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NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT’S LATEST *¡PREPÁRATE!* PODCAST HIGHLIGHTS TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES SPECIALIST HENRY CORNEJO TO DISCUSS HOW NEW YORK CITY PREPARES FOR WINTER SNOWSTORMS

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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](#).

Profile

Henry Cornejo serves as the Transportation and Infrastructure Specialist for New York City Emergency Management. Henry works in the Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure (TUI) unit inside of the Planning and Resilience Bureau. He currently plans and coordinates with partner agencies and utility companies to make sure that the Downed Trees Task Force (DTTF) is updated to operate at any moment's notice. He is a native New Yorker, born and raised in Astoria, Queens, and is a product of the NYC public school system. After graduating from the City College of New York, he began his career with the city as an analyst for New York City Department of Administrative Services in 2019, and then joined New York City Emergency Management in January 2022.



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