

Public Safety, Health and Emergency Services

Public Safety

Public safety is maintained by the New York State Police Department, Westchester County Police and numerous local police departments.

The County Public Safety Department patrols County parkways, protects County properties, parks, and the Westchester County Airport. To learn more about the County's Public Safety Department, visit <http://www.westchestergov.com/ps>.

Public Health

The Westchester County Department of Health operates a number of programs that are geared toward maintaining healthy communities in the County. To learn more about public health initiatives in Westchester County, and to read the Health Databook that provides data on health topics in the County, visit <http://www.westchestergov.com/health>.

Emergency Services

The Westchester County Department of Emergency Services helps local communities with emergency planning and response, by operating a 24 hour Emergency Communications Center, and providing training and equipment to first responders and volunteers across the county.

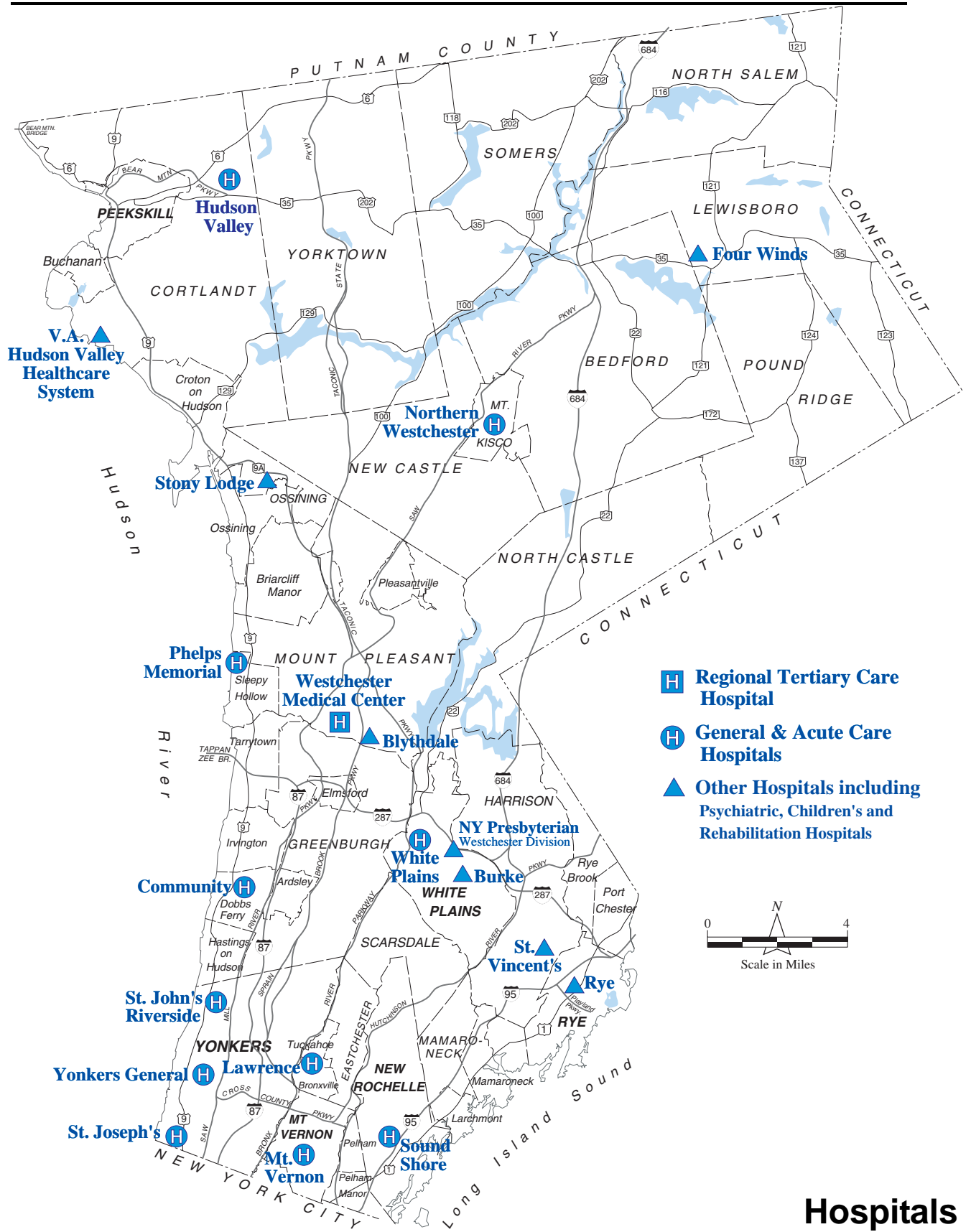
The Department is divided into four divisions: the Emergency Communications Division (60 Control); the Fire Services Coordination-Training Division; the Emergency Medical Services Coordination-Training Division; and the Office of Emergency Management.

Training for First Responders and County Residents

The Department offers a wide range of training to firefighters and EMTs, from courses on basic firefighting and emergency management, to special classes on hazardous materials and blood borne pathogens. The Department also offers classes in disaster preparedness to local citizens who want to join the Westchester Emergency Volunteer Reserves (WEVR), or its specialized team of healthcare professionals, the WEVR Medical Reserve Corps (WEVR-MRC). The two teams, which have a total of about 400 members in all, can be given a range of tasks, from directing traffic and providing food to storm victims to caring for patients before ambulances arrive.

Communication and Coordination in Major Emergencies

The Department's Emergency Communications Center (ECC) dispatches 39 fire departments and 18 EMS agencies in Westchester, coordinating mutual aid to departments in emergencies. The ECC also dispatches special teams, such as the county's Hazardous Materials Response Team, when requested by a local fire department. The team, which has 42 members, responds



to dangerous chemical incidents, such as gasoline spills and chlorine leaks, with a state of the art truck and equipment.

During a large-scale emergency, the county can open its Emergency Operations Center, a state-of-the-art facility located in the state's Transportation Management Center in Hawthorne. The EOC provides a central location for the county executive, county departments, hospitals, utilities and non-profit organizations to coordinate their response to protect the public.

The county would use traditional media, including newspapers, television and radio, to provide up to date information to the public. But the Department also has the ability to notify residents by cell phone or email through the county's Community Emergency Notification System (CENS). To sign up for this service, visit <http://www.westchestergov.com/CENS/>

Health Care Facilities

Residents living in or near Westchester County are fortunate to have a multitude of health care institutions specializing in a variety of fields. Some hospitals cater specifically to children, some to the general population, and others to the elderly. Furthermore, some of these establishments are known more for their reputation in particular fields such as cardiology, psychiatry, neurology, etc. Many of Westchester's medical facilities are highly respected and regarded as some of the best hospitals in New York State.

Hospitals can be found interspersed throughout Westchester County, with a higher concentration in the more densely populated southern portion of the county. These facilities vary substantially in size, ranging from 34 beds at the Rye Hospital Center to 635 beds at the Westchester Medical Center. The latter has a regional responsibility, providing emergency medical services to accident victims from distant areas surrounding Westchester County and treating those patients who have sustained serious injuries.

Because Westchester County has a significant population and is located within a large metropolitan area, residents have access to a variety of medical services. Area hospitals have the ability to provide care for essentially all health needs. Some hospitals also have affiliations with other renowned medical institutions, making additional resources available to physicians and specialists.

List of Westchester County Hospitals

<i>Blythedale Children's Hospital</i>	Type: Children's Rehabilitation
Bradhurst Avenue, Route 100A	No. of Beds: 92
Valhalla, NY 10595	
(914) 592-7555	

Blythedale is a voluntary, non-profit hospital offering comprehensive care in the field of pediatrics and includes rehabilitation medicine, neurology, orthopedics, child psychiatry, pulmonology and dentistry.

Burke Rehabilitation Hospital

785 Mamaroneck Avenue
White Plains, NY 10605
597-2500

Type: Rehabilitation

No. of Beds: 150

In and out patient rehabilitation for cardiac disease, pulmonary disease, spinal cord injury, head injury, amputation, stroke, arthritis, joint replacement, Parkinson's and other neurological disorders.

***Community Hospital
at Dobbs Ferry***

128 Ashford Avenue
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
(914) 693-0700

Type: Acute Care Community Hospital

No. of Beds: 50

A voluntary, not-for-profit general medical and surgical facility, Community Hospital at Dobbs Ferry has a 24-hour emergency services department staffed by board-certified physicians and critical-care-trained nurses. The Hospital is now affiliated with Riverside Health Care, allowing new clinical programs to be offered including breast cancer center, sleep center, and weight loss center.

Four Winds Hospital

800 Cross River Road
Katonah, NY 10536
(914) 763-8151

Type: Psychiatric Hospital

part of private chain

No. of Beds: 175

Major Programs: General psychiatric services, child and adolescent mental health services, substance abuse, eating disorders, psychological trauma treatment for children, adolescents, adults, older adults, and families.

Hudson Valley Hospital Center

1980 Crompond Road
Cortland Manor, NY 10567
(914) 737-9000

Type: General Hospital

No. of Beds: 128

A voluntary, not-for-profit, hospital, offering inpatient and outpatient care, Hudson Valley Hospital Center specialty services include a cardiac fitness and rehabilitation center; physical and occupational therapy; and ongoing wellness programs. The emergency department is a Level II trauma center. HVHC offers the Birth Cottage, a diagnostic imaging department, diagnostic and therapy equipment for heart problems, and the Joslin Center for Diabetes.

Lawrence Hospital
55 Palmer Avenue
Bronxville, NY 10708
(914) 787-1000

Type: Acute Care Hospital
No. of Beds: 291

A voluntary, not-for-profit general medical and surgical facility, Lawrence Hospital provides ambulatory care, outpatient clinics, rehabilitation and sports therapy, health and wellness programs, emergency care, family and maternity services, geriatric services, and acute care, cardiac care and cancer treatment.

Mount Vernon Hospital
12 North Seventh Avenue
Mount Vernon, NY 10550
(914) 664-8000

Type: General Hospital
No. of Beds: 196

A voluntary, not-for-profit general medical and surgical facility, the Mount Vernon Hospital offers among its specialty services, a Wound Care Center for therapeutic treatment of chronic, non-healing wounds. Other Hospital services include a full range of obstetrical/gynecological care featuring labor, delivery and recovery suites; cardiology and radiology services a pediatric unit and emergency room services. Outpatient clinics include prenatal, pediatric, sexually transmitted diseases, medical, surgical, cardiology, eye, dermatology, and urology services.

**The New York Presbyterian Hospital
Westchester Division**
21 Bloomingdale Road
White Plains, New York 10605
(914)-682-9100

Type: Psychiatric Hospital
No. of Beds: 270

The Westchester Division is one of two major sites of the Dept. of Psychiatry of The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. The other site is the Payne Whitney Clinic at the Medical Center's complex in Manhattan. Established in White Plains in 1894, the Westchester Division provides a comprehensive continuum of behavioral healthcare services for children, adolescents, adults and the elderly and include outpatient programs, day treatment programs, partial hospitalization, residential programs, community support and education, on-site schools, and wellness programs. Specialized treatment is provided for eating disorders, chemical dependency, intensive psychiatric rehabilitation, and sleep disorders.

**Northern Westchester
Hospital Center**
400 Main Street
Mount Kisco, NY 10549
(914) 666-1200

Type: General Hospital
No. of Beds: 233

As a full service community hospital, Northern Westchester Hospital Center offers complete diagnostic, medical, surgical, obstetrical, pediatric and psychiatric care for area residents and

is equipped to treat an entire spectrum of illnesses on an emergency, inpatient and outpatient basis.

Phelps Memorial Hospital Center

701 North Broadway
Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591
(914) 366-3000

Type: Acute Care Hospital

No. of Beds: 235

A voluntary, not-for-profit, general medical and surgical facility, Phelps Memorial Hospital Center offers a wide range of medical services including alcoholism treatment, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, emergency services, maternity, a new outpatient physical therapy unit, a new osteoporosis unit, and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center at Phelps.

Rye Hospital Center

754 Boston Post Road,
Rye New York 10580
Tel. (914) 967- 4567
Fax (914) 967- 4663

Type: Psychiatric Hospitals

No. of Beds: 34

Rye Hospital Center is a fully accredited, private, freestanding hospital in Rye, Westchester County, New York, an affiliated teaching center of New York Medical College. Its suburban setting contributes to patients' comfort and serenity while treating adolescents, young adults and adults in an integrated fully-open environment.

St. John's Riverside Hospital

967 North Broadway
Yonkers, NY 10701
(914) 964-4444

Type: Acute Care Hospital

No. of Beds: 262

A full service, non-profit facility, St. John's Riverside lists among its special services: ambulatory surgery, cardiology surgery, laser surgery, specialized maternity and pediatric departments, physical rehabilitation and community outreach programs. St. John's Riverside and Yonkers General Hospital have joined together to form Riverside Health Care.

St. Joseph's Medical Center

127 South Broadway
Yonkers, NY 10701
(914) 378-7000

Type: Acute Care Hospital

No. of Beds: 194

A not-for-profit, multi-disciplinary facility associated with New York Medical College, St. Joseph's Medical Center offers an accredited residency program in family practice medicine. Among its specialty services, St. Joseph's provides comprehensive geriatric services, including the nursing home, long-term health care, a geriatric day wellness program and also provides extensive inpatient and outpatient family practice/primary care, renal dialysis and psychiatric services.

St. John's Park Care Pavilion
 2 Park Avenue
 Yonkers, NY 10703
 (914) 964-7300

Type: General Hospital
 No. of Beds: 117

St. John's Park Care offers a full range of inpatient medical and surgical services with specialties in cobalt teletherapy; diagnostic radiology including interventional radiology services; HIV/Immuno-deficiency services; and comprehensive alcohol and substance abuse services.

St. Vincent's Westchester
 275 North Street
 Harrison, NY 10528
 (914) 967-6500

Type: Psychiatric Hospital
 No. of Beds: 133
 Branch of St. Vincents Hospital
 and Medical Center of NY

Major Programs: Alcoholism and chemical dependence, child and adolescent services, geriatric services, psychiatric rehabilitation, and a 24-hour a day evaluation service.

**Sound Shore Medical Center
 of Westchester**
 16 Guion Place
 New Rochelle, NY 10802
 (914) 632-5000

Type: Comprehensive Care Hospital
 No. of Beds: 471

Sound Shore Medical Center is a teaching affiliate of New York Medical College. Sound Shore's Centers of Excellence include Pediatrics, Medicine (cancer, geriatrics, trauma), Obstetrics and Gynecology, Surgery and Ambulatory Care. The Medical Center serves as the regional Lead Evaluation and Treatment Center. Sound Shore Medical Center is a member of the Westchester Health Services Network.

Stony Lodge Hospital
 P.O. Box 1250
 Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510
 (914) 941-7400

Type: Acute Care Psychiatric
 No. of Beds: 61

Services offered at Stony Lodge Hospital for adolescents and adults include: crisis stabilization; inpatient psychiatric and related chemical dependency treatment; transitional programs and comprehensive family services.

**V.A. Hudson Valley Healthcare System
 (Franklin Delano Roosevelt Hospital)**
 2094 Albany Post Road
 Montrose, NY 10548
 (914) 737-4400

Type: Veterans Administration Hospital
 No. of Beds: 301

The U.S. Veterans Administration operates Franklin Delano Roosevelt Hospital in Montrose as a service to veterans of the nation's armed forces. Services include ambulatory care, an-

cillary care, mental health care, and general hospital care.

Westchester Medical Center

Valhalla Campus
Valhalla, NY 10595
(914) 493-7000

Type: Acute Care; Level 1 Trauma Center;
Regional Tertiary Care Hospital
No. of Beds: 635

Affiliated with the New York Medical College, Westchester Medical Center provides specialized care through its six Centers of Excellence of Heart, Cancer, Trauma, Transplant, Neurosciences and Children's Hospital. WCMC is home to the leading kidney transplant program in New York State. The Medical Center responds to accident scenes and critical care patient transfers with its medevac helicopter service, STAT Flight.

White Plains Hospital Center

Davis Avenue at East Post Road
White Plains, NY 10601
(914) 681-0600

Type: Community General
No. of Beds: 292

White Plains Hospital Center is equipped with leading edge diagnostic capabilities including a breast imaging center, open and closed MRI units and nuclear cardiology equipment. The Center houses a special care nursery for premature and sick newborns, the Diabetes Education and Treatment Center, the new Flanzer Pavilion which houses emergency medicine, the family health center, ambulatory, endoscopy and laser surgery center, and physical medicine and rehabilitation. The Dickstein Cancer Center is scheduled to open in 1998. The Hospital Center is affiliated with Johns Hopkins Oncology Center and is a member of the HealthStar Network.