

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## STATEMENT FROM SARATOGA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REGARDING SMOKE CONDITIONS IN AREA

Due to brush fires in Ulster County and the trajectory of the wind, residents in Saratoga County may experience smoke and a noticeable smell in the air. Please be advised that there is no specific threat in Saratoga County at this time, however conditions here are prime for fires to develop. Residents are encouraged to follow their town ordinances regarding open burning, only call 911 in an emergency, and to follow the National Weather Service for updates about the southern brush fires and weather conditions.

## Additional information:

- Saratoga County Office of Emergency Management is in continual contact with the National Weather Service in Albany.
- Smoke can travel significant distances, carried by winds, leading to hazy conditions and a lingering scent of burning vegetation.
- It is recommended that residents keep windows and doors closed to minimize exposure and for those with respiratory issues to stay indoors.

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