

Volunteer Development Program

Trained volunteers who understand how to work together increase our community resiliency. The best time to build this capacity is now.

In 2012, the NYC Citizen Corps Council continues to respond to this need and is sponsoring the **Volunteer Development Program** throughout the year.

Over the course of this year, the Council will promote workshops designed to:

- Increase the capacity of NYC disaster volunteers.
- Allow volunteers from NYC Citizen Corps Council organizations to network with each other, and
- Showcase workshops conducted by NYC Citizen Corps Council organizations.

We look to have your volunteers represented at these workshops. Please forward this information to your volunteer contacts. For additional information, visit www.NYC.gov/citizencorps or www.nyccitizencorpscouncil.tumblr.com.

April 12 – Infection and Exposure Control in a Biological Emergency

In biological emergencies, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) is responsible for preventing exposure and transmission within the city. This effort is challenged by the complexities that make up New York City, including size and by the intricate interfaces and interactions between and among populations, infrastructures, and environments.

Standard infection and exposure control guidance tends to address discrete populations, predictable exposures, and controlled environments. Nevertheless, established infection control principles adapted to account for scale, complexity, and uncertainty provide a sound basis for effectively managing all phases of a biological emergency.

Sponsored by the NYC Medical Reserve Corps, this presentation will cover the basics of large scale, population based, infection and exposure control in our multifaceted and densely populated urban environment. Infection Control Coordinator Pamela Kellner, RN, MPH at DOHMH will present.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, April 12 from 6 – 8 PM at the FDNY Auditorium (9 Metrotech Center, Brooklyn). Photo ID required.

To register, email Haddie Lizasuain at healthmrc@health.nyc.gov your name, email and mailing address, phone number, volunteer organization affiliation, and the title and date of the training you are interested in registering for. Space is limited. A light dinner will be provided.

April 18 - National Weather Service SKYWARN® Storm Spotter Workshop

Conducted by the National Weather Service (NWS) in conjunction with NYC CERT and the NYC Citizen Corps Council, this workshop trains volunteers to help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the NWS. SKYWARN® volunteers are trained by NWS personnel to recognize features associated with rapidly developing, mature, and dissipating thunderstorms which cause hazardous weather. SKYWARN® spotters also provide reports of heavy snow, heavy rain, and flooding. They are the eyes and ears, helping to provide better forecasts and warnings to the Tri-state Regions. Forecasters from the NWS in NYC conduct the training to help prepare spotters for the upcoming severe weather season. The training covers fundamental information with a focus on safety, identification of key weather features and proper reporting procedures. For more information about SKYWARN®, visit www.skywarn.org.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 18 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the NYC Office of Emergency Management (165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn).

To register, email Meagan Van Harte at certraining@oem.nyc.gov your name, email and mailing address, phone number, volunteer organization affiliation, need for kosher meal, and the title and date of the training you are interested in registering for. Space is limited. A light dinner will be provided.

May 1 – Volunteers Creating Change: Sixth Annual Disaster Volunteer Conference

In celebration of the impact New York City's volunteers make, ***Volunteers Creating Change***, the NYC Citizen Corps Council's sixth annual Disaster Volunteer Conference, will discuss how change originates with an idea, and how these ideas often have a tremendous impact before, during, and after an emergency on individuals, families, organizations, and communities.

The conference will be held on Tuesday, May 1 from 5:15 – 8 PM at Pace University's Michael Schimmel Center for the Arts (3 Spruce Street, Manhattan).

To register, visit www.NYC.gov/citizencorps.

June 11 – Con Edison 101

Conducted by Con Edison in conjunction with NYC CERT and the NYC Citizen Corps Council, this workshop provides NYC disaster volunteers with a greater understanding of Con Edison and increases one's awareness towards utility incidents. For more information about Con Edison, visit www.conedison.com.

The workshop will be held on Monday, June 11 from 6 – 9 PM at Con Edison – The Learning Center (4382 Vernon Boulevard, Long Island City).

To register, email Justin Land at citizencorps@oem.nyc.gov your name, email and mailing address, phone number, volunteer organization affiliation, need for kosher meal, and the title and date of the training you are interested in registering for. Space is limited. A light dinner will be provided.