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NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BRINGS MOBILE OFFICE TO QUEENS ON AUGUST 12

NYC Emergency Management is opening mobile offices throughout all five boroughs in the month of August

August 11, 2015 – New York City Emergency Management officials will visit Rockaway Beach on Wednesday, August 12, to discuss emergency preparedness, coordination, and planning with residents. NYC Emergency Management staff members will open a mobile office at Beach 95th Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard from 11 AM to 3 PM, and will give residents the opportunity to learn more about the agency’s role in educating and preparing New Yorkers for emergencies. With the 2015 hurricane season well underway, emergency managers will provide tips to help the community prepare for hurricane season.

“NYC Emergency Management works tirelessly every day to keep New Yorkers safe and informed,” said NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Joseph Esposito. “Our mobile office hours are a new way for New Yorkers to meet and get to know the emergency managers coordinating emergency responses in New York City.”

“It is important to keep all New Yorkers informed about how to prepare for, remain safe during, and sometimes recover from a severe weather event,” said Queens Borough President Melinda Katz. “A NYC Emergency Management mobile office in the Rockaways will allow the city to better assist the residents of this community in the event of an emergency. NYC Emergency Management and its commissioner, Joseph Esposito, deserve our thanks for engaging in this important community outreach effort.”

“If Hurricane Sandy taught us anything, it’s that the key to getting through an emergency is to be prepared,” said State Senator James Sanders Jr. “We may have been caught off guard the first time around, but it’s never too late to have a game plan. With August marking the beginning of coastal storm season and the chance of another hurricane battering our shores not outside the realm of possibility, I encourage everyone to take advantage of the city’s Emergency Management Mobile Office and learn about emergency preparedness, coordination and planning.”

“I commend Commissioner Esposito and the Office of Emergency Management for bringing this mobile unit to the area and for making sure the Rockaways are not forgotten,” said Councilman Eric Ulrich. “It is important that all residents are prepared for any emergency.”

“Families in southern Queens and Rockaway have seen two major evacuations in the last few years. With these mobile offices, NYC Emergency Management is providing our community with valuable information that can keep us safe and potentially save lives. I give tremendous credit to Commissioner Esposito for his leadership in making emergency preparedness a priority for our families,” said Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder.

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 mobile office visited Monsignor Del Valle Square in Hunts Point, The Bronx, on August 4, and the Red Hook Library in Brooklyn on August 6. The upcoming mobile office will be held from 11AM to 3 PM at the following locations:

- August 12: Queens, Rockaway Beach (Beach 95th Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard)
- 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)

All Mobile Office locations are accessible. For those interested in our preparedness materials for people with vision loss, NYC Emergency Management staff will have tablets on site to demonstrate large print and audio options, as well as other accessible features of our materials. ASL interpretation will be available at all Mobile Office events.

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