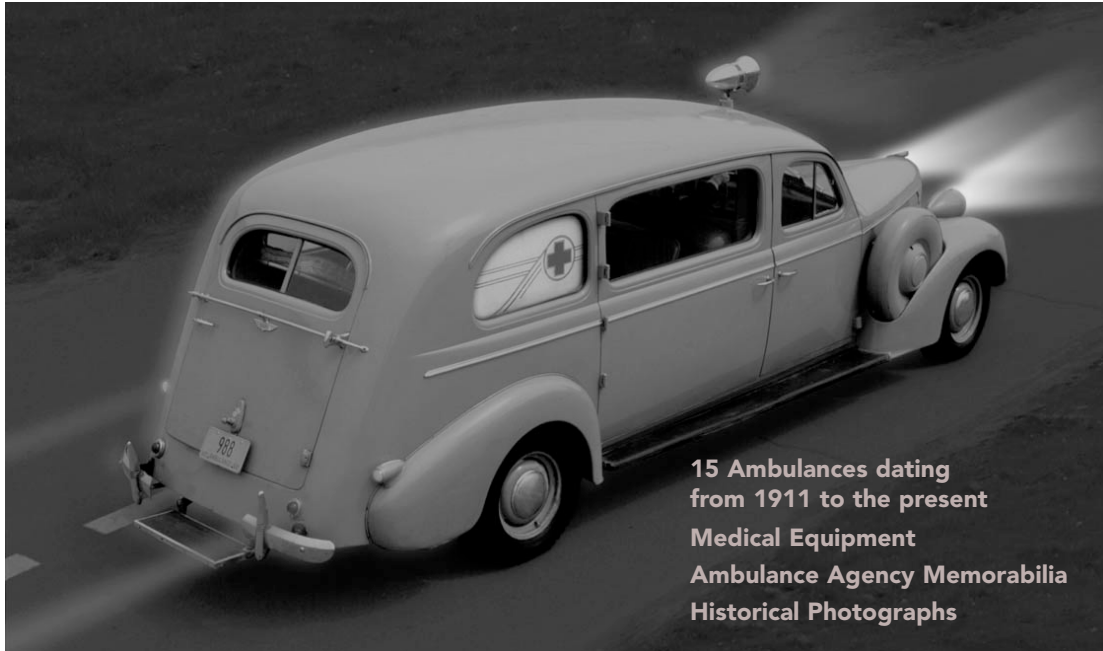


EMS History Exhibit
HELP IS HERE

November 20, 2004 – September 11, 2005

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM



1939 Pontiac-Superior Ambulance.

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NYS MUSEUM TO HOST EXHIBIT ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

From November 20, 2004 through September 11, 2005, the New York State Museum, Albany, will present an exhibition tracing the history of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in the state and nation.

The exhibition—*Help is Here*—will feature a group of 15 historic ambulances, dating from the end of the 19th century to the present, as well as historic medical equipment used in the field. In addition there will be badges and uniforms worn by ambulance crews as well as historic photographs. Most of the objects in the exhibition will be on loan to the Museum from other museums, ambulance companies and manufacturers, and private collectors.

Ambulances on exhibit will include a 1917 Dodge used by the National League for Women's Service to transport wounded soldiers from ships returning from Europe to New York City during World War I, a 1926

Cunningham made in Rochester, and the Museum's own 1939 Pontiac with a Superior body, the first ambulance to operate within the Adirondacks. There also will be Cadillac-based ambulances of the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s and 1970s; the very first (1969) Horton Emergency Vehicles van-based ambulance; and one of the last Medical Coaches Bluestar ambulances. Built in Oneonta in 1987, this rig served the village of Delhi to the spring of 2004.

Funeral directors operated several of the ambulances, a common practice through the 1960s. Notable in this category are a 1911 Cunningham horse-drawn ambulance and a 1940 LaSalle-Miller combination hearse and ambulance used by a funeral home near Albany.

For information about this exhibition contact Geoffrey Stein at 518-473-3810 or gstein@mail.nysed.gov.

The State Museum is open everyday except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Museum is located on Madison Avenue at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

For further information call 518-474-5877 or visit the Museum website at www.nysm.nysed.gov.