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**NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT’S LATEST EPISODE OF *¡PREPÁRATE!*
WELCOMES SAN JUAN MAYOR MIGUEL ROMERO TO DISCUSS THE SPECIAL
PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES AND SUPPORT DURING
EMERGENCIES**

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August 4, 2021 — New York City and San Juan, Puerto Rico, could be considered sister cities. With more than 650,000 Puerto Ricans living in New York City, the influence from the island is palpable in everything from the arts, cuisine, fashion, sports, and even politics. On the latest episode of *¡Prepárate!*, the newly elected mayor of San Juan, Miguel Romero, shares the value, necessity, and impact of having a partnership with New York City, especially during times of crisis. For example, Mayor Romero recently met with a leadership team that included staff from New York City Emergency Management and the New York City Police Department, who traveled to San Juan for training exercises prior to the start of peak hurricane season. Mayor Romero discussed goals for his administration, future emergencies, and the upcoming 500th anniversary of the founding of San Juan as the capital of Puerto Rico.

“The relationship that we have with San Juan strengthens our ability to provide assistance whenever it is needed. It is also a great opportunity for us, to be able to improve on our response, recovery, and communications protocols whether it is during a training exercise or an actual emergency,” **said NYC Emergency Management Commissioner John Scrivani.**

“The City of San Juan and Puerto Rico are still very much in the recovery stage, after the damaged cause by Hurricane Maria. We are rebuilding our electrical infrastructure, which is key to running our hospitals, health centers, and any facilities that care for our seniors, or people with at-risk health conditions. Our training exercises and collaboration with New York City are great opportunities to strengthen our ability to respond, and recover from emergencies,” **said San Juan Mayor Miguel Romero.**

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Profile

Miguel Romero is the Mayor of San Juan. Prior to becoming mayor, he served as Puerto Rico’s Secretary of Labor and Human Resources, served as Puerto Rico Governor Luis Fortuño’s chief of staff, and was a senator for the San Juan district from 2017 to 2020.



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