



NYC Citizen Corps Council Communications Network

Newsletter
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Greetings!

The members of the NYC Citizen Corps Council have spent a great deal of time thinking about how we can send preparedness messages to New Yorkers. This newsletter is about the exciting new ways to stay connected.

The NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is now on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Youtube](#). Become a fan or a follower to receive emergency tips and alerts.

[NYContinuity](#) is a newsletter for businesses of all sizes. It prepares business owners and employees for emergencies and helps them plan for disruptions.

[NotifyNYC](#), the City's emergency notification system, is now live in all five boroughs.

Take advantage of all these new ways to stay connected to help prepare yourself, your family and your community.

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OEM Joins Facebook to Help New Yorkers Stay Informed

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a dark blue rectangular background.



OEM's new Ready New Yorker of the Month contest uses a quick quiz to help residents gauge their level of preparedness.

Do you think you're prepared for all types of emergencies? If you answer all five questions correctly, you will be automatically entered into a raffle to win a Go Bag!

Each month, the questions will focus on a different Ready New York guide. This month's quiz focuses on hurricanes. Study [Ready New York: Hurricanes and New York City](#) to prepare.

[Take the Quiz NOW!](#)

CCC Calendar

Become a fan of OEM's Facebook page and stay informed about emergencies in New York City. The Facebook page features preparedness information, community event listings, volunteer opportunities, and OEM's new Ready New York video.

More than half of the participants in our annual preparedness poll reported that they use [Facebook](#) to keep informed about events in New York City," said Commissioner Bruno. "If [Facebook](#) is where New Yorkers are looking for information, OEM needs to be there with answers."

OEM also recently began using [Youtube](#) and [Twitter](#) to share information with New Yorkers. And, last month, [Notify NYC](#), the City's public emergency notification system, went citywide after a year long pilot phase in four community districts.

NYContinuity

OEM's Public-Private Initiatives Unit is pleased to announce the release of the [NYContinuity newsletter](#), a monthly publication to help organizations prepare for emergencies, strengthen their continuity plans, and stay updated on emergency management news, events and resources in New York City.

If you are interested in subscribing to [NYContinuity](#), or if your organization would like to make the editors aware of any emergency preparedness-related events or resources that you would like to see covered, please [e-mail us](#) today.

Ready New York Pandemic Flu Guide



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

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

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OEM Encourages New Yorkers to practice good health and hygiene. In light of the instances of H1N1 flu in New York City, OEM and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene remind New Yorkers of habits to reduce the spread of influenza.

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and often, especially after being outdoors.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with the crook of your arm or better with a tissue, and dispose of the tissue immediately.
- Stay away from sick people.

For more information, download the [Ready New York Pandemic Flu guide](#). It is available in 23 languages.

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