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NYC Community Emergency Response Team

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WELCOMING REMARKS

Dear Teams — It is with great pleasure that we unveil the first NYC CERT newsletter! Its purpose is to bring you all up to speed with all the projects and events related to the program. Since this is the first newsletter, we are open to your feedback and, in fact, rely on it. In our upcoming issues we will be including a section for questions and answers. Please submit any questions via e-mail to MMone@oem.nyc.gov. If you want to know more about a specific topic, please let us know. This is to be shared with all your team members. Enjoy!
- NYC CERT Program Team

NYC CERT MISSION

The mission of the NYC CERT Program is to train neighborhood and community-based volunteer teams that will inform, educate, and train their neighbors on disaster preparedness; assist public safety agencies and local community boards with public events; respond to locally occurring disasters by strictly following CERT protocol and supporting emergency personnel upon their arrival and request; and assist agencies in managing spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site.

EVENTS

National Preparedness Month Event Thursday, September 7th, 2006

OEM will be hosting another large-scale event in honor of National Preparedness Month. This year we are holding five events at major hubs throughout all five boroughs. CERTs, along with other volunteer programs (American Red Cross, Medical Reserve Corp., Auxiliary Police, New York Disaster Interfaith Service) will play a major role at these hubs, supplying passersby with information about emergency preparedness. Information was sent to all Team Chiefs requesting CERTs to sign up for shifts. Please find out more from your Team Chief.

Teams Currently In-Training

- ➔ Manhattan District 6
- ➔ Queens District 9
- ➔ Bronx District 4

This will bring the total number of NYC teams to 42. Come support these new teams at their graduations the week of August 28th. Contact Michelle Mone if you can attend, mmone@oem.nyc.gov.

SPOTLIGHT CORNER

Thank you to all of the teams that participated in the recent heat and power outage activations this summer, handing out ice, food and water; distributing information, assisting NYPD, CAU, ARC; and for providing moral support to the communities affected. Thank you to:

- ◆ QNS 1 CERT
- ◆ ESNA CERT
- ◆ FHRP CERT
- ◆ CERT 1 NYC
- ◆ BX 8 CERT
- ◆ GCOP CERT
- ◆ CHINATOWN CERT
- ◆ BPC CERT
- ◆ RI CERT
- ◆ CERT Upper East Side

HISTORY OF READY NEW YORK



In response to New Yorkers' growing concerns about public safety, the New York City OEM launched its Ready New York campaign in July 2003. Ready New York has three guiding principles, known as the 3H's:

➔ What to have in your Head, Hand & Home

These principles are designed to help New Yorkers better prepare for all types of emergencies, from hurricanes to utilities disruptions to terrorist incidents. The campaign includes several hazard-specific brochures (Household guide, Pocket-size guide, Hurricane Guide, Guide for Seniors & People with Disabilities, Beat the Heat, and Guide for Small Businesses), public service announcements, a speakers' bureau, print and outdoor advertising, and corporate partnerships.

The guides are also available in numerous languages. For more information go to: www.nyc.gov/readyny.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

TRAINING FOR LIFE

Training for life is a not-for-profit, American Heart Association Training Center. It offers instructor certification courses in CPR and AED to CERTs around NYC. For more information regarding training, you can visit their website at www.training4life.org.

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PHOTO

Photo: ESNA CERT members assist in LIC during Power Outage 2006



Photo: Port Richmond CERT members receive orienteering and compass navigation training with NYC Parks Dept.

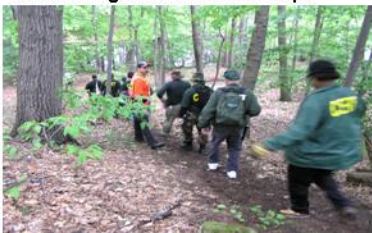


Photo: Disaster Simulation for BK District 13 CERT

