

## **Forced Entry**

**# E-007**

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When EMS crews arrive at the scene where access to the patient is blocked by a locked door or other physical barrier, the following procedure applies.

Procedure:

A police agency should be requested thru Dutchess 911 for all forced entry situations. If not on the scene, fire apparatus with the equipment necessary for forced entry should also be requested. If it is possible, the crew should attempt to locate a key holder so that access may be gained. District personnel should not take any actions to force entry into a scene that will result in injury to firefighters / EMS crew or to the patient.