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NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S MOBILE OFFICE RETURNS TO THE BRONX ON AUGUST 14

NYC Emergency Management, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and Councilmember Vanessa Gibson visit Joyce Kilmer Park

August 13, 2015 – New York City Emergency Management officials will visit the Bronx on Friday to discuss emergency preparedness, coordination, and planning with residents. NYC Emergency Management staff members, along with representatives from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Councilmember Vanessa Gibson will open a mobile office at Joyce Kilmer Park from 11 AM to 3 PM. Residents will have the opportunity to learn more about the NYC Emergency Management's role in educating and preparing New Yorkers for emergencies. Health representatives will distribute materials on Legionnaires' disease and continue to inform the public about the outbreak.

"NYC Emergency Management works tirelessly every day to keep New Yorkers safe and informed," said NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Joseph Esposito. "We visited Hunts Point on August 4, and we're back out here in Councilmember Gibson's district to inform the residents about what we do here in the City. Our mobile office hours are a new way for New Yorkers to meet and get to know the emergency managers who work behind the scenes to help them."

"Legionnaires' is a highly treatable disease that cannot be spread through person to person to contact. I am so thankful to New York City Emergency Management and the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit for their continuous commitment to providing my community with accurate and up-to-date information," said Councilmember Vanessa Gibson. "New York City Emergency Management's mobile office will have an even greater outreach potential assisting my staff and I in our efforts to address ongoing questions and concerns."

NYC Emergency Management staff members will be on hand to distribute a range of emergency preparedness materials. New Yorkers are encouraged to stop by to learn how to be prepared for any emergency, including steps to make a plan, gather supplies, and stay informed. Residents will also learn how they can join New York City Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), a program consisting of more than 2,000 volunteers dedicated to helping their communities during emergencies.

NYC Emergency Management's series of mobile office hours around the city continues throughout the month of August from 11 AM to 3 PM at the following locations:

- August 14: Bronx, Joyce Kilmer Park (Grand Concourse and E 164th St.)
- August 18: Staten Island, St. George (Staten Island Borough Hall, Stuyvesant Street and Borough Place)
- August 25: Manhattan, Harlem (Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building, 125th Street and Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard)

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