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NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RELEASES 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



February 19, 2025 — The New York City Emergency Management Department released its annual report today, highlighting the agency's achievements from January through December 2024. The report presents an overview of the agency's role in coordinating the City's response to numerous incidents while continuing its mission to help New Yorkers prepare before, during and after emergencies.

"In 2024, NYC Emergency Management answered the call to a multitude of emergencies, ranging from the continuing asylum seekers crisis to winter weather, air quality concerns, flood and rain events, a drought and brushfires," **said New York City Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol**. "Throughout it all, our team remained steadfast in its commitment to help every New Yorker. I'm very proud to lead an agency where every person embodies the strength, courage, and resiliency that New York City is known for."

NYC Emergency Management provided critical interagency coordination of the City's response to multiple emergencies. In 2024, the Emergency Operations Center was activated 19 times for severe weather, flooding, and other disruptions throughout the city. NYC Emergency Management monitored 3,331 incidents in 2024 and engaged in 786 field responses.

To keep New Yorkers informed about emergencies, Notify NYC, New York City's official free emergency alert system, sent 21 messages on air quality, 244 messages on flooding and rain, and 17 messages on winter weather.

Additionally, NYC Emergency Management continued to provide aid outside of the five boroughs. New York Task Force 1 (NY-TF1) deployed after devastating hurricanes hit North Carolina and Florida. NY-TF1 team members and canines searched areas impacted by infrastructure collapse, mudslides and heavy flooding for Hurricane Helene, and searched for survivors, provided emergency medical care and conducted water rescues for Hurricane Milton.

The full report can be viewed [here](#) or visit [NYC.gov/2025-em-annual-report](https://nyc.gov/2025-em-annual-report).

2025 READY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR



2025 Ready School of the Year Award Application

Does your school lead the way in preparedness?

Are there training, clubs, or other initiatives they offer to help prepare for emergencies?

Nominate your school via:
<https://bit.ly/RSOTY25>

Deadline is April 5th!

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The graphic features a central blue circle with white text. Surrounding the circle are various emergency-related icons: a bandage, a first aid kit, a flashlight, a clipboard with a medical cross, a superhero character, and a backpack. The text is arranged in a circular flow around the central circle.

[Click here to apply!](#)

P.S. 1 ALFRED E. SMITH SCHOOL IN MANHATTAN



PS.1's 5th grade class visited NYCEM headquarters to learn about how the city functions during an emergency. They received the 2024 Ready School of the Year award for showcasing their commitment to a safer community.

COMMUNITY SAFETY FOR HOUSES OF WORSHIP



NYC Emergency Management, in partnership with NYPD, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the New York Fire Department, held introductory safety and preparedness training for houses of worship at Medgar Evers College. This event aimed to increase engagement with faith communities by familiarizing them with government resources they can use with their congregations to increase local preparedness.



[Visit here for more preparedness info!](#)

SANITATION FOUNDATION: LITTER CLEANUPS MINI-GRANT APPLICATION

The Sanitation Foundation is the official non-profit partner of the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY). Our mission is to support the work of DSNY to help clean up the city and reduce waste sent to landfill. We are looking to partner with schools who are ready to become stewards of their neighborhoods to reduce litter and make positive change. After submitting an application, you will receive notification of acceptance on a rolling basis. Schools or programs located in Environmental Justice Neighborhoods or that have an Economic Need Index of 74% (average) or higher will be prioritized for selection. After the litter cleanup, you are eligible for follow-up support conversations or visits depending on your needs and staff availability.

[Click here to apply!](#)

THE AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS ACROSS THREE DIFFERENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.

The program is aimed at sparking change and improving quality of life for people of all ages in communities nationwide.

This year, AARP has added the capacity-building microgrant category of implementing Disaster Preparedness Training programs and resources for residents. SBP is proud to serve as the technical advisor for this category, offering additional resources for grantees, including webinars, cohort learning opportunities, up to two hours of one-on-one coaching.

Applications are due by March 5, 2025, 5 p.m. ET | 2 p.m. PT, and all projects must be completed by December 15, 2025.

To read more, [click here](#).

VOLUNTEER ENGLISH CLASS FACILTATOR FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

The NYC Mayor's Office of Asylum Seeker Operations (OASO) seeks motivated volunteers to expand our ability to provide in-person English classes for asylum seekers in shelter. Volunteers will use the We Speak NYC curriculum— New York City's free English language learning program that provides civic focused multimedia resources created to empower adult immigrants through learning and practicing everyday English. The curriculum includes an Emmy-Award winning educational drama series that informs learners about important New York City resources. The episodes address issues that most concern immigrants and asylum seekers such as health care, democracy, education, immigration legal help, elder care, and managing finances. **Previous teaching experience is welcomed but not required!**

To learn more on how to apply, [click here](#).

2025 COMMUNITY FLOOD FELLOWSHIP JAMAICA BAY NEIGHBORHOODS

Jamaica Bay Community Flood Fellowship Program

New York Sea Grant and the Science and Resilience Institute at Jamaica Bay

are excited to announce the **2025 Jamaica Bay Community Flood Fellowship (CF2)**, a training and networking program to help build coastal resilience in neighborhoods around Jamaica Bay. CF2 identifies Jamaica Bay residents as experts in their own communities and leverages this to cultivate opportunities for skill-building in community-based coastal flood resilience.

Jamaica Bay neighborhoods include the Rockaway peninsula, Broad Channel, Hamilton and Howard Beach, Lindenwood, Mill Basin, Canarsie, East New York, Bergen Beach, Gerritsen Beach, Inwood, Woodmere, Rosedale, Brookville, Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Sheepshead Bay, Manhattan Beach.

Visit this page for more information.

APPLICATION NOW OPEN TO JOIN FEMA'S YOUTH PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL!

Do you know a young leader who is passionate about disaster preparedness and community resilience? Encourage them to join FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council (YPC).

The YPC is a nationwide program that brings together young leaders who want to make a difference in their community and build valuable leadership skills. Council members serve for one year and collaborate on projects that promote emergency preparedness, participate in engaging discussions with FEMA leaders, and gain insight into careers in emergency management. Students currently in grades 8 through 11 may apply. Applications can be submitted in either written or video format by **March 3** on [FEMA's YPC application page](#).

To learn more about the YPC, please visit the [Youth Preparedness Council page on FEMA.gov](#)

GENERAL INFO AND UPCOMING EVENTS



FEMA
Region 2



Preparedness and Resilience WEBINAR Series



Animals in Disasters

Wednesday March 5, 2025 from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET
(10:00 AM – 11:30 AM PT)

Please join FEMA Region 2 in partnership with the National CERT Association (NCA) and California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for a webinar discussion about animals in disasters.

Our guest speaker from North Carolina Department of Public Safety will discuss four topics:

- General Animal Behavior, which is important to keep yourself safe as you work with them;
- Emotional Support Animals and Service Animals and the legal obligations surrounding them;
- Animal Issues in Emergency Management; and
- Animal- Related Emergency Management and CERT Functions.

Registration: <https://fema.cosocloud.com/animalsindisaster/event/registration.html>

Floods Don't Wait, and Neither Should You

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET



Flooding can happen anywhere, at any time. Understanding flood insurance is essential to protecting property, finances, and peace of mind. Whether people live in a high-risk area or not, misconceptions about flood insurance often prevent property owners from acting.

Join the Region 2 National Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Divisions for an interactive session that highlights the value of flood insurance, clarifies what it does and doesn't cover, and addresses common concerns like cost, eligibility, and perceived risks. Now is the time for people to protect the lives they have built.

Bring your questions and join us as we dispel myths, share insights, and discuss why the best time to act is now.

Registration: <https://fema.cosocloud.com/dontwait/event/registration.html>

WE ARE HIRING!
JOIN THE NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
TEAM



New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) is responsible for coordinating citywide emergency planning and response for all types and scales of emergencies. It is staffed by more than 200 dedicated professionals with diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise, including individuals assigned from other City agencies.

Our Mission: NYC Emergency Management helps New Yorkers before, during, and after emergencies through preparedness, education, and response.

Our Jobs: NYC Emergency Management has a variety of vacancies within multiple bureaus across the agency – the jobs summaries below are grouped by bureau. For the full job description, go to [NYC.gov/jobs](https://nyc.gov/jobs) and search by the Job IDs listed below, or scan the QR code to be taken the NYCEM Careers site to learn more.

Come work with us! Reach out to us at jobs@oem.nyc.gov

BUREAU: External Affairs

The External Affairs bureau works to engage with New Yorkers, elected officials, community organizations, private businesses and regional partners to inform them about the agency's and the City's efforts before, during, and after an emergency. Its units include Public Information (Press and Communications), Government Relations, and Strategic Partnerships.

Senior Press Officer, \$68,428 - \$68,428 – Job ID# 696696

Join the New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) team as a Senior Press Officer in our External Affairs bureau's Press unit. In this high-impact role, you'll help secure New York City's resilience by delivering key information and executing strategic communication plans. You'll be involved in daily press operations and act swiftly during emergency incidents. As a vital link to the public, stakeholders, and media, you'll convey complex emergency issues clearly and consistently. In your role, you'll be instrumental in shaping and executing our agency's public information strategy, ensuring its alignment with our broader vision. You'll also manage various press portfolios, concentrating on establishing solid relationships with local media to achieve a unified communication strategy.

Social Media Specialist, \$68,428 - \$68,428 – Job ID# 695125

This dynamic role focuses on creating the planning, management and creation of compelling social media content that conveys the vital work of NYCEM, fostering awareness, education, and engagement. Reporting to the Deputy Director of Communications, the specialist will employ their unique skills in storytelling, digital media production, and editing to help convey NYCEM's mission and initiatives to the public. Working in tandem with the agency's press team, the specialist will provide indispensable assistance with media related tasks. Community engagement is a significant aspect of this role; consequently, the successful candidate will deliver presentations on emergency preparedness to external groups as part of the Ready NY initiative. In line with the multifaceted nature of this position, the specialist may also undertake special projects as assigned, contributing to the broader goals and initiatives of the NYCEM.

BUREAU: Office of the Chief Financial Officer

NYCEM's Finance Office is responsible for the oversight, management, accounting, and reporting of all agency funds, as well as the procurement planning, development, implementation, and management of all agency contracts.

Executive Director, Agency Chief Contracting Officer (ACCO), \$127,742 - \$135,561 – Job ID# 689266

The Procurement Unit is responsible for providing management, oversight, review, and support of all procurement functions at NYCEM. NYCEM procurements are governed by the City Charter and the City Procurement Policy Board (PPB) Rules. The Executive Director, Agency Chief Contracting Officer (ACCO), is responsible for providing technical and programmatic guidance to agency staff on the City's procurement and contracting processes.

Finance Specialist, \$68,428 - \$68,428 – Job ID# 688727

The Finance Specialist will work as part of the Finance Unit under the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and will be expected to support all related division activities. Under the direction of the Deputy Director of Finance, the Finance Specialist will administer grant funds and monitor spending for various bureaus and divisions within NYC Emergency Management.

Financial Recovery and Compliance Specialist, \$68,428 - \$68,428 – Job ID# 688725

The Financial Recovery and Compliance Specialist will assist with overseeing agency wide assessment activities to improve the internal control environment. The Specialist will also foster greater compliance with rules and regulations. The Specialist will also assist with regulating disallowances to ensure that monies are used for the intended purpose.

BUREAU: Office of the Chief Counsel

The Office of the Chief Counsel provides legal advice to NYCEM executives and staff regarding critical, strategic, legal and policy issues facing the agency, engages in transactional work in support of the NYCEM mission and coordinates with the NYC Law Department, Office of the Counsel to the Mayor, and other local, state and federal counsels regarding various legal issues ranging from emergency events to litigation, which impact the agency. The Office of Chief Counsel is comprised of the Legal Affairs Unit, Disability, Access, and Functional Needs (DAFN) Legal Unit, and the Records

Program Manager, Records, \$76,385 - \$76,385 – Job ID# 645543

The Records Management unit is looking for a Records Program Manager who will work under the directions of the Chief Counsel and the Deputy Director, Records. The Program Manager will assist with maintaining and managing the agency's electronic and physical records. This includes any day-to-day responsibilities and creating and implementing policies around agency records. The Program Manager will work with staff to ensure that all records are in compliance according to City policies and procedures.

Legal – College Aide (1L/2L), \$16.50 – \$19.00 Job ID# 684544

The Legal Affairs Unit is tasked with reviewing FOIL requests, collecting responsive records, making the determination as to whether to withhold or redact those records pursuant to one of the exemptions in New York Public Officers Law Section 87, and redacting the records as necessary. Interns will be asked to perform this last step – redacting Personally Identifiable Information (PII) from a variety of records in preparation for disclosure. The Legal Affairs Unit is also tasked with summarizing New York City and New York State Executive Orders and uploading these summaries to the New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) Legal Affairs Unit section on the agency's intranet page. New York City and New York State Executive Orders are summarized within a spreadsheet and updated on an ongoing basis as new orders are issued. As part of this function, the intern will manage the posting of executive orders and Interagency MOUs and Settlements. Lastly, the intern will support the Legal Unit in day-to-day activities such as legal research, responding to correspondence and legal issue spotting. Interns will be expected to attend meetings with Legal Unit staff and interface with other NYCEM units and divisions.

BUREAU: Planning and Resilience

The Planning and Resilience Bureau's mission is to prepare the city to respond and adapt to emergencies through collaborative, scalable planning, comprehensive interagency coordination, and innovative recovery and Resiliency. The bureau includes Interagency Coordination with an assistant commissioner leading three units made up of subject matter experts in Health and Medical, Human Services, Critical Infrastructure, Resiliency and Recovery with an assistant commissioner leading the Mitigation and Risk Analysis and Recovery units; and the Planning Unit.

Resiliency Grants Specialist, \$68,428 - \$68,428– Job ID# 695155

NYC Emergency Management seeks a candidate responsible for supporting and coordinating mitigation efforts to reduce risk of climate change and extreme weather hazards, and increase resiliency of NYC communities, infrastructure, and facilities. This includes supporting coordination of scoping projects for the City's applications for hazard mitigation funds, such as Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Community (BRIC) grants; supporting implementation of the City's hazard mitigation grant awards and coordinating with implementing agencies on meeting federal grant and other requirements throughout the project lifecycle.

Community Resiliency Planner \$68,428 - \$68,428– Job ID# 683079

With latitude for independent initiative and judgment, NYC Emergency Management seeks a candidate responsible for supporting and coordinating community resiliency planning, which includes helping communities build an understanding of community risks and their

appropriate mitigation actions, as well raising awareness of recovery actions.

Deputy Director, Planning, \$91,237 - \$97,919– Job ID# 695153

NYCEM is seeking a seasoned candidate with experience in project management, emergency planning, and strategic planning for the Deputy Director of Planning position. Reporting to the Director of Planning, the Deputy Director of Planning will work with staff and colleagues across the agency to oversee activities related to citywide emergency planning, including the planning process and management of planning portfolios. The Deputy Director is expected to lead, support, and track major emergency planning initiatives; facilitate intraand interagency coordination and communication; define and promote standards and implements quality assurance to produce high-quality, actionable, and user-friendly documents; and support strategic planning and initiatives. Additionally, the Deputy Director will directly manage all Program Managers within the team.

BUREAU: Readiness

The Readiness Bureau prepares the City for emergencies through a continuous cycle of planning, learning, and exercising, using a collaborative and forward-thinking approach. The overall goal of the NYCEM Learning and Development Unit is to create a highly skilled emergency management community by offering the best training possible, build true leaders who can prepare for and respond to any type of emergency situation, and coordinate effectively with internal and external partners.

Deputy Director, EOC, \$91,237 - \$97,919 – Job ID# 695145

The Deputy Director, EOC is responsible for maintaining NYCEM's constant state of readiness for EOC activations. This includes creating activation-focused policies, procedures, and guidance materials, and leading EOC readiness activities for NYCEM and partner staff. The Deputy Director, EOC will routinely liaise with NYCEM, partner agency, and vendor stakeholders to build sustainable staff capacity for EOC activations, expand skill-building opportunities for NYCEM and partner agency EOC staff, identify improvements to EOC processes and systems, and serve as primary point-of-contact for EOC policies and procedures.

Please note: All NYCEM employees are expected to work Non-Traditional hours to meet the program needs including evenings and weekends. NYCEM employees are assigned to a rotating Emergency Operations Center team and will be expected to work non-business hours during emergencies. The selected candidate will also participate in drills and exercises, assist with Ready NY presentations to external groups, and will undertake special projects as assigned.

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