

Week of February 7, 2024

NYC Emergency
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NEWSLETTER

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Attend Our 12th
Annual Community Preparedness Symposium
on March 6, 2024**



JOIN US AT THE

NYC Emergency
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12th Annual Community Preparedness Symposium
**Path to Preparedness:
Empowering Community Action**

Baruch College, New York, NY
Wednesday, March 6th, 2024 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
<https://bit.ly/2024CPSymposium>

For help registering or requests regarding accessibility

Email: communityprep@oem.nyc.gov

or Call: (718) 422-4654 by February 21st



Scan here to RSVP

Join NYC Emergency Management Community Preparedness
for the 2024 Symposium Path to Preparedness: Empowering

Community Action. Each workshop will discuss how communities can support their neighbors before and after an emergency, including those with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, like older New Yorkers and immigrant communities. The symposium will be held **in person** at CUNY Baruch College on **Wednesday March 6th, 2024 from 9am to 3pm EST**. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information and to register, please click the following link: <https://bit.ly/2024CPSYMPOSIUM>

Community Engagement Webinar Series: Power Outage Prep with ConEdison

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POWER OUTAGE PREP WEBINAR WITH CONED

Learn:

- HOW TO PREPARE FOR A POWER OUTAGE
- WHAT TO DO WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT
- HOW TO REPORT AN OUTAGE
- AND MORE!

February 14 at 10 AM

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Join NYC Emergency Management and ConEdison on February 14th at 10AM to discuss how you can prepare for power outages. Topics covered will include:

- How to prepare for an outage
- What to do while the power is out

- How to report an outage
- How to file a claim for spoiled food or medication
- How to use the ConEdison outage map
- How to stay informed
- Tips on tree trimming & water leaks

Register at the following link https://bit.ly/ConEd_OutagePrep

2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan Webinar on February 22, 2024 @ 11am

NYC is no stranger to natural disasters. Each time we experience one, we learn how to make our city stronger and safer. The NYC



Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), updated every five years, outlines these new strategies, as well as steps we can take to reduce our risk.

On **Thursday February 22 from 11am to 12pm**, NYC Emergency Management will showcase the 2024 NYC HMP, describing the hazards facing NYC and sharing tools to help you understand your risk and ways to prepare and stay safe. We welcome your feedback on all aspects of the plan. **Check out the plan and leave your comments at nyc.hazardmitigation.com.**

Anyone can give feedback on the HMP during the public comment period, which has been extended to **March 5, 2024**.

Register by [clicking here](#).

Empowering Older Adults in Readiness: A. Philip Randolph Center Shines as 'Ready New York Older Adult Center of the Year'



New York City Emergency Management and the New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) presented Action for the Retired Community (ARC) A. Philip Randolph Older Adult Center with the Ready New York Older Adult Center of the Year Award during a ceremony on Tuesday, January 30. The 11th annual award recognizes an older adult center in the five boroughs that have made an ongoing commitment to preparing older adults for emergencies. The award ceremony included remarks from NYCEM Commissioner Zach Iscol, and DFTA Commissioner Lorraine A. Cortés-Vázquez, distribution of readiness kits, and cake. The center held a Go Bag competition judged by DFTA Commissioner Cortés-Vázquez to display the older adults' knowledge in emergency preparedness.

ARC A. Philip Randolph Older Adult Center, located in Manhattan, received the award for their excellence in preparing their community for emergencies. ARC A. Philip Randolph Older Adult provides many critical services to neighborhood residents, including computer literacy training, exercise and Zumba classes, and games and recreation pods. More of their outstanding programs and activities included ongoing emergency preparedness classes, crime prevention classes from their local police precinct, and regular visits from the local firehouse and scheduled fire drills. The center is also an official New York City Cooling Center, meaning when the city is experiencing extreme heat, older adults can seek refuge at the facility to 'beat the heat.'

"We are thrilled to honor the ARC A. Philip Randolph Older Adult Center. Older adult centers are pivotal in providing an array of programs and services to their communities," said NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol. "We were extremely impressed with the center's continuous effort in conducting emergency preparedness classes and being an official New York City Cooling Center. Thanks to the center's dedication to emergency preparedness, we know older adults in this community are better prepared. Beyond its exemplary commitment, this center truly shines as a vibrant oasis in the uptown Manhattan and Harlem community, standing as a testament to its vital role in

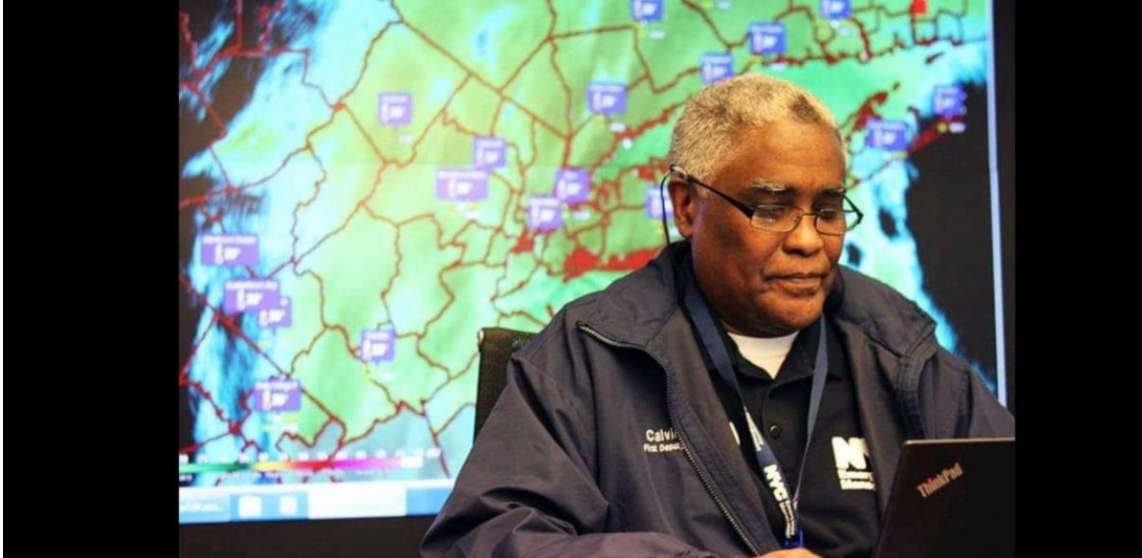
fostering support, engagement, and community spirit among its residents.”

Partner Spotlight

Staten Island Urban Center (SIUC), a [Strengthening Communities](#) partner, joined CERT volunteers for CISA's Active Shooter Advanced Training in NYCEM's Emergency Operations Center on January 24th.




**Honoring the Life and Service of Former
NYCEM First Deputy Commissioner Calvin
Drayton**

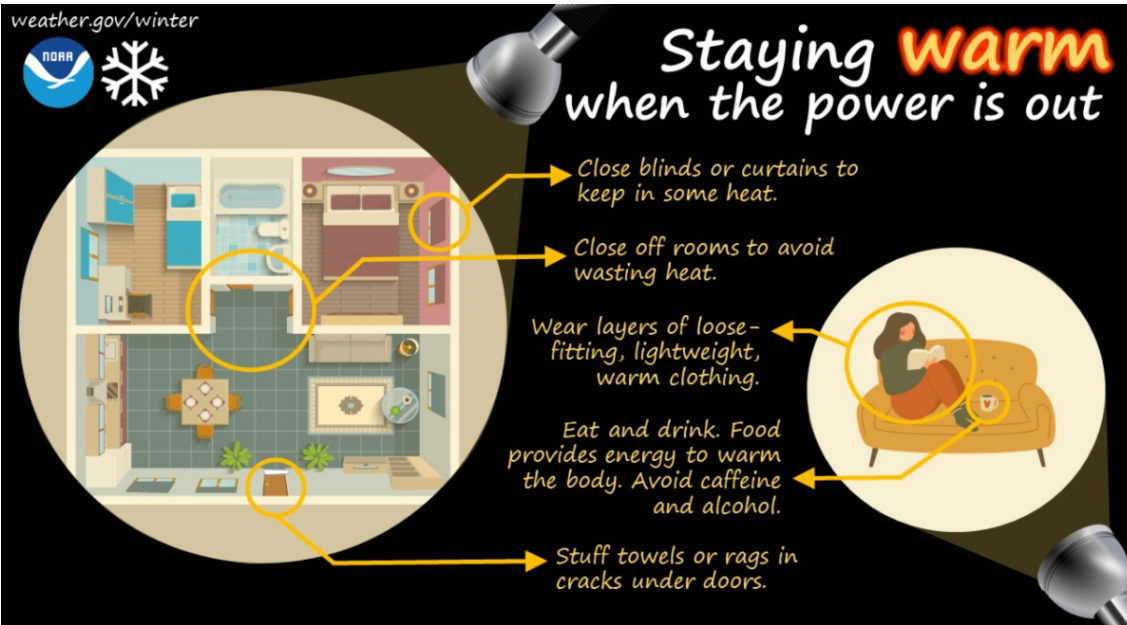


The City lost a great leader this week: NYC Emergency Management's former First Deputy Commissioner Calvin Drayton. A true public servant, Calvin's long and storied emergency management career began with the American Red Cross and FEMA and culminated with a nearly two-decade run as NYCEM's First Deputy Commissioner. Calvin started with the NYC Mayor's Office of Emergency Management in 1996 and was among the first emergency management personnel to respond to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, where he supervised OEM's operational response to the fire and collapse of the World Trade Center. From 2002 until his retirement in 2019, Calvin faithfully served as NYCEM's First Deputy Commissioner – the first person to hold that title. He advocated for New Yorkers in need through hundreds of emergencies while transforming NYCEM from a team of about 20 people under the Mayor's Office to an independent department with more than 200 employees. Every emergency manager who passed through our doors learned greatly from Calvin's leadership, experience, and example. He remains with us in spirit in the aptly named Calvin Drayton Situation Room at NYCEM headquarters.

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Staying **warm** when the power is out



- Close blinds or curtains to keep in some heat.
- Close off rooms to avoid wasting heat.
- Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing.
- Eat and drink. Food provides energy to warm the body. Avoid caffeine and alcohol.
- Stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors.

General Info and Upcoming Events

Stop the Bleed

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 | 4 pm - 5 pm ET

Join the Brooklyn Public Library and Maimonides Health for a virtual *Stop the Bleed* course on the first Wednesday of each month. *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. The course focuses on the immediate response to bleeding, recognizing life-threatening bleeding, and appropriate ways to stop bleeding.



Register by [clicking here](#).

Veterans Spotlight: Hiring Information Session!

VETERANS: We're hiring!

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Join our Zoom meeting
Wednesday, 2/21/24 at 5:30 PM:
on.nyc.gov/497oYnV



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If you require a reasonable accommodation to attend this webinar, please contact Veronica Geager at vgeager@oem.nyc.gov

Are you a veteran? We welcome you to join NYC Emergency Management, the Department of Buildings, and the Department of Veterans Services for a discussion about exciting employment opportunities at NYCEM and benefits of working for the City of New York! To register, [click here](#).



Commissioner For a Day!

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Do you know a high school student interested in Emergency Management? Encourage them to apply to be a part of our Commissioner for a Day Contest! The writer of the winning essay will get to spend a day shadowing NYCEM Commissioner Zach Iscol!

Applications are due on February 14th, 2024.

Apply by clicking here: <https://on.nyc.gov/3uZOo8u>

Apply Now for the 2024 NewYork- Presbyterian Mini-Grants!

NewYork- Presbyterian mini-grants are for small community-based organizations (CBOs) whose work is crucial to the fabric of the communities we serve.

We invite CBOs whose programming supports health and wellness for communities across New York City and Westchester County to apply!



Join Us On

**THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 15TH**

For an information session and application tutorial.

[Click Here To Register](#)

The application deadline is Friday, March 8th, 2024!

To learn more about NewYork- Presbyterian's mini-grants
[Click Here](#)

Freeze Your Rent!



Eligible New Yorkers with disabilities and older New Yorkers can stop their rent from increasing with the City's Rent Freeze program.

Call PEU's Rent Freeze Hotline at 929-252-7242.

NYC Mayor's Public Engagement Unit **Rent Freeze**



The NYC Rent Freeze Program, helps eligible New Yorkers with disabilities and seniors stay in affordable housing by freezing their rent. Find out more about the program by calling the **Rent Freeze Hotline** at **929-252-7242**. You can also visit the program website for my information by [clicking here](#).

Apply: John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service

The John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service is the first student fellowship with the City devoted specifically to emergency management. For more than 10 years, the program has proudly provided 10 graduate students in the New York City area with the opportunity to complete a nine-month, paid fellowship in an agency of New York City government or a nonprofit organization.



The application for the 2024 - 2025 academic year is now open. Completed applications include both the web application AND a resume submitted by midnight on Sunday, March 17. Fellowship staff will confirm receipt of completed applications. Only completed applications will be reviewed. For more information and the application, [click here](#).

FEMA Seeking Youth Preparedness Council Applications

Do you know a young leader who is passionate about making a positive impact on their community? The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is looking for students in grades eight through 11 interested in supporting disaster preparedness to join the Youth Preparedness Council (YPC). YPC members meet with FEMA staff throughout their term to develop strategies, initiatives and project proposals. YPC members will also participate in a biennial YPC Summit held in Washington, D.C. At the Summit, YPC members will meet FEMA leaders and other preparedness professionals to network and learn more about the field of emergency management.

The online application is now open, and closes March 4, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. PT.

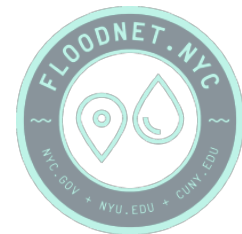
To learn more about the YPC and application requirements,

visit [Ready.gov/kids/youth-preparedness-council](https://www.ready.gov/kids/youth-preparedness-council) and

visit <https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/apply-to-ypc> to apply.

Does your community experience flooding? Submit this form!

FloodNet is a cooperative of communities, researchers, and New York City government agencies working to better understand the frequency, severity, and impacts of flooding in New York City. They are working to install flood sensors across the city, and would love your input!



Their sensors are ultrasonic, meaning they use inaudible sound pulses to measure water depth. They are camera-free and can be mounted on street signs.

Submit a location for a free flood sensor from FloodNet at this [survey link](#) before February 15.

APPLY: Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Applications Are Open

HEAP helps low-income households meet the cost of heating their homes. The benefit can pay for fuel, your utility source, and heating equipment replacement and repairs. The benefit is paid directly to the heating vendor or utility company.



For more information about eligibility and applying please

click here: <https://access.nyc.gov/programs/home-energy-assistance-program-heap/>

NYCEM Asylum Seeker Support Survey

NYC Emergency Management is seeking community based organizations that are interested in volunteering to support asylum seeker operations. Please note, services cannot be provided at respite sites or the Reticketing Center operated by NYCEM. If you're looking to provide services at one of these locations, an alternative site needs to be identified. If interested, please complete the survey linked below and a staff member will get in touch with your organization after we review your responses.

Access the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GLRZ986>

Request for Comments: NYCEM Five-Year Accessibility Plan

New York City passed a local law last year (Local Law 12 of 2023) requiring all New York City agencies to develop and implement a Five-Year Accessibility Plan outlining how each agency is and will be improving access for people with disabilities to the agency's services, programs, activities, and workplace.

The law provides for a public comment period that ends on **February 16, 2024**. We are asking for your input on what is currently a draft of that plan. All comments received by the due date will be reviewed as we work to finalize the plan. The draft accessibility plan, itself, can be found at: https://www.nyc.gov/assets/em/downloads/pdf/NYCEM-Proposed-Five-Year-Accessibility-Plan_2023.pdf

A notice that explains the opportunity for members of the public to comment can be found at: <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/em/downloads/pdf/notice-of-opportunity-to-comment-rev122123-1.pdf>

Please review the plan, and if you have any comments or suggestions about ways to improve it, please submit them at: nyc.gov/accessibilityplans

Thank you for your interest and help in this effort.

Learn More About NYC Emergency Management Community

Preparedness - <https://youtu.be/L250wy3o6r4>

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