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**NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BRINGS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TO
MIDTOWN EAST ON SEPTEMBER 7**

September 6, 2016 — The New York City Emergency Management Department will visit Dag Hammarskjold Plaza on Wednesday, September 7, to discuss preparedness, coordination, and planning with residents. NYC Emergency Management staff members will be on hand from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM to give New Yorkers the opportunity to learn more about preparing for emergencies.

“NYC Emergency Management staffers work tirelessly to ensure that New Yorkers are educated about emergency preparedness,” said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Joseph Esposito**. “From hurricane preparedness to heat safety, we want to make sure that people have the information they need to make sound decisions before, during, and after an emergency.”

“I’m delighted that the NYC Emergency Management Department will host an emergency preparedness fair at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, which is across the street from the United Nations and at the heart of NYC’s diplomatic community. This event will provide an important opportunity for our diplomatic and consular communities to receive information on NYCEM’s programs and community-based initiatives, as well as how best to prepare themselves and their constituents to respond to emergencies,” said **Mayor’s Office for International Affairs Commissioner Penny Abeywardena**.

“Every family in New York can benefit from making plans for emergency situations. In today’s climate, a few moments of preparation can mean all the difference in a difficult situation,” said **Assemblyman Dan Quart**. “I hope everyone who is able will stop by and take advantage of this great opportunity to get more information about resources and planning.”

“Our city must set the national standard for emergency preparedness. Through New York City Emergency Management’s volunteer opportunities and community-based initiatives, we can achieve this goal,” said **Council Member Daniel Garodnick**. “I thank NYCEM for bringing this outreach event to the East Side of Manhattan, and I hope that people take advantage of this chance to learn ways to support our families and neighbors both before and during an emergency.”

NYC Emergency Management staff members will distribute a range of emergency preparedness materials and show New Yorkers how to prepare for their unique needs. 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 to join their local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), a program consisting of more than 2,000 volunteers dedicated to helping their communities during emergencies.



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