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**NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S LATEST 'PREP TALK' PODCAST BIDS  
FAREWELL TO ACTING COMMISSIONER D'AMORA ON HIS RETIREMENT**

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**January 3, 2022** — The New York City Emergency Management Department bids farewell to Acting Commissioner Andrew D'Amora, as he retires from City service after more than 30 years.

During his tenure with NYC Emergency Management, Deputy Chief D'Amora has led NYC Emergency Management through a range of disasters, including Tropical Storm Isaias, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the flash flood emergency caused by Hurricane Ida. Prior to taking the helm in 2021, he served as first deputy commissioner, acting as strategic advisor and counsel to the NYC Emergency Management commissioner and overseeing programmatic initiatives for the agency, and served as chief of staff for the agency. D'Amora also managed a New York City deployment in support of the City of San Juan, Puerto Rico, in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria and coordinated the agency's response to events ranging from summer heat waves to building collapses.

Acting Commissioner D'Amora joined the agency in 2014 to continue his long career with the New York City Police Department that began in 1990. With the NYPD, D'Amora served in several commands throughout the five boroughs including the 60th, 70th, and 120th Precincts, Transit Districts 12, 20, and 32, the Operations Unit, the Patrol Borough Brooklyn South Task Force, the Operations Division, the Counter Terrorism Division, and the Special Operations Division. With the NYPD, he responded to a multitude of emergencies, most notable the September 11 terrorist attacks. Deputy Chief D'Amora also coordinated the police department's response to large-scale events like New Year's Eve in Times Square and Hurricanes Irene and Sandy through the Joint Operations Center as the Commanding Officer of the NYPD Operations Division.

On the latest episode of "Prep Talk," Commissioner D'Amora discusses his path to NYC Emergency Management, lessons learned throughout his career, his leadership roles as chief of staff, first deputy commissioner and acting commissioner. Commissioner D'Amora also shares his advice for the incoming leader of the agency.

"As I look back at my career with New York City Emergency Management and the New York Police Department, the biggest takeaway from a career in public service is the importance of establishing relationships when things are okay or as we say in the field 'during a blue sky.' Those relationships are the backbone we build on when there is an emergency, as City agencies, private and public partners pool resources to assist New Yorkers rebuild after a disaster," **said Acting Commissioner Andrew D'Amora.** "A life in public service is rooted in a desire to help those in need during their most challenging times and working with them to get back on their

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feet. I'm blessed to have worked with a very dedicated and talented staff willing to go the extra mile and 'always finish strong' to help New Yorkers and in Puerto Rico or wherever there was a need after an emergency."

You can listen to the latest episode on [SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#), and [Spreaker](#).

### **Profile**

Acting Commissioner **Andrew D'Amora** joined NYC Emergency Management in 2014. He was appointed as first deputy commissioner in 2019 and was appointed to acting commissioner in fall 2021. He joined the NYPD in 1990 and has risen through the ranks to the position of deputy chief.

Acting Commissioner D'Amora holds a Master of Science in protection management degree with a concentration in emergency management from John Jay College and a Bachelor of Science degree in organizational management from St. Joseph's College. He is also a graduate of the Executive Leaders Program at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and a graduate of the Police Management Institute at Columbia University.

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