



New York City Medical Reserve Corps



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ServNY Record Update

The record claiming project is complete. All incomplete records will be deleted in the middle of July. If your record is still incomplete, you can call the Department of Health Call Center at 347-396-7942 to update your record. Thank you for your patience during this process.

Emergency Notification Drill in June

Thank you for a most excellent response to the Emergency Notification Drill that went out on June 27th. I appreciate your patience in getting multiple calls and emails. **Our response rate was 77.7% the highest we have ever had. Bravo!**



POD Functional Exercise: Actors Needed!

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered for the POD exercise on July 16th. You will receive further information by email. **If you haven't signed up but would like to volunteer, please send an email to healthmrc@healthnyc.gov**

Free Pesticide Guide for Clinicians

The US Environmental Protection Agency for Region 2 is offering a free Health Care Provider Pesticide Guide. The CD includes recognition and management of pesticide poisoning, national pesticide practice skills for medicine and nursing, resources to share with the community, information on bedbugs and much more. To request your free copy, please send an email to siegel.larry@epa.gov

June NYC MRC Activities



Nuclear Training, held at Baruch College was widely attended. Dr. Andy Karam did a great job explaining nuclear disasters and spoke about his experiences in Fukushima, Japan. Please email healthmrc@health.nyc.gov



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Psychological First Aid Training: an MRC Core Competency was offered on June 15th. Presented by Amanda Lehrer, the group learned about recognizing and dealing with stress and trauma.

Understanding the Strategic National Stockpile: Mr. David Starr presented information about medications available to NYC for disaster response, and how it is managed. Mr. Starr was able to bring humor to a very complex topic for MRC members as well as CERT and Red Cross volunteers. To request a copy of the presentation, please email healthmrc@health.nyc.gov



NYC MRC July/August Trainings

**Tues., July 12 Documentary Screening: NY Says Thank You – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
NYC OEM - 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn**

Screening will be followed by a discussion with Scott Rettberg, producer and director of the film. *New York Says Thank You* is an epic story of healing and patriotic heroism that charts the journey of four New Yorkers whose lives were touched by September 11 (a playful firefighter from the Bronx, the stern yet sensitive Construction Superintendent of the Ground Zero cleanup effort, an Italian American financial adviser and family man from Staten Island, and a young Irish Catholic firefighter whose first fire call was to the World Trade Center on September 11, 2011) as they travel the country to help communities rebuild after their own disasters. This feature-length documentary film casts a hopeful light in the shadow of the tragic day as, every September, New Yorkers are joined by an ever-growing group of disaster survivors and volunteers from around the country to pay forward the support they once received.

Registration is required. To register, email Justin Land at citizencorps@oem.nyc.gov with your name, email and mailing address, phone number, volunteer organization affiliation, need for kosher meal, and the title and date of the training you are interested in registering for. Space is limited. A light dinner will be provided.

**Wed., July 13 Con Edison 101 – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Con Edison – The Learning Center - 4382 Vernon
Boulevard, Long Island City**

Conducted by Con Edison in conjunction with NYC CERT and the NYC Citizen Corps Council, this workshop provides NYC disaster volunteers with a greater understanding of Con Edison and increases one's awareness towards utility incidents.

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**Tues., July 19 Bombs, Blasts and Triage – 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Baruch College, 151 E. 25 St, 7th fl., Manhattan**

Learn about the effects of Bombs and Blasts, and how Triage is conducted. Dr. Dario Gonzales, Medical Director for the NY Fire Department, will discuss the implications of bomb and blast events in NYC, and how to conduct triage (offered by MRC).

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Thurs., July 28 Building Cultural Competency Skills – 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Baruch College, 151 East 25 St., 7th floor, Manhattan

An MRC core competency, cultural competency is often misunderstood. Join us as Dr. Grace Mose gives concrete examples of what Cultural Competency means, and how our understanding of cultural differences will make us better able to help NYC's diverse population (offered by MRC).

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Tues., Aug. 2 National Weather Service SKYWARN® Storm Spotter Workshop – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
NYC OEM – 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn

Conducted by the National Weather Service (NWS) in conjunction with NYC CERT and the NYC Citizen Corps Council, this workshop trains volunteers to help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the NWS. SKYWARN® volunteers are trained by NWS personnel to recognize features associated with rapidly developing, mature, and dissipating thunderstorms which cause hazardous weather. SKYWARN® spotters also provide reports of heavy snow, heavy rain, and flooding. They are the eyes and ears, helping to provide better forecasts and warnings to the Tri-state Regions. Forecasters from the NWS in NYC conduct the training to help prepare spotters for the upcoming severe weather season. The training covers fundamental information with a focus on safety, identification of key weather features and proper reporting procedures.

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Wed., Aug. 10 Triangle Shirtwaist Fire – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
NYC OEM - 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn.

One of the worst workplace disasters in New York City history occurred on March 25, 1911. In total, 146 Triangle Waist Company garment workers, mostly immigrant women, perished in a fire in the Asch Building in Greenwich Village. Sponsored by the NYC Citizen Corps Council, this workshop, through a documentary, presentation, and discussion, will cover the disaster and the catalyst it created for workplace safety, immigrant rights, labor union organizing, and investigative journalism.

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Tues., Aug 30 NYC Office of Emergency Management: Behind the Scenes 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
NYC OEM - 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn.

Conducted by the NYC Office of Emergency Management, this workshop provides NYC volunteers a better understanding of the NYC Office of Emergency Management, its different functions, and its role within NYC and the region.

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