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Greetings!

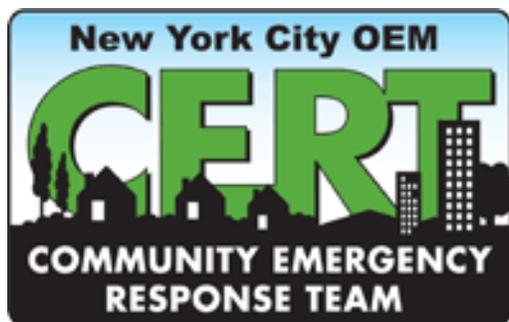
Now is as good a time to resolve to be more prepared for emergencies in 2009. Preparing your household, friends, and family for emergencies is as simple as taking the time out to think about the things that matter most. Secure important documents, make a communications plan with loved ones, and prepare for the needs of every person in your household. To learn more about how you can personalize your preparedness, read up on the [Ready NY](#) program.

If you have already prepared your home, help others by volunteering in your community. The [American Red Cross](#), [Disaster Chaplaincy Services](#), [Medical Reserve Corps](#), [New York Cares](#), and [Salvation Army](#) need volunteers like you to help all New Yorkers prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies.

Personalize your preparedness!

Uniting Communities,
The NYC Citizen Corps Council

NYC CERT is Recruiting



The NYC CERT program is now preparing for its next training cycle, which will begin in late February. Below is a list of areas in which new teams are developing:

Staten Island: Arrochar, Bloomfield, Bulls Heads, Chelsea, Dongan Hills, Egbertville, Emerson Hill, Grant City, Grasmere, Midland Beach, New Dorp, New Springville, Oakwood, Ocean Breeze, Old Town, South Beach, Todt Hill, Travis



Sign up for OEM's **Tip of the Week** and learn how to prepare for all types of emergencies in New York City. OEM's Tip of the Week is an e-mail service that breaks down complex emergency preparedness topics into fun, simple tips that are delivered to your inbox each Monday.

Tips range in topics from safe home heating techniques to advice on flashlights and smoke detectors. They also provide links to partner organizations like the National Weather Service and the American Red Cross for more information. Don't delay, [sign up today!](#)

[See this week's tip](#)

[CCC Calendar](#)

Manhattan: Hamilton Heights, Manhattanville, Morningside Heights, West Harlem

Bronx: Co-op City, City Island, Spencer Estates, Throgs Neck, Country Club, Zerega, Westchester Square, Pelham Bay, Eastchester Bay, Schuylerville, Edgewater, Locust Point, Silver Beach

Queens: Jamaica, Hollis, St. Albans, Springfield Gardens, Baisley Park, Rochdale Village, and South Jamaica, Queens Village, Glen Oaks, New Hyde Park, Bellerose, Cambria Heights, Laurelton, Rosedale, Floral Park, Brookville

Brooklyn: Bedford-Stuyvesant, Stuyvesant Heights, Ocean Hill

[Learn more about CERT today](#)

Contact [CERT staff](#) to find out how you can join an existing Community Emergency Response Team today.

Homeland Security Assistance Grants

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for Fiscal Year 2009 Non-Profit Organization Homeland Security Assistance Grants (NGSP) has been released and is available to members of NYC's non-profit community. Eligible non-profit organizations may submit applications to the New York State Office of Homeland Security (OHS), the State Administrative Agency (SAA) for homeland security funding, through February 20, 2009.

OHS and Urban Area Working Groups in the state will collect and review all submitted applications from eligible non-profit organizations and submit them to the US Department of Homeland Security. Grant applications should not exceed \$75,000 per organization. Each organization is required to match 25% of the project costs (\$25,000 for a \$75,000 award). All eligible non-profit organizations are required to become members of their local Citizen Corps Council in order to build an integrated, comprehensive community preparedness effort in their community.

[See press release for more information](#)

[See the Jewish Community Relations Council's website for additional information about the grant](#)

[Apply here](#)



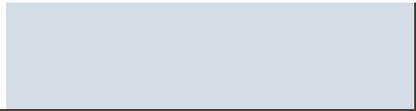
If you are looking for opportunities to get more involved in your community throughout all five boroughs, be sure to check in the [New York City Citizen Corps Council Calendar](#) for events near you!

NYC Citizen Corps Council



For more information . about [NYC Citizen Corps Council](#), its members and activities, visit our [Resource Guide](#).

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