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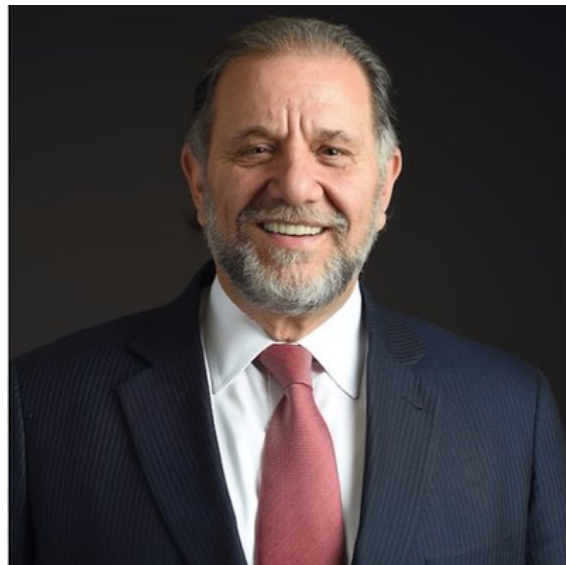
First Newsletter of 2024

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

The NYCEM Community Engagement
team wishes you a splendid 2024!

Honoring the Life and Service of former NYCEM Commissioner Joseph Esposito

New York City Mayor Eric Adams today released the following statement on the passing of Joseph Esposito, deputy commissioner for enforcement at the New York City Department of Buildings (DOB). Esposito's service in city government began when he entered the New York City Police Department (NYPD) as a trainee in 1968. He served in several commands and bureaus before being appointed chief of department in 2000 — holding that role for 12 years, longer than anyone else in city history. He subsequently served as



commissioner of what is now called the New York City Office of Emergency Management, before joining DOB in September 2022. Esposito, often known as “Espo,” died yesterday, January 8, 2024:

“Joe Esposito was not only a friend for almost 30 years, but a hero who dedicated his life and career to keeping New Yorkers safe, and he has earned the gratitude of our entire city.

“He served his city on our darkest days and brightest moments, climbing the ranks from an NYPD officer more than half a decade ago to chief of department and then New York City Emergency Management commissioner. He remains the longest-serving chief of department in the NYPD’s history, holding the title of highest-ranking uniformed NYPD officer through the horrific attacks of September 11, 2001, and our recovery after Hurricane Sandy. In recent years, he continued his service as deputy commissioner of the Department of Buildings — still serving New Yorkers, even while battling cancer.

“Espo’s dedication to New York City is unmatched. He worked hard for his city — right up to the end. He left us in a better place, and our city stands together to join his family in grieving his loss while honoring his service and commitment to our city.

“As a mark of respect for Joe’s tremendous service and contributions to our city, I have ordered all flags on all city buildings, as well as stationary flagstaffs throughout the five boroughs, to be lowered to half-staff today.”

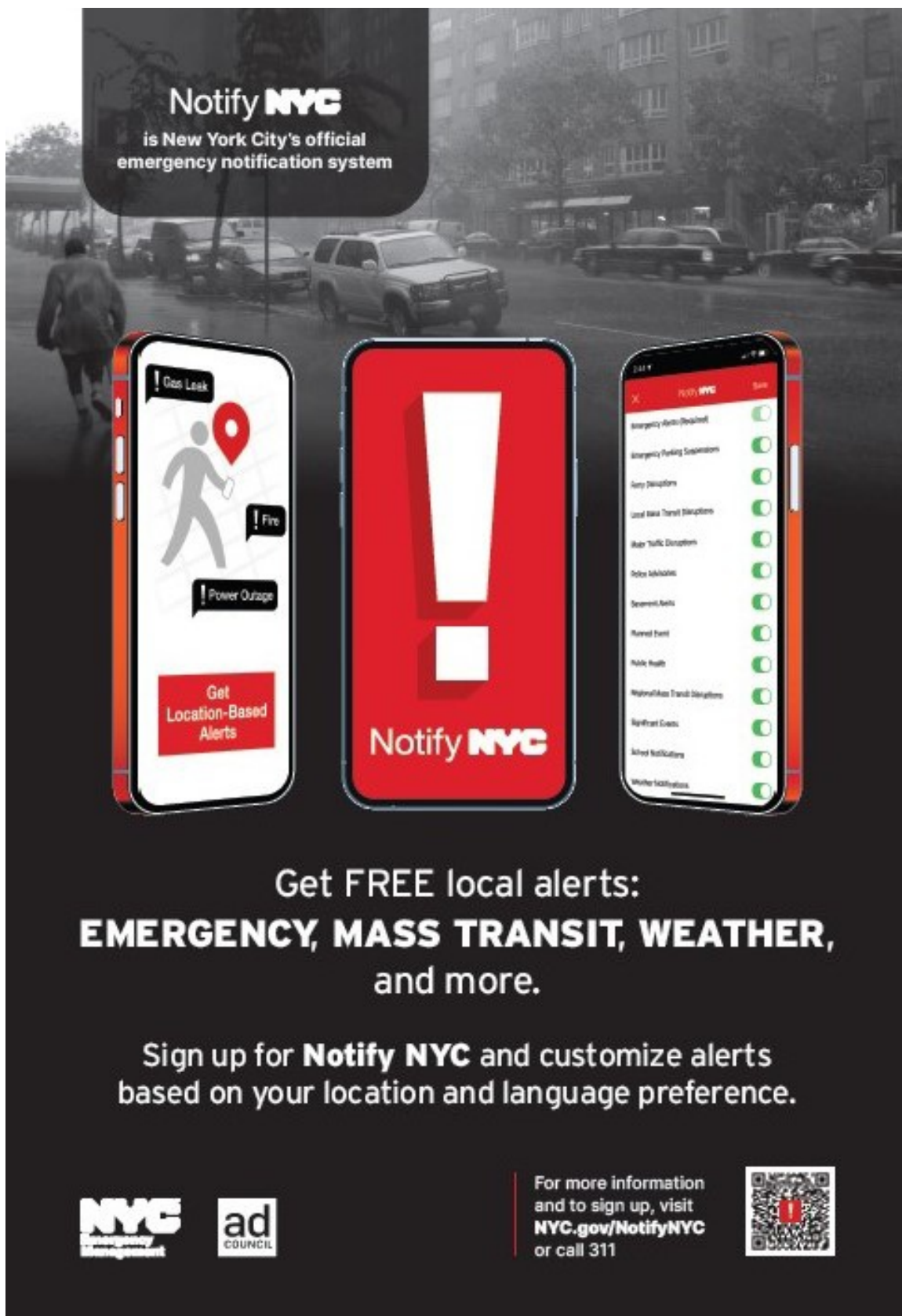
Are You Prepared for Winter Storms?

New York City is expecting heavy rain, damaging winds, and moderate coastal flooding today 1/9 into tomorrow 1/10.

As we enter the winter season, gearing up for unpredictable weather is crucial. Being proactive now ensures safety and peace of mind when storms hit.

- Be ready for potential winter storms, torrential rains, and high winds by ensuring your home is equipped with essentials like **emergency kits, extra food, water, and batteries**.
- **Trim trees** on your property to prevent potential damage from high winds, and **secure outdoor and hanging items** to prevent them from becoming hazards.
- If it's safe to do so, **clear leaves & debris from catch basins** near your home to prevent flooding. Be sure to wear gloves and watch for traffic.
- If you need to travel, use mass transit and **plan for extra travel time**. Be careful when walking, biking, and driving on wet roads.
- If you need to be outdoors, **dress appropriately** for the weather conditions. High winds in particular can cause temperatures to drop below what you expect.

- Have an **emergency plan** in place for power outages or evacuation if necessary.
- **Stay informed** by monitoring weather forecasts, and signing up for alerts from [NotifyNYC](https://nyc.gov/notifynyc).



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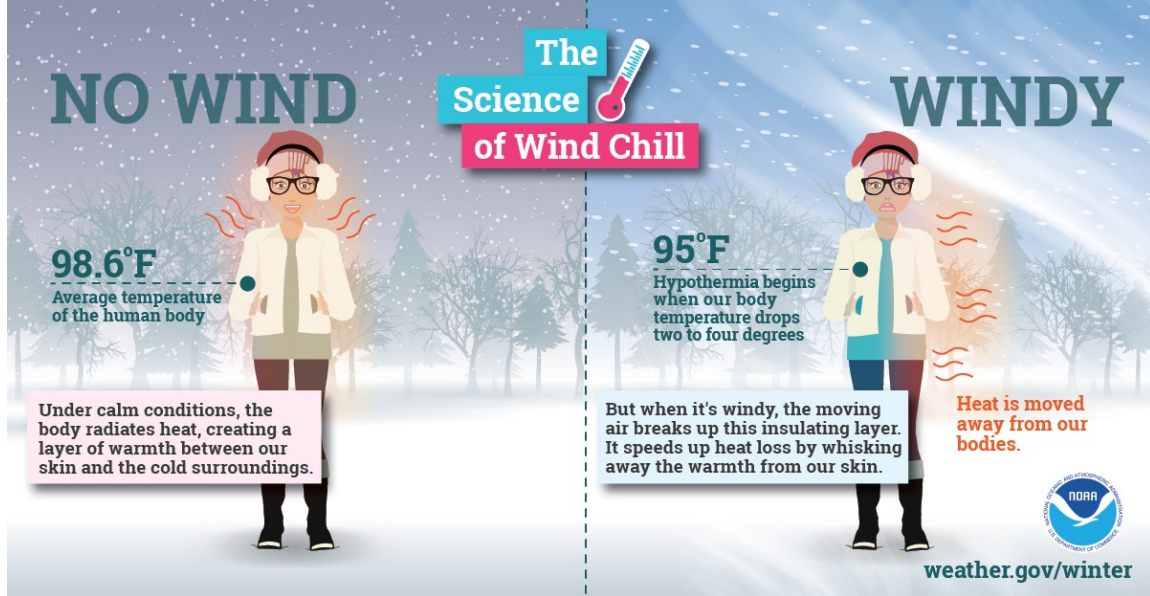
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Partner Spotlight

Sending kudos and gratitude to the **Community Resiliency Network** in The Bronx, a [Strengthening Communities](#) partner of NYCEM. In the final weeks of 2023, they coordinated a two-day preparedness series while having CERT members and Morris Heights Health Center equip neighbors with information and go-bag planning.

In 2024, be part of creating a culture of preparedness by inviting our NYC Emergency Management team out to facilitate. [Request an Event](#) or email communityprep@oem.nyc.gov.



Ready NY



General Info and Upcoming Events

Human Trafficking: Recognize, Report, Respond

Thursday, January 11, 2024 | 1 pm - 2 pm ET

Join the FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division for a special webinar featuring a subject matter expert from Homeland Security

Investigations, tasked with investigating and dismantling human trafficking efforts throughout the country.

Human trafficking is a hidden crime, and it can happen in any community; victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality. The first step to combating it is to identify victims so they can be rescued and help bring their perpetrators to justice. Education and awareness are the route to a safer community. *This event will have live captioning.*



Registration: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/e71o4jnm12er/event/registration.html>

2024 NYC Hazard Mitigation Plan Webinar

Thursday, January 18, 2024 | 11 am - 12 pm ET

NYC is no stranger to natural disasters. Each time we experience one, we learn how to make our city stronger and safer. The NYC Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), updated every five years, outlines these new strategies, as well as steps we can take to reduce our risk.

In this webinar, NYC Emergency Management will showcase the 2024 NYC HMP,



describing the hazards facing NYC and sharing tools to help you understand your risk and ways to prepare and stay safe. We welcome your feedback on all aspects of the plan. Check out the plan and leave your comments at nyc.hazardmitigation.com. Anyone can give feedback on the HMP during the public comment period, which closes **February 5, 2024**.

Registration: <https://nycem-nyc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrdeGppjwqH9QGB3GZEObNvkje5IEV6NQ>

Responding to Flood Disasters in Queens:

A Workshop for Queens Faith Leaders and Community Organizations

January 18, 2024 · 5:30PM to 7:30PM

Jamaica Central Queens Public Library
89-11 Merrick Blvd, Queens, NY 11432

Join a discussion geared at faith and community leaders in Queens focused on sharing stories, and providing strategies for planning ahead and tools to respond to increased extreme weather, including heavy rain, flooding, hurricanes, and heat. The event will seed borough-wide networks & lasting relationships to tackle these challenges together.



RSVP required: tinyurl.com/NYDIS11824

Refreshments and food provided

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Community Engagement Webinar Series: Power



POWER OUTAGE PREP WEBINAR WITH CONED

Learn:

- HOW TO PREPARE FOR A POWER OUTAGE
- WHAT TO DO WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT
- HOW TO REPORT AN OUTAGE
- AND MORE!

February 14 at 10 AM

bit.ly/ConEd_OutagePrep

Join NYC Emergency Management and ConEdison on February 14th at 10AM to discuss how you can prepare for power outages. Topics covered will include:

- How to prepare for an outage
- What to do while the power is out
- How to report an outage
- How to file a claim for spoiled food or medication
- How to use the ConEdison outage map
- How to stay informed
- Tips on tree trimming & water leaks

Register at the following link: https://bit.ly/ConEd_OutagePrep

NYCEM Asylum Seeker Support Survey

NYC Emergency Management is seeking community based organizations that are interested in volunteering to support asylum seeker operations. Please note, services cannot be provided at respite sites or the Reticketing Center operated by NYCEM. If you're looking to provide services at one of these locations, an alternative site needs to be identified. If interested, please complete the survey linked below and a staff member will get in touch with

your organization after we review your responses.

Access the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GLRZ986>

NYDIS Asylum Seeker Shelter Opportunity for Houses of Worship and Faith-Based Spaces



Help! Asylees in NYC Need Safe & Compassionate Shelters
Winter has Arrived. Please Open the Doors to your House of Worship or Faith-based Space. This is a Humanitarian Crisis!



Asylum Seeker Shelter-19 Beds Site

Over 130,000 Asylum Seekers have come to NYC seeking help – hundreds more arrive every day. Over 70,000 are now sheltered in NYC sites. This straining our city's resources to the breaking point. NYDIS has been opening shelters in houses of worship since August. These small faith-based shelters are preferred by migrants because of the kindness, safety and compassionate care they receive – and, our shelters cost tax payers significantly less than hotels and mass shelters. Our current guests are overwhelmingly from South America and West Africa.

Serving the poor and marginalized is an obligation of all faith traditions. To reach our initial goal of opening 50 shelters. We are seeking a minimum of 20 more houses of worship or faith-based organizations to shelter **19 single adult men from 7PM to 7AM over the next 12-24 months** – and, we advance **\$50,000 each month to cover all direct costs and space use**. NYDIS also provides training, shelter supplies and regular operational support onsite.

Help us Save Lives and offer your Hospitality!



New York City has recently approved additional food funding and a 15-bed option for houses of worship (HOW) and faith-based organizations (FBO) seeking to partner with New York Disaster Interfaith Service (NYDIS) to shelter asylum seekers that continue to arrive in NYC on a daily basis.

1. **19 Beds:** These shelters are now approved for a \$50,000 monthly funding which increases the food allowance. Sites are still required to have a Sprinkler System and Central Monitoring System
2. **15 Beds:** These shelters are now approved for a \$47,500 monthly funding which increases the food allowance. Sites are not required to have a Sprinkler System or Central Monitoring System but are required to meet all other code requirements.

To receive further information, please fill out their survey by clicking this link:
<https://howalert.org/AsylumSeekerShelterSurvey>

Request for Responses: Language Access Services Survey

The NYC Mayors Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) invites you to participate in their survey to understand the capacity of community-based organizations (CBOs) to provide language services.

This survey aims to gain insights into the challenges and needs of CBOs providing or seeking to provide language services to City agencies. With the data collected from this survey, MOIA will submit a summary of the findings and recommended steps that the city can take to remove barriers CBOs face to providing language services on behalf of the city.

To access the survey, please click on the following link:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/MOIALanguageAccess

The deadline for this survey is **Wednesday, January 17**. If you have any questions or concerns about this survey, don't hesitate to contact Young Kwon (Language Access Senior Manager) via email (ykwon@moia.nyc.gov).

Request for Comments: 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

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The NYC Hazard Mitigation Plan shares how NYC is working to reduce the impacts from natural hazards. We want to hear from you before our next report!



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Request for Comments: NYCEM Five-Year Accessibility Plan

New York City passed a local law last year (Local Law 12 of 2023) requiring all New York City agencies to develop and implement a Five-Year Accessibility Plan outlining how each agency is and will be improving access for people with disabilities to the agency's services, programs, activities, and workplace.

The law provides for a public comment period that ends on **February 16, 2024**. We are asking for your input on what is currently a draft of that plan. All comments received by the due date will be reviewed as we work to finalize the plan. The draft accessibility plan, itself, can be found at: https://www.nyc.gov/assets/em/downloads/pdf/NYCEM-Proposed-Five-Year-Accessibility-Plan_2023.pdf

A notice that explains the opportunity for members of the public to comment can be found at: <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/em/downloads/pdf/notice-of-opportunity-to-comment-rev122123-1.pdf>

Please review the plan, and if you have any comments or suggestions about

ways to improve it, please submit them at: nyc.gov/accessibilityplans

Thank you for your interest and help in this effort.



Do you know a high school student interested in Emergency Management? Encourage them to apply to be a part of our Commissioner for a Day Contest! The writer of the winning essay will get to spend a day shadowing NYCEM Commissioner Zach Iscol!

Applications are due on February 3rd, 2024.

Apply by clicking here: <https://on.nyc.gov/3uZOo8u>

COVID-19 and Flu Season - Protect Yourself with Updated Vaccines

Everyone age 6 months and older should get an updated COVID-19 vaccine.

The COVID-19 vaccines:

- Can reduce how severe your symptoms are if you get sick from COVID-19.
- Reduce your risk of being hospitalized and dying from COVID-19.
- Reduce your risk of developing long COVID.

While anyone can become very sick from COVID-19, vaccination is especially important — and lifesaving — for people who are age 65 and older, are pregnant, or have certain health conditions or disabilities.

Get an updated vaccine, even if you have had COVID-19 or been vaccinated before. The updated vaccines protect against current variants and strengthen your protection, which can decrease over time. Side effects from the vaccine — including headache, fatigue and soreness at the injection site — are generally mild to moderate and go away within a few days.

Most New Yorkers can still get a COVID-19 vaccine for free. For people with insurance, most health plans — including Medicaid and Medicare — will cover vaccination at no cost. Scan the QR code or visit vaccinefinder.nyc.gov to find a vaccination site, including sites offering free vaccines for people without insurance.

Get your annual flu shot too. It is safe to get the COVID-19 and flu vaccines at the same time.

In addition, staying home when sick, testing, masking and washing your hands are important ways to reduce your risk of COVID-19 and other viruses. If you have questions about COVID-19 vaccination, call 212-COVID-19 (212-268-4319) or talk to your health care provider.



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We Are Hiring! Join the NYC Emergency Management Team



New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) is responsible for coordinating citywide emergency planning and response for all types and scales of emergencies. It is staffed by more than 200 dedicated professionals with diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise, including individuals assigned from other City agencies.

Our Mission: NYC Emergency Management helps New Yorkers before, during, and after emergencies through preparedness, education, and response.

Our Jobs: NYC Emergency Management has a variety of vacancies within multiple bureaus across the agency – the jobs summaries below are simply a selection of the jobs available. For full job descriptions, go to [NYC.gov/jobs](https://nyc.gov/jobs), or scan the QR code below to be taken to the NYCEM Careers site to learn more.



BUREAU: Office of the Chief Operating Officer (COO)

Process and Data Analyst, Human Capital, \$65,000-\$72,500- Job ID# 621008

Under the direction of the Chief Human Capital Officer and the Deputy Chief Operations Officer, the HCM Process and Data Analyst (Analyst) is responsible for supporting HCM's strategic analytics, data process improvement, and reporting functions. This role will develop data-driven insights across all Human Capital areas including recruitment, retention, and turnover; performance; and workforce planning. The Analyst will develop infrastructure and systems for routine reporting and develop standard operating procedures for managing data requests and output. This role will act as a strategic business partner, engaging and collaborating with cross-functional experts with other divisions including the Office of Strategic Operations for strategic plan metrics; Learning & Development for developing strategic goals for the agency; Finance to ensure data integrity within funding streams; and the Chief Equity and Diversity Officer on annual compliance reporting, among others. In addition to data management, this role will be responsible for maintaining and improving interaction between various HCM systems including our HRIS and vacancy tracker database.

BUREAU: Office of the Chief Counsel

Records Program Manager, \$65,000-\$72,000 – Job ID# 608248

The Records Management unit is looking for a Records Program Manager who will work under the directions of the Chief Counsel and the Deputy Director, Records. The Program Manager will assist with maintaining and managing the agency's electronic and physical records. This includes any day-to-day responsibilities and creating and implementing policies around agency records. The Program Manager will work with staff to ensure that all records are in compliance according to City policies and procedures.

BUREAU: Response/Watch Command

Watch Commander, \$60,000-\$60,000 – Job ID# 606474

The Watch Command unit is seeking a Watch Commander to assist in a wide variety of tasks related to teams daily operations. This unit a 24/7/365 unit that works to alert the agency and city officials to monitor various points of communication for situational awareness of incidents that can impact the City and assist our larger Response bureau in responding to those incidents. Under the supervision of the Watch Command Supervisor, with latitude for independent initiative and judgment, the Watch Commander would also perform professional work of varying degrees of

difficulty and responsibility.

**Learn More About NYC Emergency Management Community
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