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Special guests discuss the benefits of mentorship in professional growth

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May 8, 2019 — Mentorship is a priority at the New York City Emergency Management Department. In the latest episode of “Prep Talk,” special guests Robert Cohen and Jennifer Pearsall, both with NYC Emergency Management, discuss the benefits of mentorship in professional growth. Pearsall and Cohen outline the agency’s four-step mentorship program and provide insight about how emergency managers and other organizations can implement such an initiative.

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Profiles:

Jennifer Pearsall is an interagency training coordinator at New York City Emergency Management. She is an AmeriCorps alumna and active American Red Cross volunteer. Pearsall has deployed to various natural disasters including Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico in 2017, Louisiana flooding in 2016, and twice to Oklahoma for tornadoes in 2015. She manages the Employee Mentor Program at NYC Emergency Management and designs, coordinates, and teaches various classes to employees and agency partners. Pearsall also coordinates activities and programs with the Urban Assembly School for Emergency Management (UASEM). These include managing the NYC Emergency Management High School Internship Program, providing speakers for Career Week, and conducting tours.

Pearsall holds a bachelor’s degree in public relations from the University of Central Oklahoma. She is pursuing a master’s degree in emergency management from John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Robert Cohen is the deputy director of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) unit at NYC Emergency Management. The EOC is New York City’s central facility for senior officials from public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private sector partners to coordinate response and recovery to mid- to large-scale emergencies. Cohen is responsible for supporting NYC Emergency Management’s on-call team staff and partners in their EOC roles, which includes developing protocols, conducting EOC trainings and exercises, and leading after-action report processes. He has previously worked in fire and emergency medical services, and coordinates public health and medical services response during large emergencies.



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