



**CITY OF OLEAN**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

August 19, 2020

RE: Travel Advisory for Emergency Traffic

Cattaraugus County Emergency Services:

Now that the traffic pattern has somewhat settled in it is evident that the construction zone can impact emergency traffic into Olean General Hospital or units that may proceed up Front Street to access Route 16. The lanes have been narrowed, there will be times of single lane restrictions, lane shifts and uneven pavement. This can lead to a hazardous situation for inbound EMS/Fire units, construction workers and passenger vehicles in the construction zone and it is my recommendation for emergency units to seek an alternate route. An alternate route designation was utilized during the East State Street project for similar reasons and I would recommend the same route be utilized as it keeps Emergency Traffic to wider County and City Roads which resulted in no significant time delays to inbound traffic. If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

The estimated time for traffic disruption in this area is 4-6 weeks but I will advise you with status reports on a two week cycle.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Best Regards,

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