged to share their artwork via Facebook and Instagram, tagging the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office **@SaratogaSheriff**.

Students or their parents should include the artist's first and last name, age, grade and school. Submissions should include an email or phone number. Saratoga County Sheriff's Office staff members will choose the best entry.

The contest provides a creative and fun way for students to depict positive influences that first responders are leaving on the community working to stop the spread of COVID-19. By designing posters, students help to highlight the important work of our emergency responders in Saratoga County.

The importance of masks and how to make your own

Earlier this week, Governor Cuomo released a new Executive Order declaring that anyone who is out in public must wear a mask if social distancing is not possible.

The Department of Public Health is encouraging all individuals to wear a mask any time they are out in public. That being said, we are aware of mask shortages. The CDC has a helpful resource on its website outlining how to wear a mask and instructions on how to make a homemade mask. That link can be accessed here. Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose and mouth when removing their face covering and wash hands immediately after removing. Be sure to wash your homemade mask often.