



NYC Citizen Corps Council Communications Network

Newsletter
September 2008

Greetings!

September is National Preparedness Month. As promised, your NYC Citizen Corps Council has a robust calendar of activities during the month of September. The official kick-off event was on September 4, and 1000 Go Bags were given away at five sites across the city: Brooklyn Borough Hall, Fordham Plaza in the Bronx, Union Square Park in Manhattan, Flushing-Queens Library, and the Staten Island Ferry Terminal.

This week's events and messaging has focused on outreach to New York's immigrant and limited-English proficient communities. The week will conclude with an event on September 13 from 12-6 PM at Atlantic Terminal Mall in Brooklyn. This even is free and open to the public.

Please see the [September is National Preparedness Month calendar](#) to learn more about how you can get involved during the entire month.

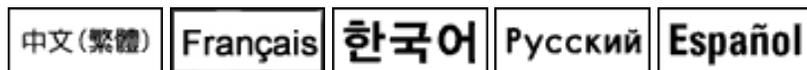
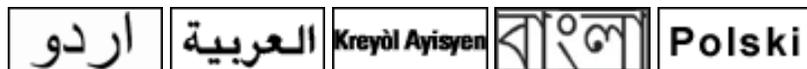
While we are helping New York City prepare, think of ways you can help your own community prepare: create a [communications plan](#) or [stock up](#) on non-perishable items for your emergency supply kit.

Personalize your preparedness!

Uniting Communities,
The NYC Citizen Corps Council

Get READY in your own language

[Ready New York: Preparing for Emergencies in New York City](#) takes an all-hazards approach to teaching New Yorkers how to stay safe when facing an emergency. It is available in 11 languages, as well as in audio format, and may be downloaded here (in [PDF](#)) or received by mail by calling 311.



Win a Go Bag!

Sign up for CERT

NYC Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) are community-based volunteers that undergo an intensive, 11-week training program in disaster preparedness and basic response skills.

Training topics include: fire safety, search and rescue, and disaster medical operations.

After completing training, teams support their local communities by assisting with emergency education and response.

NEW TEAMS ARE BEING TRAINED NOW!

Uptown Manhattan (Existing Team)
Start Date: Sept 17

QNS/BK (Existing Team)
Start Date: Sept 18

BX Community Boards 1, 2, 3
Start Date: Sept 22

MN Community Board 5
Start Date: Sept 25

BK Community Board 5
Start Date: Oct 1

[Locate](#) your community board.

If you are over 18 years old and interested in volunteering to be a CERT member, please call the NYC CERT hotline: 718-422-8585 or email: cert@oem.nyc.gov.

Sign up for Notify NYC



Calling all Ready New Yorkers: How ready are you? We'd like to hear your story. Each month there is a winner of two Go Bags for the best story on how prepared you are or how you were caught unprepared.

Go to the [Ready New York](#) web page and click on the "Win a Go Bag" icon to enter.

Good luck and Get Ready, New York!



[Notify NYC](#) is a service designed to deliver real-time emergency information to the public. The City is now in the pilot phase and will test different kinds of public messaging, including email, text messaging and telephone, to determine the best way to launch a citywide program. Anyone can sign up to receive emergency messages.

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