



Dear HRA Staff,

Our sister agency, the Department of Homeless Services (DHS), will be conducting its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) survey to find a point-in-time estimate of the number of unsheltered homeless individuals in New York City. This year, HOPE will take place on **Monday, January 27, 2014** and we hope you will consider volunteering your time.

You can register now on the DHS website at: <https://a071-hope.nyc.gov/hope/register.aspx>.

DHS needs 3,000 volunteers to make HOPE 2014 a success, and the participation of fellow city colleagues is very important. Whether you have volunteered before or this is your first time to volunteer, HOPE is a gratifying experience. Volunteers commit to assist Homeless Services overnight on **Monday, January 27, 2014**, from **10:30 pm until 4:00 am**.

HOPE is critical to helping DHS evaluate the effectiveness of current strategies to overcome street homelessness, as well as developing appropriate housing resources for the most vulnerable New Yorkers currently living without shelter.

Please join DHS in [this](#) effort towards ending homelessness in New York City. For non-managerial employees who volunteer this valuable time, compensatory (unpaid) overtime will be given.

Volunteer for HOPE at [the DHS website](#). Questions regarding this event can be sent to the HOPE Team at HOPE@dhs.nyc.gov.

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