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**Notes on 6/27/18 MOPD:** **Disaster Resilience and Resource Network Quarterly Meeting**

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# Introductions:

The MOPD Disaster Resilience and Resource Network “Network” met on June 28, 2018. During this meeting MOPD Assistant General Counsel Eli Fresquez provided welcome remarks and talked about recent ADA cases that establish accommodations for people with disabilities. Eli discussed “The Curb-Cut Effect” which benefits all of society and shared an article by Angela Glover Blackwell. Finally, Eli mentioned that he has reached out to Vance Taylor, Chief of the Office of Access and Functional Needs in California’s Office of Emergency Services.

# Partner Updates

* New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM): Chris Pagnotta discussed The Heat Emergency Plan. This plan triggers when there is a predicted heat Index of 100 degrees or higher for one or more days. It also triggers if there is a predicted heat index of 95 degrees or higher at any point for two consecutive days. The Heat Emergency Plan consists of three objectives. Objective one- Provide hazard awareness and disseminate public messaging. Get the message out that the Heat Emergency plan is in effect. Notify new stations, hold press releases. Objective two- Minimize impacts to public health. Take action, alert the cooling centers. Focus on the population at high risk for heat-related illnesses (i.e Homeless, elderly). Objective three- Minimize impacts to infrastructure. Prevent localized or widespread power outages. The FDNY distributes spray caps for the fire hydrants to reduce drops in water pressure.

Andrew J. Perlman discussed Active Shooter Incidents, which are conversations that are needed to be had to ensure preparedness. Experts have found that having these discussions are beneficial. Experts have also found that these incidents last 8 minutes long. The active shooter’s goal is cause as much maximum damage as he or she can. In these situations, it is the law enforcement’s goal to eliminate the threat. This would mean that law enforcement would bypass the injured in order to get to the shooter.

# Effective Communication & Emergencies

* Text to 9-1-1, ASL-Direct: Kleo King, Deputy Commissioner & General Counsel (MOPD): Kleo King stated that there are plans to have Next Generation 9-1-1 launched in 2022. This project will support text, photos, and videos. DoITT, NYPD, FDNY, and MOPD’s goal is to allow New Yorkers to use text to communicate with emergency services. NG, this new 9-1-1 system will allow operators and callers to have access to video chat in their calls. Kleo also stated that in the interim text to 9-1-1 will be available citywide by the end of the year. The interim program will allow operators to text back. Currently there is a tapping system for the hard of hearing community in which one tap signifies fire and other series of taps for different types of emergencies. Text to 9-1-1 will be particularly helpful for the deaf and hard of hearing community to communicate with 9-1-1. These new systems are another example of the curb-cut effect in which programs designed to benefit people with disabilities can benefits other groups.
* Evacuation Devices:During an emergency if it is safe to stay where you are then STAY. If you cannot stay, GET OUT assafely as you can. Consider an evacuation device for your building (i.e. Electric lifts, stair wheelchairs). The advocate for evacuation devices did not approve of the electric mobility lift device that would bring you down the stairs due to his safety concerns. He suggested notifying your local Fire department where you live so they know in case of emergency and are sufficiently equipped to help you.

# Closing Remarks

* In closing Eli encouraged everyone to participate in this summer’s Disability Pride Parade on July 15th.

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