

Volunteer Development Program 2010

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

The NYC Citizen Corps Council is responding to this need and is sponsoring the new and exciting **Volunteer Development Program** throughout 2010.

Over the course of this year, the Council will be promoting trainings designed to:

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

We are looking to have all NYC disaster volunteers represented at these trainings.

February 24 - Leadership and Volunteer Management in Disaster Recovery:

Our first in this series will be New York Cares' training on *Leadership and Volunteer Management in Disaster Recovery*. This training is designed to provide a working understanding of how to start, manage and maintain volunteers during a disaster.

Volunteer leaders involved in disaster recovery will be trained on the basic principles of volunteer management, and how to use these principles during the recovery process.

New York Cares is one of New York City's leading volunteer organizations, bringing vital support to thousands of nonprofit organizations, public schools, and other deserving organizations. Annually, over 48,000 people volunteer with New York Cares.

March 31 – NYC Office of Emergency Management: Behind the Scenes

Conducted by the NYC Office of Emergency Management, this workshop is designed to provide NYC volunteers a better understanding of the NYC Office of Emergency Management, its different functions, and its role within NYC and the region. For more information about the NYC Office of Emergency Management, visit www.NYC.gov/oem.

April 8, 9 – Creating Vigilant, Prepared, and Resilient Communities for Homeland Security: A Community Outreach Approach to Homeland Security

Sponsored by the NYC Office of Emergency Management and conducted by the Western Community Policing Institute/Western Oregon University, this two-day workshop provides an opportunity for community members to work in cross-disciplinary teams, to draw on collective skills, knowledge, and resources, to address existing or potential homeland security threats at the community level. Course topics include: Problem-Based Learning, Group Dynamics, Critical Thinking, Leadership, Community Policing, Homeland Security, Impact of Fear, Community Responsibility, Ethics, Action Planning, and Group Presentation. For more information about the Western Community Policing Institute, visit www.westernrcpi.com. For more information about the NYC Office of Emergency Management, visit www.NYC.gov/oem.

April 15, 22, 29 - Leading and Managing Spontaneous Unaffiliated Community Volunteers

Conducted by the World Cares Center, this three-session workshop will provide NYC volunteers with a comprehensive understanding on how to develop and implement not only a plan but a

program to engage, empower and utilize citizens as they emerge spontaneously to assist in any disaster or emergency situation. This training draws from numerous resources on issues of emergency response and community engagement, including publications, experience from the field and academic research. For more information about the World Cares Center, visit www.worldcares.org.

April 21 - Sheltering and Special Needs Shelters

Sponsored by the NYC Medical Reserve Corps, this workshop allows NYC volunteers to learn about providing shelter during major storms and providing shelter for sick and medically fragile people. Participants will gain an understanding of New York City's Mass Sheltering Plans, and of the roles and responsibilities of a NYC Special Medical Needs Shelter staff member. Participants will also learn the conditions under which volunteers might work in a mass sheltering situation. For more information about the NYC Medical Reserve Corps, visit www.NYC.gov/html/doh/html/em/mrc.shtml.

May 18 - Radiological Emergencies

Sponsored by the Medical Reserve Corps, this workshop, using an interactive radiological emergency case study, introduces participants to basic radiation terms and concepts; the types of radiation and the exposure mechanisms; radiation's effects on living organisms. By applying the case study to radiation basics, it should increase student's understanding of radiological terms and concepts. This will also segue into an introduction of radiological emergencies and how radiological emergencies are different from nuclear emergencies. Again using the case study, will discuss the response tasks needed to appropriately meet the needs of the area affected. For more information about the NYC Medical Reserve Corps, visit www.NYC.gov/html/doh/html/em/mrc.shtml.

June 22 - Bombs and Blasts

Sponsored by the Medical Reserve Corps, this workshop will introduce participants to the basics of bombings and blast injuries, including important terms and concepts. The program will profile the current status of bombing and blast injuries in the United States and give a historical perspective on bombings. Participants will be introduced to issues such as different types of bombs and their effects, delivery mechanisms, human factors, including terrorism, and the characteristics and treatment of predictable injuries from various types of blasts. For more information about the NYC Medical Reserve Corps, visit www.NYC.gov/html/doh/html/em/mrc.shtml.

July 27 – conEdison Awareness Training

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

August 24 – Coastal Storms in New York City

Conducted by the NYC Office of Emergency Management in the midst of hurricane season, this workshop is designed to provide NYC volunteers a better understanding of coastal storms in NYC and how the City is prepared for a Coastal Storm. For more information about the NYC Office of Emergency Management, visit www.NYC.gov/oem.

September 28 – NYC Citizen Corps Council: Disaster Volunteer Organizations

In recognition of National Preparedness Month and the promotion of volunteerism in New York City, this workshop conducted by the NYC Citizen Corps Council, will educate NYC disaster

volunteers on the missions and work of other disaster volunteer organizations. Volunteers will hear from program managers and volunteers alike. For more information about the NYC Citizen Corps Council, visit www.NYC.gov/citizencorps.

October 27 – NYC Office of Emergency Management: Behind the Scenes

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November 10 – Disabilities Awareness for Emergency Responders

Sponsored by the NYC Medical Reserve Corps, this workshop conducted by the Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY (CIDNY) will explore considerations and challenges presented by being a disabled person and by being a responder interacting with people with disabilities. This is an interactive workshop.

November 18 – Addressing the Needs of Vulnerable Populations

Sponsored by the NYC Medical Reserve Corps, this workshop discusses considerations in dealing with people with functional needs during emergency and disaster events.

December 1 – Medical Reserve Corps Orientation

Sponsored by the NYC Medical Reserve Corps, this workshop, essential for new Medical Reserve Corps volunteers, is open to both Medical Reserve Corps and non-Medical Reserve Corps volunteers alike, in an effort to educate all volunteers about the work and role of the NYC Medical Reserve Corps. This orientation will provide a background on the organization and the role of volunteers.

December 8 – The International Disaster Volunteer

Sponsored by the NYC Citizen Corps Council, this workshop, held in celebration of International Volunteer Day (December 5), will enlighten NYC volunteers about the important work of volunteers deployed internationally in response to disasters.

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