NYCEM Welcomes 21 Community Networks Into the Strengthening Communities Program

January 25, 2023 — The New York City Emergency Management Department welcomes 21 community networks across the city into the Strengthening Communities program. These networks represent a wide range of community groups that offer important services in areas most deeply affected by such emergencies as the COVID-19 pandemic and coastal storms. These local leaders will be provided resources and training to build emergency preparedness plans to better support their communities before and after an emergency. The 21 participating networks will begin a rigorous five-month educational experience to develop a local community emergency plan.

This brings the total number of networks participating in the program to 37, with seven networks completing the inaugural program in 2020 and nine networks completing the program in 2021. Orientation for the new members was held on January 19. The training program focuses on five key areas to build an emergency plan specific to their communities:

- Create a needs assessment.
- Design community maps of the area where they provide services.
- Build a directory of resources for after an emergency.

- Prepare a communications strategy to message their community and staff before, during, and after emergencies.
- Design plans on how to manage donations and accept volunteers.

 "NYC Emergency Management's mission is to prepare New Yorkers for emergencies, but we cannot do that without the assistance of our community partners," said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol** "Our Strengthening Communities program helps us do that by providing communities with the training and resources they need to prepare all New Yorkers with extensive emergency planning and preparation."

To read the full press release, **click here**!

FEMA Youth Preparedness Council

Do you know any teens who want to build leadership skills while making a difference in their community? FEMA is now accepting applications for its Youth Preparedness Council. Spread the word with students in your community by letting them know about this unique opportunity.

To learn more, see our New Release, visit our website, and/or join us for an info session on Jan 30.

Apply to the council [here](#).
Go YPC!

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members receive intensive training in emergency preparedness, fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, and more.
If you are 18 or older and want to join NYC CERT, please follow the link below and complete the online application:
https://nyc.gov/cert

All applicants must attend a virtual orientation session to be eligible for basic training. Upcoming orientation sessions are as follows:

- Tues, Jan. 24, 2023 at 6:30PM
- Thurs, Jan. 26, 2023 at 6:30PM

There are two sessions – one is a Mon/Wed session and the other meets on a Tues/Thursday schedule. Each class meets in the evening from 6:30PM to about 9/9:30PM. Almost half of the classes are virtual, with the other classes meeting in-person at our headquarters – 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn.
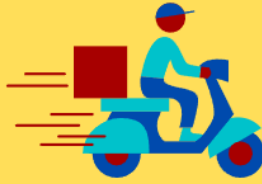
The next NYC CERT Basic training cycle is due to begin in early February, 2023, so **APPLY NOW!**

For more info and to apply to the orientation, contact Denise Esposito at:
desposito@oem.nyc.gov

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WEBINAR SERIES

Top tips from FDNY to prevent LI battery fires

Watch the webinar on our YouTube channel!

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- When purchasing devices, be sure that the equipment has the Underwriters Laboratories Mark. The UL mark shows that the product has been safety tested.

- Keep batteries/devices at room temperature. Do not place in direct sunlight or charge a device under your pillow, bed or a couch.

- Always use the manufacturer's cord and power adapter made specifically for the device.

- If a battery overheats or you notice an odor, change in shape/color, leaking, or odd noises from a device discontinue use immediately. If safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire and call **9-1-1**.

Visit nyc.gov/batteries for disposal instructions.

NYC Emergency Management | **READY NEW YORK**

Ready New York Winter Weather Trivia

Are you a Ready New Yorker? Complete this trivia to see how well you stack up! You might just learn something new.

A severe snowstorm characterized by strong sustained winds and low visibility . Also known as famous Dairy Queen treat.

| PLOWNYC | Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) | Blanket | Polar Vortex | Call 311 |
| Snowmageddon | Utility Company (Con Ed, PSEG, National Grid) | Wind Chill | Winter Weather Advisory | Blizzard |

[Trivia Link here!](#)

Flood Bulletin

Are you concerned about flooding in your neighborhood?

FLOODNET.NYC
~ NYC.GOV + NYU.EDU + CUNY.EDU ~

Join us!

We're looking for adults (18+) who are residents of NYC to participate in a focus group about how people find information about flooding in New York City, and what kind of information about urban flooding is most useful to them. Your input will help us develop a tool for sharing real-time information about local flooding in your neighborhood.

Participants will be asked to commit to joining up to 9 group sessions of one hour each (1x per month February 2023 – August 2023). Sessions will be held virtually and in person.
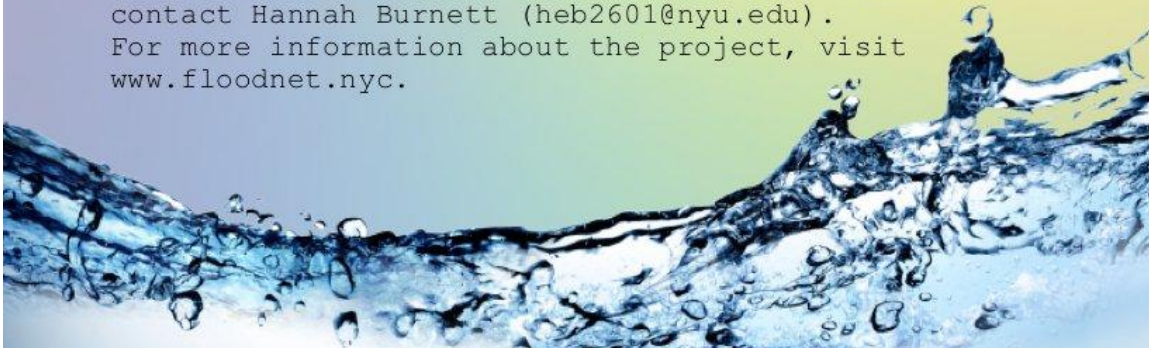
How to join: Email Hannah Burnett, heb2601@nyu.edu

Compensation

Participants will receive one $25 Amazon gift card at the conclusion of each session, for a total of up to $225.

Questions?

If you have questions about the study, your eligibility, language, or accessibility, please contact Hannah Burnett (heb2601@nyu.edu).
For more information about the project, visit www.floodnet.nyc.

Community Flood Watch Project
Report Flooding in New York City

As **sea level rises** around NYC, tidal flooding in coastal neighborhoods is getting more frequent and widespread.

What can we do?

The **"Community Flood Watch Project"** is a growing network of residents and organizations who report local flooding, share experiences and access resources related to flooding in NYC coastal communities.

Researchers use these reports to visualize how "normal" high tides could look in the future due to sea level rise, and to improve forecasts of flooding and coastal hazards.

Communities can use this shared database of images, reports and maps to communicate their neighborhood's needs and visions to city leaders.

SUBMIT A FLOOD REPORT

You can join in! To submit a flood report with a photo, time, depth, location and impacts…

Download the 'MyCoast' app, register, and add a report.

Or visit this page:
https://mycoast.org/ny/flood-watch/

MORE INFORMATION
www.srijb.org/jbfloodwatch/

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Community Flood Action Kit

Community Flood Action Toolkit

Protect your property from flood risk

The Community Flood Action Toolkit is a new resource from the team at FloodHelpNY. This toolkit provides high-level information about flood insurance and retrofits.

The toolkit is available in English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Russian, and Haitian Creole.

Link to toolkit and more information: Flood Risk Is Rising | News and Info on Flooding | FloodHelpNY.org

Upcoming Events

Neighborhood Engagement Toolkit Training Series

This three-part training series dives into the Neighborhood Engagement Toolkit, a resource about how you can increase your organization's positive impact by forming mutually beneficial partnerships for change with other organizations and volunteers.

Partnerships lie at the foundation of any thriving community, and this training series will help you identify the best partners for your organization to achieve its goals. Join to learn best-practices, engage in professional peer learning, and navigate tools that help your organization:

1. Understand your community and assess your organization's ability to meet its needs
2. Increase capacity for impact through partnerships and volunteer support
3. Evaluate, evolve, and share your stories

This series is hosted by James Garcia, Director of Community Initiatives at NYC Service. A veteran and municipal leader with over a decade of experience leading volunteer programs, James provides expert insight helpful to organizations across the five boroughs.

[Register Now](#)

Trainings are hosted live on Zoom, including breakout sessions and open discussion for questions and answers.

Stop the Bleed provides people with the tools and knowledge to stop life-threatening bleeding in the event of an emergency situation. Bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death after injury, and the actions of immediate responders can be crucial in determining the outcome of the situation.

Wednesday, February 8th
12-1PM
-or-
4-5PM

Virtual

The focus of the course:
- The immediate response to bleeding
- Recognize life-threatening bleeding
- Appropriate ways to stop bleeding

To register for one of our free courses, visit bklynlibrary.org/calendar and search "Stop the Bleed"

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Bklyn Public Library | Community Health

There are two time slots for February 8th:

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM -Register here!

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM -Register here!

RFI for HUD's CDBG-DR Rules, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements

HUD Seeking First-of-Its-Kind Public Input to More Equitably and Accurately Allocate Disaster Recovery Funds.

Public comments requested on or before **February 21, 2023.** Late-filled comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

https://mailchi.mp/hudexchange/rfi-for-huds-cdbg-dr-rules-waivers-and-alternative-requirements-87-fr-77864-now-available

Join NYC Emergency Management - We Are Hiring!

NYC Emergency Management has some exciting employment opportunities available! They can be viewed on the NYC Careers website: Jobs at NYC Emergency Management - NYCEM.

NYC Emergency Management is staffed by over 200 dedicated professionals who are committed to serving the City in a crisis. We are looking for candidates who have a passion for preparing New Yorkers for the next emergency and responding when a crisis hits the City.

Learn More About NYC Emergency Management Community

Preparedness - https://youtu.be/L250wy3o6r4