

**The Community Emergency Corps establishing a Tobacco-Free
Grounds Policy on their campus located at**

78 Thompson Street, Ballston Spa , New York.

WHEREAS, The Community Emergency Corps Board of Directors own and operate the Community Emergency Corps; and

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association in New York State has issued a Memorandum in support of tobacco free workplaces, parks, playgrounds and beaches, with the purpose of promoting public health and well-being through the passage of legislation which restricts the locations in which individuals subject others to the deadly effects of secondhand smoke, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that tobacco is a known asthma trigger and that children are particularly susceptible to the dangers associated with tobacco smoke even if out of doors, and

WHEREAS, The Community Emergency Corps, believes that tobacco use, including cigarette use, in the proximity of children and adults is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those entering the facility, and

WHEREAS, New York State Public Health Law 1399-r reaffirms the right of a property owner, including the government of any political subdivision of the State, to designate its entire property or any part thereof as a non-smoking area, and

WHEREAS, the membership and community residents indicated its support for a ban of tobacco-products in outdoor areas,

WHEREAS, cigarettes and chew products, once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminish the beauty of the aforementioned facility and pose a risk to children, animals and other wildlife due to ingestion, and

WHEREAS, to be consistent with town resolutions and federal and state law, it is the intent of the Community Emergency Corps to establish tobacco-free grounds. This further develops the concept of a facility focused on a healthy lifestyle.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors hereby designates the Community Emergency Corps campus smoke-free and tobacco-free.

**SECTION 1: TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED ON
THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY CORPS CAMPUS,**

The Community Emergency Corps campus is hereby designated as tobacco-free. No member, whether volunteer or staff, or visitor shall use any form of

tobacco on the Community Emergency Corps campus including those sidewalk areas adjacent to 82 Thompson St., parking lot areas, within 25 feet of any company owned vehicle regardless of location, or in any vehicle while on agency property.

SECTION 2: NOTIFICATION

Appropriate signs shall be posted on the property. The staff and community will be notified of this policy.

SECTION 3: COMPLIANCE

All individuals are expected to comply with this policy. Visitors not complying with this policy will be asked to leave the grounds.

SECTION 4: ENFORCEMENT

Staff will make periodic observations of entrance ways to ensure enforcement. Members in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the agency's SOP's and/or the CBA. Neighboring properties will be notified of the new policy and its effective date and provided with a contact to approach regarding concerns such as loitering or littering.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy statement is effective immediately upon the posting of "No Tobacco-Use" signs on the property or April 1, 2010, whichever occurs first.

The Tobacco-Free Grounds Policy was adopted on _____April 1, 2010

By _____

Ray Otten

Executive Director

(Acting as the representative of the Board of Directors of Community Emergency Corps, Inc.)

SOP change

A. Use of Tobacco Products in the building.

This is a health issue for all members/employees, in regards to illnesses attributed to tobacco product use.

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See addendum attached pertaining to Tobacco Free Grounds for more specific information.