



Fifth Annual Disaster Volunteer Conference Enhancing Cross-Cultural Communication

Dear Partner in Preparedness,

In celebration of New York City's diverse communities, the fifth annual **Disaster Volunteer Conference**, hosted by the NYC Citizen Corps Council, will discuss how volunteers can enhance cross-cultural communication before, during, and after a disaster response.

Join us at one of New York City's premier cultural institutions, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in Harlem, for an evening to enjoy the exhibits, dinner provided by The Salvation Army Greater New York Division, and an educational conference with fellow volunteers.

The conference speakers will include:

Welcome Address:

Joseph F. Bruno
Commissioner
New York City Office of Emergency Management

Keynote Address:

Jonathan Purtle, MPH, MSc
Program Manager
Center for Public Health Readiness & Communication
Drexel University School of Public Health

Panel Discussion:

Herman Schaffer, MSW (Moderator)
Director, Community Outreach
New York City Office of Emergency Management

Rev. Chloe Breyer
Executive Director
Interfaith Center of New York

Tia Dix
Trainer
Autism Awareness for First Responders

Fatima Shama
Commissioner
Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

The NYC Citizen Corps Council invites New York City volunteers to join us at the fifth annual Disaster Volunteer Conference.

When

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

5:15 PM
Doors Open
Registration Begins

5:15 - 6 PM
Art Exhibition and Dinner

6 - 8 PM
Conference

Where

**Schomburg Center for Research
in Black Culture**
515 Malcolm X Boulevard
(at West 135th Street)
New York, NY 10037

Website:
[Schomburg Center for Research in
Black Culture](#)

Directions

Subway:
2 or 3 to 135th Street (Accessible)

MTA Bus:
M7 or M102 to 135th Street

Driving:
FDR Drive to Harlem River Drive;
Harlem River Drive to 135th St.; two
blocks west; Interstate 87 (Major
Deegan Expwy.) to Madison Ave.
Bridge (138th Street Exit); one block
west to Malcolm X Blvd.; turn left;
proceed to 135th St.

For direction assistance, visit [Google
Maps](#) or [HopStop](#).

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Space is limited.
Registration is required and first come, first served.

Planning Committee

This year's Disaster Volunteer Conference would not be possible without the hardwork and dedication of **Ian Anderson** (The Salvation Army), **Kristina Corvin** (NYC OEM), **Ann Daniels** (NYC CERT), **Jaime Denniston-Merced** (New York Cares), **Betty Duggan** (NYC DOHMH), **Julie Dumoulin** (World Cares Center), **Christina Farrell** (NYC OEM), **Ali Gheith** (NYC DOHMH), **Alec Glucksman** (NYC OEM), **Justin Land** (NYC OEM), **Haddie Lizasuain** (NYC DOHMH), **Joe Pupello** (NYC OEM), **Christian Quintanilla** (NYC OEM), **Herman Schaffer** (NYC OEM), and **Linda Whitaker** (NYC DFTA).

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