



NYC Citizen Corps Council Communications Network

Newsletter
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Greetings!

Over the last few weeks the importance of being prepared for emergencies has been in the forefront of the news.

It is important for you and your community to be prepared and connected for widespread events like the H1N1 flu, or local events like fires or utility disruptions. Having access to accurate information and sharing this information is one of the most important aspects of being prepared.

Personalize your preparedness!

Uniting Communities,
The NYC Citizen Corps Council

Third Annual Disaster Volunteer Conference

The NYC Citizen Corps Council presents the
Third Annual Disaster Volunteer Conference:
Leadership and
Cross-Agency Collaboration

When: Monday May 18, 2009, 6 - 9 PM
Registration begins at 5 PM

Where: Polytechnic Institute of NYU
5 Metrotech Plaza
Brooklyn, NY 11201

The evening includes a keynote address by:
Barry C. Dorn, M.D.
Associate Director,
Harvard School of Public Health

Panel discussion featuring:
Joseph Bruno
Commissioner,
New York City Office of Emergency Management

Jerry McCarty

May is Hurricane Awareness Month

Every year OEM recognizes Hurricane Awareness Month to remind New Yorkers about potential hazards that hurricane season brings.

OEM has plans that improve the City's ability to manage coastal storms. You also should have emergency plans in place for you and your family.

Take advantage of materials like the Ready New York Hurricane guide or call 311 to schedule a hurricane presentation for your community.

CCC Calendar

Manager of Emergency Operations,
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Theresa Bischoff

CEO,
American Red Cross in Greater New York

To register for this event, please visit:
www.nycares.org/search_projects/projcodesearch.php
and enter Project Code #100001.

Questions? Please contact the Citizen Corps Council at: citizencorps@oem.nyc.gov.

Ready New York Pandemic Flu Guide



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.

The City is continuing to monitor this situation and following



If you are looking for opportunities to get more involved in your community within the 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](#).

Influenza Resources

In response to the Influenza A H1N1 (swine flu) outbreak, [The National Resource Center on Advancing Emergency Preparedness for Culturally Diverse Communities](#) has collected resources that pertain to issues surrounding culture, language, and trust. Translated materials are available in a variety of languages, as are resources to assist in planning activities.

The National Resource Center will continue to update this information regularly and welcomes the submission of resources to help mitigate the effects of the outbreak on racially and ethnically diverse communities.

these common health practices will help reduce the spread of any flu virus.

Please find the Ready New York Pandemic Flu guide here:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/ready/flu_guide.shtml

This guide is available online in 23 languages!

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