



NYC Citizen Corps Council Communications Network

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Greetings!

We are happy to have completed another successful National Preparedness Month and look forward to what 2010 brings. The NYC Citizen Corps Council (CCC) appreciates your leadership and your active participation in the events the Council and our members put on throughout September. The work you do helps us build a stronger and more resilient New York City.

No effort is too small or large and it can only take a second to educate your community or become a volunteer. Bring emergency preparedness into your daily activities.

To learn more about how New Yorkers should prepare to recover from emergencies, check out the CCC website: www.nyc.gov/citizencorps.

You are a great resource, and we hope that you will see us as the same. The CCC looks forward to continuing our partnership in preparedness.

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NYC Citizen Corps Council Youth Program



The NYC Citizen Corps Council Youth Program is a new and exciting youth-based initiative designed to actively engage high school students in service-learning opportunities through training, exercises, activities, and community outreach. Working as a team, the participants will create a youth-oriented disaster preparedness training program, coordinate local events, and promote disaster preparedness and response in their schools and broader communities.

Using the resources of the Citizen Corps Council's Youth Task Force, chosen youth will gain practical project and emergency management experience as they make a positive difference in New York City.

Applications are currently being accepted from high school students for a spring semester of service in disaster preparedness. **The application deadline is January 8, 2010.**

[NYC Citizen Corps Council Youth Program Application](#)

American Red Cross Ready Rating Program

Partners in Preparedness



On September 14, OEM hosted its third Partners in Preparedness reception at the Intrepid Air, Sea & Space Museum in Manhattan. The event provided an opportunity for OEM to thank its partners for their dedication to educating the public and promoting emergency preparedness in New York City.

OEM Commissioner Joseph Bruno honored the following Citizen Corps Council members for their outstanding commitment to emergency preparedness: [New York City Department for the Aging \(DFTA\)](#), the [Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater New York \(BOMA\)](#), and [New York Cares](#).

Congratulations!!!

NYC Influenza Information

With the arrival of flu season and growing public concern about the H1N1 virus, it is important for everyone to take preventative measures to remain healthy this time of year. The links below provide valuable information about the availability of vaccines and vaccinations within NYC, treatment options, prevention, and more.

[NYC Influenza Website](#) provides the most up-to-date information on the prevention and control of the seasonal flu and H1N1 virus in NYC.

The [Ready New York Pandemic Flu Guide](#) has tips about how to reduce the spread of influenza. It is available in more than 20 languages.

Opportunities

The American Red Cross in Greater New York recently launched a program to help New York area schools and businesses with their emergency planning and preparedness efforts. Schools and businesses regularly face a number of hazards that threaten to disrupt their operations.



To assist with their planning, Ready Rating members use an online tool to score themselves annually. Members work to improve their emergency response plans and scores each year. The Red Cross Ready Rating program offers free membership to businesses and schools.

Ready Rating first began as a project of the American Red Cross of Greater St. Louis, where it now has nearly 150 members, including major businesses, schools, and organizations of all sizes. The American Red Cross in Greater New York is one of 16 locations this year launching the Ready Rating Program.

Businesses and schools interested joining the Ready Rating program can contact the American Red Cross in Greater New York at (212) 875-2468 or at www.ReadyRating.org.

Pet Preparedness Day



The NYC Office of Emergency Management's Animal Planning Task Force, which includes the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals, and the NYC Veterinary Emergency Response Team (VERT), promoted emergency preparedness for New York City pets on a rainy October 15. New Yorkers were invited to Union Square Park in Manhattan, where the animal welfare organizations offered microchipping for pets, gave away pet Go Bags called "doggy bags," and demonstrated pet CPR. OEM distributed Ready New York for Pets guides, which advise New Yorkers to take their pets into account when making emergency plans.

New York pet owners braved a torrential downpour brought on by a nor'easter to learn more about preparing their pets for emergencies.

Read coverage of the event by the [New York Times](#).

Flu Fighters

Flu Fighters is a new volunteer initiative spearheaded by NYC Service and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Flu Fighters will mobilize hundreds of volunteers to conduct outreach and awareness activities at community events, schools, senior centers, and houses of worship in New York City to raise awareness about influenza and the importance of getting vaccinated.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

The Survivors Advocacy Board (SAB) at [Dwa Fanm](#) will be participating in "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence" events from November 25 - December 10. They are searching for volunteers to assist with these events.

For further information, e-mail [Berlotte Israel](#) at Dwa Fanm.

Welcome to New York, USS New York

The future USS New York, built with 7.5 tons of steel from the World Trade Center, will be in New York from November 2 - 12. Activities include a 21-gun salute welcome, commissioning, and public tours. The 9/11 community as well as the general public are encouraged to participate. Visit the [USS New York website](#) for further information.

NYC Citizen Corps Council



The NYC Citizen Corps Council brings together local leaders from community organizations, government agencies, local elected officials' offices, the private sector, and volunteer programs to promote community preparedness and volunteerism.

For more information about the NYC Citizen Corps Council, its members, and activities, visit our [website](#) or [contact us](#).

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