

NYC Emergency
Management

**COMMUNITY
PREPAREDNESS**

NEWSLETTER

 **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
WEBINAR SERIES** 

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Tips



Join our webinar with FDNY to learn more about lithium-ion batteries, commonly found in rechargeable electronics like cellphones, laptops, e-bikes, and scooters.

Lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy and can catch fire if not treated properly. FDNY will share tips to use and store them safely.

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m. EST

Link: bit.ly/NYCEM_CommunityEngagement

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Register [here!](https://bit.ly/NYCEM_CommunityEngagement)

NYC Emergency Management CERT

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members receive intensive training in emergency preparedness, fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, and more.

If you are 18 or older and want to join NYC CERT, please follow the link below and complete the online application:

<https://nyc.gov/cert>

All applicants must attend a virtual orientation session to be eligible for basic training. Upcoming orientation sessions are as follows:

- Tues, Jan. 24, 2023 at 6:30PM
- Thurs, Jan. 26, 2023 at 6:30PM

There are two sessions – one is a Mon/Wed session and the other meets on a Tues/Thursday schedule. Each class meets in the evening from 6:30PM to about 9/9:30PM. Almost half of the classes are virtual, with the other classes meeting in-person at our headquarters – 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn.

The next NYC CERT Basic training cycle is due to begin in early February, 2023, so **APPLY NOW!**

For more info and to apply to the orientation, contact Denise Esposito at:

desposito@oem.nyc.gov



Ready New York Winter Weather Trivia

Are you a Ready New Yorker? Complete this trivia to see how well you stack up! You might just learn something new.

A severe snowstorm characterized by strong sustained winds and low visibility . Also known as famous Dairy Queen treat.



[Trivia Link here!](#)

How the DSNY Prepares for Winter Weather 'Prep Talk' Podcast

#PrepTalkNYC {[Click here to listen to episode 87](#)}

January 4, 2023 — As the days get shorter and the nights get colder, signaling the change of seasons, New Yorkers know it's time to prepare for inclement weather and the seemingly inevitable snowstorm. Now that the winter season has officially arrived it's only a matter of time before we see snowflakes resulting in school closures, delayed transportation, snow shoveling, and potential snow related emergencies. Luckily, for New York City the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) has its own designated "Snow Chief." As we move further into the winter season, we will examine how DSNY and its Snow Chief prepares for winter to help the city weather the storm.

On this episode of "Prep Talk" Christian Hourihan, assistant chief at the Department of Sanitation, also known as the "Snow Chief" discusses how the agency prepares for snowstorms, the challenges of garbage removal during snowstorms, the process of clearing streets of snow and debris, and snow removal safety tips. Hourihan also talks about the department's biggest challenges when facing snowstorms and their role in citywide events such as the New York City Marathon.

"For Sanitation, winter season prep is a year-round thing," said **Christian Hourihan, Assistant Chief at the Department of Sanitation**. "Coming out of winter, the first thing we are doing is reassessing how did we perform and changes to routes that are necessary."

You can listen to the latest episode on [SoundCloud](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), and [Spreaker](#).

How New York City Prepares for Winter Snowstorms ¡Prepárate! Podcast

January 4, 2023 — The weather outside is frightful. And while winter can be delightful, it can also cause havoc on transportation, infrastructure and utility services during snowstorms and extreme cold weather events. With winter officially underway, New York City Emergency Management and its partners have been preparing for months for the potential impacts to transportation and utility providers due to uprooted trees, fallen branches on homes, roads, streets, sidewalks and other sensitive structures during extreme weather.

On the latest episode of *¡Prepárate!*, Henry Cornejo, Transportation and Infrastructure Specialist for New York City Emergency Management, discusses how agencies work together before and after storms. Removing debris and fallen trees from roadways is imperative during emergencies, to allow first responders to reach those in need quickly and safely.

"The most challenging aspect about the winter weather in NYC is its unpredictability. The winter is a busy season for us, we are constantly reviewing our operational plans to determine if any updates are needed, hold calls with our partner agencies to discuss our response activities, and communicate any critical messages to the public. Due to this unpredictability, our most active emergency response groups are the Downed Trees Task Force (DTTF) and the Tow Truck Task Force (TTTF)," said Henry Cornejo, Transportation and utility specialist for New York City Emergency Management. You can listen to the latest *¡Prepárate!* episode on [SoundCloud](#).

Reminders on Safely Warming Your Home



Safe Home Heating Tips

Improper use of portable heating equipment can lead to fire or dangerous levels of carbon monoxide. Take precautions to ensure you are heating your home safely.

Fire Safety Tips

Use only portable heating equipment that is approved for indoor use. Keep combustible materials, including furniture, drapes, and carpeting at least three feet away from the heat source. **never** drape clothes over a space heater to dry.

Always keep an eye on heating equipment. Never leave children alone in the room where a space heater is running. Turn it off when you are unable to closely monitor it.

Be careful not to overload electrical circuits.

Make sure you have a working smoke alarm in every room. Check and change batteries often.

For more information, the [FDNY's website](#) has many Fire Safety resources. Follow the link and click on Holiday and Christmas Fire Safety Materials for specific tips to keep you and your family safe this holiday season, and don't forget to share the information with your community!

Community Flood Action Kit

Community Flood Action Toolkit

Protect your property from flood risk

The Community Flood Action Toolkit is a new resource from the team at FloodHelpNY. This toolkit provides high-level information about flood insurance and retrofits.

The toolkit is available in English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Russian, and Haitian Creole.

Link to toolkit and more information: [Flood Risk Is Rising | News and Info on Flooding | FloodHelpNY.org](#)

Upcoming Events

NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT TOOLKIT TRAINING SERIES

Session One: Community Assessment
January 24, 2023 | 1:00 - 2:30

Session Two: Building Partnerships
January 31, 2023 | 1:00 - 2:30

Session Three: Engaging Volunteers
February 7, 2023 | 1:00 - 2:30

Register at bit.ly/2023NET
All trainings via Zoom

NYC Service
nyc.gov/service



Neighborhood Engagement Toolkit Training Series

This three-part training series dives into the Neighborhood Engagement Toolkit, a resource about how you can increase your organization's positive impact by forming mutually beneficial partnerships for change with other organizations and volunteers.

Partnerships lie at the foundation of any thriving community, and this training series will help you identify the best partners for your organization to achieve its goals. Join to learn best-practices, engage in professional peer learning, and navigate tools that help your organization:

1. Understand your community and assess your organization's ability to meet its needs
2. Increase capacity for impact through partnerships and volunteer support
3. Evaluate, evolve, and share your stories

This series is hosted by James Garcia, Director of Community Initiatives at NYC Service. A veteran and municipal leader with over a decade of experience leading volunteer programs, James provides expert insight helpful to organizations across the five boroughs.

[Register Now](#)

Trainings are hosted live on Zoom, including breakout sessions and open discussion for questions and answers.



POISON PREVENTION: WINTER SAFETY

NYC Poison Control Center: Winter Safety Tips

Join us in January and start the year off right! We will be hosting **Poison Prevention: Winter Safety Tips** webinars in English, Spanish and Chinese Mandarin. All participants will receive a certificate.

Learn how to keep your family safe during the winter months.

Poison Prevention: Winter Safety Tips Spanish

January 24, 2023

12-1pm

Registration Link: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/5788808/PCC-Webinar-Registration?eventID=a1Q4V00000YT8pyUAD>

Call In Number: 1-408-418-9388

Access Code: 2335 559 2809

Poison Prevention: Winter Safety Tips English

January 25, 2023

12-1pm

Registration Link: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/5788808/PCC-Webinar-Registration?eventID=a1Q4V00000YT8q3UAD>

Call In Number: 1-408-418-9388

Access Code: 2333 000 8972

Poison Prevention: Winter Safety Tips Chinese Mandarin

January 25, 2023

2-3pm



Stop the Bleed provides people with the tools and knowledge to stop life-threatening bleeding in the event of an emergency situation. Bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death after injury, and the actions of immediate responders can be crucial in determining the outcome of the situation.



Virtual

**Wednesday,
February 8th**

12-1PM

-or-

4-5PM

The focus of the course:

- The immediate response to bleeding
- Recognize life-threatening bleeding
- Appropriate ways to stop bleeding

To register for one of our free courses, visit bklynlibrary.org/calendar and search "Stop the Bleed"

There are two time slots for February 8th:

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM -Register [here!](#)

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM -Register [here!](#)



NYDIS' SPRING 2023 TRAININGS FOR NYC RELIGIOUS LEADERS



HOW READY ARE YOU?

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID (MHFA)

Wed, Jan. 18 @NYDIS, 4 West 43rd Street
Wed, Mar. 15 @NYDIS, 4 West 43rd Street
Wed, Apr. 19 @NYDIS, 4 West 43rd Street
Wed, June. 07 @NYDIS, 4 West 43rd Street

One-day MHFA training certifications for community & faith leaders to learn how to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge.

Wed, Feb. 01 @Virtual, 12:00pm - 3:00pm
Wed, May. 10 @Virtual, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Free Virtual 3-hour Continuity Of Operations Planning (COOP) training for clergy and lay leaders. This training includes interactive tabletop activities and instructional guidance in writing a plan for your house of worship or faith-based organization.

WRITING A CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN FOR CONGREGATIONS

WRITING AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN FOR YOUR CONGREGATION

Wed, Feb. 15 @Virtual, 2:00pm-5:00pm
Wed, Mar. 29 @Virtual, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Free Virtual 3-hour training for congregation and faith-based organization leaders to learn how to effectively communicate with staff, congregation members, and clients in an emergency setting and share critical information immediately after a crisis when lives and safety are at risk.

Tues, Feb. 28 @NYDIS, 4 West 43rd Street

This one-day training covers disaster operations, disaster spiritual care, disaster mental health, and self-care for caregivers, the training provides religious leaders with tools and resources to engage faith communities throughout the disaster lifecycle.

RELIGIOUS LITERACY & COMPETENCY IN CRISIS SETTINGS

DISASTER CHAPLAIN CERTIFICATION

Wed-Thu, March. 01-02 @NYDIS, 4 West 43rd Street

The one-day Religious Literacy and Competency in Crisis Settings is a required prerequisite for this course. This two-day training prepares faith leaders or institutional chaplains to volunteer as disaster chaplains in mass-care settings or to serve as disaster chaplains within their house of worship, religious community or professional institution.

Register Now: <http://nydisnet.eventbrite.com>

QUESTIONS? EMAIL LCUMMINGS@NYDIS.ORG



In partnership with the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

Register [here!](#)



FEMA
Region 2



DIA Webinar - Preparedness for People with Loss of Sight, Hearing or Combined Loss

Thursday, January 19, 2023 12:30:00 PM EST

Duration: 1 hour(s)

Please join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division for a webinar about preparedness for people with hearing or vision or a combined loss and how Emergency Managers should consider this population when making their plans.

This webinar is intended to illuminate preparedness for individuals as well as emergency managers developing plans for their community. Four subject matter experts will join us to discuss each targeted population of those with loss of sight, loss of hearing or a combined loss of sight and hearing.

Who should attend? Whole Community, emergency managers, first responders, families, service providers community and faith-based organizations and other Federal, SLTT government agencies.

Register [here!](#)



HUD EXCHANGE

*Resources and assistance to support
HUD's community partners*

RFI for HUD's CDBG-DR Rules, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements

HUD Seeking First-of-Its-Kind Public Input to More Equitably and Accurately Allocate Disaster Recovery Funds.

Public comments requested on or before **February 21, 2023**. Late-filled comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

<https://mailchi.mp/hudexchange/rfi-for-huds-cdbg-dr-rules-waivers-and-alternative-requirements-87-fr-77864-now-available>

Join NYC Emergency Management - We Are Hiring!

NYC Emergency Management has some exciting employment opportunities available! They can be viewed on the NYC Careers website: [Jobs at NYC Emergency Management - NYCEM](#).

NYC Emergency Management is staffed by over 200 dedicated professionals who are committed to serving the City in a crisis. We are looking for candidates who have a passion for preparing New Yorkers for the next emergency and responding when a crisis hits the City.

Learn More About NYC Emergency Management Community Preparedness - <https://youtu.be/L250wy3o6r4>

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