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**NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S LATEST 'PREP TALK' PODCAST
FEATURES WOMEN IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Special guests honor Women's History Month and discuss their contributions to the emergency management field

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March 8, 2018 – In honor of Women's History Month and International Women's Day, the latest "Prep Talk" episode features women in emergency management. The podcast hosts sat down with MaryAnn Tierney, Regional Administrator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region III, Christina Farrell, Deputy Commissioner for External Affairs at NYC Emergency Management, and Samantha Phillips, the Director of the National Center for Security and Preparedness (NCSP) at the State University of New York (SUNY Albany). The episode, *Women in Emergency Management*, takes a close look at each woman's journey and highlights each successes and challenges in the field. Each guest reflects on how major emergencies — including Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Sandy, and the Amtrak derailment in Philadelphia — have shaped emergency management both on the local and national level, and looks ahead to the continued evolution of the field. You can listen to find out how technology has played a role in emergency management and why the public is a critical part of the emergency response team. Click to listen to episode 7 on [SoundCloud](#) and [iTunes](#).

Profiles:

MaryAnn Tierney was appointed Regional Administrator for FEMA Region III in August 2010. She also served concurrently as Acting Regional Administrator in FEMA Region II for 10 months following the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy on New York and New Jersey. From April to June 2017, she served as the Acting Associate Administrator for Mission Support at FEMA headquarters. As Regional Administrator, Mrs. Tierney is responsible for leading FEMA's efforts in the mid-Atlantic to ensure communities are resilient against, ready for, can respond to and quickly recover from disasters of all kinds.

Christina Farrell, Deputy Commissioner for External Affairs, joined NYC Emergency Management in 2003. She is responsible for the agency's communication with outside entities, including press, the general public, community groups, and private sector partners. She also oversees intergovernmental affairs, community outreach and Ready New York, the City's preparedness campaign. Prior to joining NYC Emergency Management, Farrell served as the director of the NYC Mayor's Office of Grants Administration. She holds a bachelor's degree in international relations and economics from Colgate University and a master's in public administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Samantha Phillips is the Director of the National Center for Security and Preparedness (NCSP) at SUNY Albany. Phillips is the immediate past Director of Emergency Management for the City of Philadelphia. During her tenure in Philadelphia, Phillips reorganized OEM to improve capacity, refocused the agency’s attention on strategic planning, and concentrated on the operational integrity and implementation of citywide planning efforts. Phillips was integral in the City’s response to several citywide emergencies, many of which received Presidential Disaster Declarations, including Hurricane Sandy (2012), Hurricane Irene (2011), and Tropical Storm Lee (2011), major snowstorms, record flooding events, and the fatal Amtrak 188 derailment (2015). She was also responsible for public safety coordination for major special events and served in a leadership capacity for the visit of Pope Francis I in September 2015 and the Democratic National Convention in 2016.

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