

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2024**

No. 61

Introduced by Council Members Borelli, Ariola, Riley, Schulman, Yeger, Hudson, Brewer, Farías, Rivera, Gennaro, Hanks, Brooks-Powers, Narcisse, Lee and Paladino.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing de-escalation and self-defense training to fire department employees within the bureau of emergency medical services providing emergency medical services

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 15 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 15-149 to read as follows:

§ 15-149 De-escalation and self-defense training. The department shall develop de-escalation and self-defense training for employees of the department within the bureau of emergency medical services who provide emergency medical services. Such training shall be designed to address the unique characteristics and operations of emergency medical services, with a particular focus on violent situations in the context of patient care. Such training shall include, but need not be limited to, recognition and understanding of mental illness and distress, effective communication skills, conflict de-escalation techniques, and self-defense techniques. The department shall offer such training no less frequently than once every third calendar year.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on April 11, 2024 and approved by the Mayor on May 1, 2024.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 61 of 2024, Council Int. No. 127-A of 2024) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council and approved by the Mayor.

MARTHA MANN ALFARO, Acting Corporation Counsel.