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## Swift Folders and the Emergency Medical Rescue of NYC

Through a special training program in our DUMBO shop, Recycle-A-Bicycle offers new **Swift Folder** folding bicycles. Get your folding bike custom built by our high school interns who work side with Swift Folder designer Peter Reich: choose your color, speed, and size. Eight (8) speed Swift Folders are now available for \$720.



Mark Grillo of EMRNYC with his newly donated Swift Folder  
On June 1st, Swift Folder donated a bright orange folding bike to Emergency Medical Rescue of NYC in preparation for Transportation Alternatives' coming ride, the Tour de Brooklyn. EMRNYC was founded in 1995 by Martin L. Grillo, a retired Port Authority police officer and paramedic. The EMRNYC was founded to provide emergency medical service, communication, to assist at transportation incidents, disaster preparedness and public education. According to Martin, the FDNY stopped attending community events several years ago, and in response the EMRNYC started attending large bike rides like the Tour de Brooklyn and TA's New York Bike Century. "There were several instances when we couldn't get the truck close enough to the injured persons to help them. I've been working with TA for almost 10 years now, and we thought it would be nice if we had a bike in order to have access to situations where space is an issue. Dani from TA got me in contact with Peter Reich who makes the Swift Folder, and he donated this beautiful custom orange bike to us," said Martin. The EMRNYC is one of the 13 non-for-profit, all volunteer fire and medical brigades in NYC, so they greatly appreciate the assistance. "Even though we don't get paid, we often have money issues. On busy days like when we do the Bike Century, one truck can rack up a couple of hundred dollars in gas bills, just from driving around. We appreciate any help we can get. A few years ago we had some of our volunteers riding around on their own bikes, but as of now we don't have anyone on bikes giving medical assistance. Hopefully Swift Folder's donation will be the start of more paramedics on bikes." To learn more about the EMRNYC, go to <http://www.emrny.com>

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