

# NEWSLETTER



Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Tips



Join our webinar with FDNY to learn more about lithium-ion batteries, commonly found in rechargeable electronics like cellphones, laptops, e-bikes, and scooters.

Lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy and can catch fire if not treated properly. FDNY will share tips to use and store them safely.

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2022

Time: 1:00 p.m. EST

Link: bit.ly/NYCEM\_CommunityEngagement



Register <u>here!</u>





**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.



**Trivia Link here!** 

# How the DSNY Prepares for Winter Weather 'Prep Talk' Podcast

#PrepTalkNYC (Click here to listen to episode 87)

January 4, 2023 — As the days get shorter and the nights get colder, signaling the change of seasons, New Yorkers know it's time to prepare for inclement weather and the seemingly inevitable snowstorm. Now that the winter season has officially arrived it's only a matter of time before we see snowflakes resulting in school closures, delayed transportation, snow shoveling, and potential snow related emergencies. Luckily, for New York City the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) has its own designated "Snow Chief." As we move further into the winter season, we will examine how DSNY and its Snow Chief prepares for winter to help the city weather the storm.

On this episode of "Prep Talk" Christian Hourihan, assistant chief at the Department of Sanitation, also known as the "Snow Chief" discusses how the agency prepares for snowstorms, the challenges of garbage removal during snowstorms, the process of clearing streets of snow and debris, and snow removal safety tips. Hourihan also talks about the department's biggest challenges when facing snowstorms and their role in citywide events such as the New York City Marathon.

"For Sanitation, winter season prep is a year-round thing," said**Christian Hourihan, Assistant Chief at the Department of Sanitation**. "Coming out of winter, the first thing we are doing is reassessing how did we perform and changes to routes that are necessary."

You can listen to the latest episode on <u>SoundCloud</u>, <u>Apple Podcasts</u>, and <u>Spreaker</u>.

# How New York City Prepares for Winter Snowstorms ¡Prepárate! Podcast

¡Prepárate! (Click to listen to episode 15)

January 4, 2023 — The weather outside is frightful. And while winter can be delightful, it can also cause havoc on transportation, infrastructure and utility services during snowstorms and extreme cold weather events. With winter officially underway, New York City Emergency Management and its partners have been preparing for months for the potential impacts to transportation and utility providers due to uprooted trees, fallen branches on homes, roads, streets, sidewalks and other sensitive structures during extreme weather.

On the latest episode of ¡Prepárate!, Henry Cornejo, Transportation and Infrastructure Specialist for New York City Emergency Management, discusses how agencies work together before and after storms. Removing debris and fallen trees from roadways is imperative during emergencies, to allow first responders to reach those in need quickly and safely.

"The most challenging aspect about the winter weather in NYC is its unpredictability. The winter is a busy season for us, we are constantly reviewing our operational plans to determine if any updates are needed, hold calls with our partner agencies to discuss our response activities, and communicate any critical messages to the public. Due to this unpredictability, our most active emergency response groups are the Downed Trees Task Force (DTTF) and the Tow Truck Task Force (TTTF)," said Henry Cornejo, Transportation and utility specialist for New York City Emergency Management. You can listen to the latest *¡Prepárate!* episode on SoundCloud.

# **Reminders on Safely Warming Your Home**



# **Safe Home Heating Tips**

Improper use of portable heating equipment can lead to fire or dangerous

levels of carbon monoxide. Take precautions to ensure you are heating your home safely.

### **Fire Safety Tips**

Use only portable heating equipment that is approved for indoor use. Keep combustible materials, including furniture, drapes, and carpeting at least three feet away from the heat source. \*never\* drape clothes over a space heater to dry.

Always keep an eye on heating equipment. Never leave children alone in the room where a space heater is running. Turn it off when you are unable to closely monitor it.

Be careful not to overload electrical circuits.

Make sure you have a working smoke alarm in every room. Check and change batteries often.

For more information, the <u>FDNY's website</u> has many Fire Safety resources. Follow the link and click on Holiday and Christmas Fire Safety Materials for specific tips to keep you and your family safe this holiday season, and don't forget to share the information with your community!

# **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.

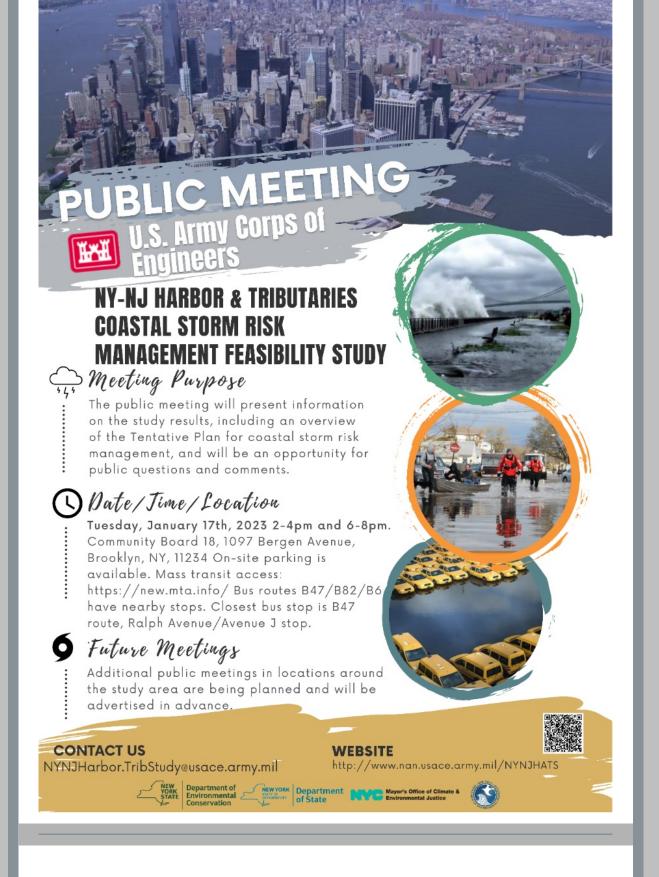
Partnerships lie at the foundation of any thriving community, and this training series will help you identify the best partners for your organization to achieve its goals. Join to learn best-practices, engage in professional peer learning, and navigate tools that help your organization:

- 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.





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:

- Wed, Jan. 11, 2023 at 6:30PM
- 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: <a href="mailto:desposito@oem.nyc.gov">desposito@oem.nyc.gov</a>











#### **Human Trafficking Awareness Webinar**

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 1:00:00 PM EST Duration: 1 hour(s)

Please join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division for a special webinar featuring a subject matter expert from Homeland Security Investigations, tasked with investigating and dismantling human trafficking efforts throughout the country.

Human trafficking is a hidden crime, and it can happen in any community; victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality. The first step to combating it is to identify victims so they can be rescued and help bring their perpetrators to justice. Education and awareness is the route to a safer community.

Register <u>here!</u>

#### DIA Webinar - Preparedness for People with Loss of Sight, Hearing or Combined Loss

Thursday, January 19, 2023 12:30:00 PM EST Duration: 1 hour(s)

Please join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division for a webinar about preparedness for people with hearing or vision or a combined loss and how Emergency Managers should consider this population when making their plans.

This webinar is intended to illuminate preparedness for individuals as well as emergency managers developing plans for their community. Four subject matter experts will join us to discuss each targeted population of those with loss of sight, loss of hearing or a combined loss of sight and hearing.

Who should attend? Whole Community, emergency managers, first responders, families, service providers community and faith-based organizations and other Federal, SLTT government agencies.

# Register <u>here!</u>



Resources and assistance to support HUD's community partners

#### 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



NYC 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.

The FloodNet NYC team is hiring a full-time, NYC-based Community Engagement Manager. The ideal candidate will have experience living and working in NYC, and will also have experience in two or more of the following:

- Community engagement / Organizing
- Sensors / STEM Education
- Flooding / Climate Change Adaptation

Please share with your networks! FloodNet is a great collaborative team, and this job is an opportunity to be part of an innovative and impactful project, all while working within the awesome neighborhoods and community groups of NYC!

More information and application details are

here: https://www.rfcuny.org/careers/postings?pvnID=BK-2208-005001

Closing Date: January 13, 2023 (Or Until Filled).

# **NYCEM Hiring Information**

#### **NYC Emergency Management Agency Spotlight**



#### **Sponsored by: NYC Emergency Management**

Are you interested in a career opportunity helping New Yorkers before, during, and after emergencies? Do you want to be part of a team that includes the best and brightest emergency management professionals in the world? Well, look no further! NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM) is hiring for various positions including emergency support, human resources, and program management. Join DCAS and NYCEM to learn about these job opportunities, the City's hiring process, and to hear from current NYCEM employees about their experiences on the job.

Career Opportunity.

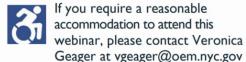
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www.nyc.gov/emergencymanagement

For more information, please contact: Veronica Geager Deputy Director, People and Culture vgeager@OEM.NYC.GOV



Preparedness - https://youtu.be/L250wy3o6r4

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