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DEAR FRIENDS OF NYDIS:

Welcome to **NYDISnet**, our bi-weekly e-newsletter. We hope this resource will keep you updated about the work of NYDIS and developments in disaster readiness, response and recovery initiatives here in New York City.

When an emergency situation arises in New York City - our office will send out a **NYDISnet ALERT** to all subscribers. The alert will include all official information available through the NYC Office of Emergency Management and news from our members and partners.

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Faithfully, Peter

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NYDIS NEWS AND EVENTS

■ **NYDIS Launches HOWCALM™ at Brooklyn Borough Hall**

On January 30, NYDIS will launch its secure web-based database system that supports the management of NYC faith-based assets in times of crisis. HOWCALM™,



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House of Worship Communitywide Asset and Logistics Management, will be presented to NYC faith leaders, partner agencies and the public on Tuesday, January 30 at 12:00 noon at Brooklyn's Borough Hall. The Press is Welcome. Speakers include Borough President Marty Markowitz, Peter Gudaitis, Executive Director & CEO of NYDIS, Ken Curtin, FEMA Voluntary Agency Liason, and other officials. Every house of worship in NYC will receive a registration package by mail as HOWCALM™ is rolled out in all five boroughs over the next few months. This free communitiy service can be used by NYDIS, by faith community bodies to manage the assets of all houses of worship under their jurisdiction, or by emergency management to map vulnerabilities to all-hazards or plan humanitarian response to disasters. Brooklyn was chosen as the launch site because the borough holds the largest number of houses of worship and because of the expertise of Marty Markowitz' office in tracking faith-based assets in the Borough throughout his presidency.



Read the January 17 Press Release:

www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/2007_01_17a.php

Read the Brochure (pdf):

www.nydis.org/downloads/N56_HOWCALM.pdf

■ NYDIS' 2007 ARC Liberty Fund Grant Totals \$2.3M

The American Red Cross (ARC) has awarded a supplemental \$1.75 million from its Liberty Disaster Relief Fund to enhance NYDIS' 2007 coordination of services and support for 9/11 victims and injured recovery workers. This expanded grant brings the total award for 2007 recovery programs to \$2.3 million; and continues the availability of cash assistance to WTC recovery workers through the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable. It will also increase NYDIS' capacity to coordinate services for injured WTC recovery workers and provide seven sub-grants of up to \$55,000 for case management providers. The grant also provides for opening a Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN) profile to track service coordination for injured recovery workers.



Read the January 17 Press Release:

www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/2007_01_17.php

If you have any questions contact:

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Learn about the ARC Liberty Disaster Relief Fund:

www.redcross.org/general/0,1082,0_152_1392,00.html

www.redcross.org/911legacy

■ NYDIS 2007 RFP: Continuity of 9/11 Services Grants

NYDIS is requesting proposals from human service agencies to fund dedicated 9/11 case managers. The 2007 Continuity of 9/11 Services grants will support NYC-based social service organizations that provide longer-term recovery case management services for underserved 9/11 victims, especially injured and sick WTC recovery workers. Qualified providers can apply for one of seven sub-grants of up to \$55,000.

For proposal submission and deadline information:
www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/2007_01_17b.php

Download the RFP (pdf):
www.nydis.org/downloads/N56_RFP.pdf

■ **NYDIS Welcomes New Network Members**

NYDIS welcomed the addition of the Brooklyn Borough President's Office as an advisory member. Borough President Marty Markowitz will be represented by staffer Adrian Straker. Also, the application of the Islamic Society of Bay Ridge (Brooklyn) was approved at the NYDIS Board of Directors meeting on January 11. The society will be represented by Mr. Wael Mousfar.

■ **NYDIS & NYCOSH Publicize Worker Comp Deadline**

NYDIS is joining the NY Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH) in collaboration with the NYS AFL-CIO, WTC Medical Monitoring Program, the Laborers' Health and Safety Trust Fund, the Business and Labor Coalition of New York, workers' compensation law firms, the UCC-National Disaster Ministries, and Wall Street Rising, is mounting a media campaign to inform workers throughout the country about the necessity of registering for workers' compensation. Joel Shufro, NYCOSH Executive Director, said, "We know that tens of thousands of people are at risk of becoming ill as a result of their exposure to toxic air and to psychological trauma while doing rescue, recovery or cleanup work after 9/11. We want to ensure that every one of them registers with the Workers' Compensation Board before the August 14, 2007, deadline. And if they don't know about the program, they won't register, it's that simple."



For guidelines for registering, in English and Spanish, and all the necessary forms:
866.WTC.2556

Download the brochure (pdf):
www.nydis.org/resources/materials/2007_NYDIS_NYCOSH_Reg.pdf

www.nycosh.org

■ **NYDIS Offers Connections for Prison Chaplains**

On January 13, Autumn Brown, NYDIS' Community Outreach and Training Coordinator, made a presentation before the NYC Chapter of the Volunteer Chaplain Association International, Inc., a chaplaincy organization which offers volunteer spiritual counseling in prisons and hospitals. With over 50 chaplains in attendance, NYDIS presented partnership information and an overview of our programs and services.

Contact Wilfredo Milan, Sr., Assistant Director, Volunteer Chaplain Association International, Inc.:
718.564.3087
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■ NYC 9/11 Recovery Resources Online

A comprehensive list of news, updates and resources for 9/11 victims and injured recovery workers, updated weekly:

www.nydis.org/recovery/11.php

■ NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Updates

- **Online 9/11 Client Inquiry Form**

To access the form, go to:

www.nydis.org/unmetneeds/7.php



- **NYC 9/11 In-Service Training for Case Workers**

In-Service Training is required for case workers who have never presented a case at the Roundtable, and is recommended as a refresher for experienced case workers who have previously presented cases. All training sessions take place at NYDIS ([map](#)).

- **Monday, February 5 - 1:00-3:30 pm**
- **Monday, March 5 - 1:00-3:30 pm**

- **NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Schedule**

The NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable brings together donors with agencies providing case management to 9/11 victims. Case Workers who would like to present a case must sign-up by Friday prior to the meeting of the Roundtable. Due to the influx of cases which need presenting, the 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable will be adding an additional Wednesday date each month. There will now be three meetings a month, instead of two.

- **Thursday, January 18 - 9:30-12:00 noon**
- **Wednesday, January 24 - 9:30-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, February 1 - 9:30-12:00 noon**
- **Wednesday, February 7 - 9:30-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, February 15 - 9:30-12:00 noon**

- **NYC 9/11 Case Management Coordination Meetings**

NYDIS hosts monthly Case Management Coordination meetings for service providers that are assisting 9/11 recovery workers and the general 9/11-affected community. These meetings are open to representatives from any service providers that wish to coordinate and share information about their services and the community's needs.

- **Wednesday, February 14 - 9:30-11:00 am**
- **Wednesday, March 14 - 9:30-11:00 am**

To sign up for In-Service Training, present a case, or RSVP for Case Management Coordination Meetings:

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■ NYC Katrina Evacuee Resources Online

A comprehensive list of news, updates and resources for

Katrina evacuees in NYC, updated weekly:
www.nydis.org/katrina

■ NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable

- **NYC Katrina In-Service Training for Case Managers**

Case managers working with Katrina or Rita survivors are required to attend an in-service training prior to presenting at the Roundtable. The purpose of these trainings is to provide case managers with a better understanding of the workings of the Roundtable and to help increase the likelihood that a client's needs could be funded.



- **NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable**

The NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable aids case managers in securing cash assistance and to share resources to best meet the unmet needs of disaster victims so that they may regain self-sufficiency and recover from the impact of a disaster. The Roundtable helps to facilitate long-term recovery by supporting clients' recovery plans.

For more information contact:
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■ Upstate NY Flood Recovery Resources Online

A comprehensive list of news, updates and resources for upstate NY flood recovery, updated weekly:
www.nydis.org/recovery/12.php

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

■ DPS Issues Draft Report on 2006 Queens Blackout

The Department of Public Service (DPS) released on January 17 an unfavorable report on the blackout that left 174,000 people without power for a week last summer in Queens, charging Con Edison's performance was "unacceptable and a gross disservice to its customers." The 185-page Public Service Commission (PSC) draft report states that Con Ed needs to make "critical and substantial" improvements. "In general, staff found that Con Ed's overall performance was poor and unreasonable," said the draft report by the PSC's staff. "While most of the company's operating personnel, field crews and consumer services representatives worked long hours and under difficult conditions to contain the crisis, the company either failed, or refused, to comprehend the magnitude of the crisis." Con Ed said it has worked tirelessly to improve its network systems, operating performance and emergency response procedures and that it was reviewing the PSC's preliminary findings.



Read the January 17 Press Release (pdf):
[www3.dps.state.ny.us/pscweb/WebFileRoom.nsf/Web/2F939E804C597D6D85257266005D10FE/\\$File/pr07007.pdf?OpenElement](http://www3.dps.state.ny.us/pscweb/WebFileRoom.nsf/Web/2F939E804C597D6D85257266005D10FE/$File/pr07007.pdf?OpenElement)

Read the January 17 Draft Report (pdf):
www.dps.state.ny.us/06E0894SR070117.pdf

■ Sign-Up Now – WTC Medical Exams for Responders

The WTC Medical Monitoring Program offers free, complete medical examinations. To date, 30,000 responders have been screened under the Program, which is open to responders in NY and across the country who served at Ground Zero. Eligible responders who have not yet been screened are urged to enroll in the program. What doctors learn from monitoring the health of thousands of these workers will help future disaster relief workers.



Contact for an exam:
1.888.702.0630 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm
wtcexams@mssm.edu

Download the Brochure (pdf):
www.wtcexams.org/pdfs/wtc_brochure_english_20060828.pdf

www.wtcexams.org

■ Enroll in WTC Health Registry

The WTC Health Registry is a comprehensive and confidential health survey of those most directly exposed to the events of 9/11/01, and will give health professionals a clear picture of the health consequences of 9/11/01.



For a copy of the WTC Health Registry Survey:
healthinfo@wtcsurvey.org

Contact the WTC Health Registry:
212.442.1585 or 866.692.9827
wtchr@health.nyc.gov

www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wtc/about.html

■ DOHMH Urges Completion of WTC Health Follow-Up Survey

More than 13,000 enrollees in the WTC Health Registry completed the follow-up survey about their physical and mental health after 9/11. The NYC Health Department (DOHMH) urges all remaining enrollees to complete the re-survey as this is the first opportunity for enrollees to inform the Registry about their physical and mental health since 2004. Data collection will continue for the next several months, and findings will be released to the public. The results should help health experts recognize and treat conditions potentially associated with exposure to 9/11 and its aftermath.



Download the DOHMH Report, "City Health Information: Clinical Guidelines for Adults Exposed to the WTC Disaster" (pdf):

■ DHS Allocates \$1.7B for 2007 Homeland Security

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released on January 5 the "2007 Homeland Security Grant Program" that totals \$1.7 billion in funding for state and local counterterrorism efforts. "There will be increased interaction with all applicants before we award the grants to ensure effective investment," said DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff. "The funds will be distributed to reduce risk across the US, not just in a handful of places."



Download the Homeland Security Grant Program Overview (pdf):
www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/grants-2007-program-overview-010507.pdf

Read the Press Release:

www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1168010425128.shtm

- **Senator Schumer Urges Change in Funding Formula**

Senator Charles Schumer said that the new federal formula for handing out homeland security funding by dividing \$746 million across 45 cities nationwide based on risk and a peer review process, short changed NY. Senator Schumer said he would push legislation to change to an entirely risk-based formula if the DHS did not make the move on its own. "I think that funding should be threat based, period, not divvied up this way or that way, in a way that makes it very hard for NY to compete."

Read the January 8 NY1 report:

www.ny1.com/ny1/content/index.jsp?stid=1&aid=65709

- **Senator Clinton Welcomes DHS Help to Upstate NY**

On January 5, Senator Clinton responded to the DHS Urban Area Security Initiative announcement. "The announcement that the Department of Homeland Security will provide Buffalo-Niagara with FY 2007 Urban Area Security Initiative grant funds is welcome news. For months I have been emphasizing to DHS the unique national security threats faced by the Buffalo-Niagara region and urging them to abandon any plan that would eliminate the region from this desperately needed risk-based homeland security funding program. Today's announcement is the right decision for the Buffalo-Niagara region and Western New York."

Read Senator Clinton's entire Press Release:

clinton.senate.gov/news/statements/details.cfm?id=267257

■ DHS Tags \$445M for 2007 Infrastructure Grant

The DHS released on January 9 its fiscal year 2007 Infrastructure Protection Program that totals \$445 million in funding regions to help reduce the risk of terror attacks on ports, transit systems and chemical plants. Nearly half the grant money, \$201 million, would be used to secure ports and rail systems, with The Port of NY and NJ getting the biggest share, \$27.2 million.



Secretary Chertoff's announcement came as Mayor Bloomberg noted during a Senate hearing that NYC was long overdue in getting its fair share of anti-terrorism grants. Secretary Chertoff said, "We're investing resources where risk is greatest and where the funds will have the most significant impact."

Download the Infrastructure Protection Program Overview (pdf):
www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/grants-2007-infrastructure-protection.pdf

Read the Press Release:
www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1168366069190.shtm

- **NY Gets More Security \$ After Mayor Addresses Senate**

On January 9, NYC Mayor Bloomberg testified before the US Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs. Following his testimony, the DHS awarded the NY region \$90 million in new grants for transit, port and ferry security. Following last week's announcement that DHS was adjusting the rules used to distribute grants, Secretary Chertoff said that the DHS was trying to direct grants toward the highest-risk targets, like NY. The Mayor called these adjustments "a step in the right direction," and praised the loosening restrictions on grant spending.



Read Mayor Bloomberg's testimony:
www.nyc.gov/html/om/html/2007a/pr006-07.html

- **DHS Releases Communications Review for Urban Areas**

Five years after 9/11 exposed the problems with radio communications during a disaster and a year after Katrina underscored them, few US cities have fully adopted advanced emergency communications systems. On January 3 the DHS released the "Tactical Interoperable Communications Scorecard", assessments of interoperable communications capabilities in 75 US urban and metropolitan areas. Interoperable communications involve policies, technology and training that enable police, fire and emergency medical services to communicate within one hour of an incident. "The 9/11 Commission identified interoperable communications as a major challenge and many communities listened by taking the sometimes difficult steps necessary to close communication gaps among first responders," said Secretary Michael Chertoff. "We're committed to making this a priority in every major urban area, and we'll continue to push for closing these gaps by the end of 2008."



Download the "Tactical Interoperable Communications" Report:
www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/grants-scorecard-report-010207.pdf

Read the Press Release:
www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1167843848098.shtm

- **NY Scores Low on DHS Communication Report**

According to the DHS report released on January 3, NYC was lauded for developing multiple means to provide interoperable communications, and that FDNY and NYPD are now using the

same frequency band. However, recommendations call for more robust exercises to test these communications capabilities for more complexity and additional local, regional, state, and federal agencies; and to consider adding interoperable communications as an evaluation component for all future exercises and day-to-day activities.

■ **Senators Re-Introduce 9/11 Health Effects Legislation**

One of the first bills to be introduced in the new Congress by Senators Clinton, Schumer, Kennedy, Lautenberg, and Menendez, the 9/11 Heroes Health Improvement Act of 2007, will provide over \$1.9 billion in medical and mental health monitoring and treatment grants to those individuals whose health was directly impacted at or near Ground Zero, Fresh Kills, and the Pentagon.

Read Senator Clinton's January 5 Press Release:

clinton.senate.gov/news/statements/details.cfm?id=267253

■ **President OKs Public Health Preparedness Law**

On December 19, 2006, President Bush signed the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (S. 3678) into law, which marks a major milestone in improving public health and hospital preparedness for bioterrorist attacks, pandemics, and other catastrophes. Highlights of the key initiatives are: National Preparedness and Response, Leadership, Organization, and Planning; Public Health Security Preparedness; All-Hazards Medical Surge Capacity; and Pandemic and Biodefense Vaccine and Drug Development.



For a full overview, please see the Center for Biosecurity's summary:

www.upmc-biosecurity.org/website/resources/prepared_statements/2006-12-20-passageof-s3678-preparednessact.html

www.upmc-biosecurity.org

■ **Senator Duane's Preparedness Forum on TV February 4**

Over the past several months, NYS Senator Thomas Duane has held a series of Emergency Preparedness Forums across his district, featuring speakers from NYC OEM, local police precincts, hospitals, and in which NYDIS Community Outreach and Training Coordinator, Autumn Brown, also served as a presenter. Topics included general preparedness, special needs of seniors and the disabled, evacuating with your pet, the role of local hospitals and police precincts during emergencies, and how you can help if a disaster strikes. One of these community forums was taped and will be airing on public access cable television on the Manhattan Neighborhood Network on Sunday, February 4 at 8:00-9:00 pm on Channel 34.



For an online simulcast visit www.mnn.org and find "Watch Now" in the left margin.

Contact Adam J. Riff, Legislative Aide:
212.633.8052

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■ EPA Pressed to Expand 9/11 Tests

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials were prodded on January 11 to expand the "final phase" of its \$7 million testing and cleanup program this spring into downtown Brooklyn and areas north of Canal St. At a City Council hearing held by the Lower Manhattan Redevelopment Committee, Alan Steinberg, regional EPA administrator, defended the decision to limit the program to the area that sustained the greatest impact from the 9/11 fallout, contending that the risks would be even lower in Brooklyn and areas farther from Ground Zero.

Read Frank Lombardi's January 12 NY Daily News article:

www.nydailynews.com/boroughs/story/487929p-410867c.html

■ Join the National Emergency Management Network

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA), the premier local government leadership and management organization, and the Public Entity Risk Institute (PERI) formed a national network for community-focused emergency planning, response, and recovery initiatives. The National Emergency Management Network (NEMN) is a community of local government entities that uses a unique combination of information resources, tools, and training to facilitate inter-agency collaboration, identify and share resources, and better prepare for local incidents and large-scale disasters. Local authorities benefit from NEMN by forming regional and national relationships with other local governments and their business partners, and by utilizing a software system to visualize, share, deploy, and manage emergency response and recovery resources within their own communities, and with disaster-stricken areas.



For more information and to join NEMN:

866.460.6366

info@nationalemergencymanagementnetwork.com

www.nationalemergencymanagementnetwork.com

■ New National Symbol for Emergency Management

The stylized letters "EM" will be used by state and local emergency managers as an icon in a new campaign to help make people more aware of what emergency management does to protect lives and property. "We think it's important to have a recognizable symbol," said Bruce Baughman, president of the National Emergency Management Association. "If people see that symbol on web sites, on the sides of government vehicles, on crates of emergency relief supplies and on preparedness material, they'll more easily recognize the efforts to make their lives safer and more secure and hopefully become more involved in the process."



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FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

- **ARC Offers Mental Health Aid to All Katrina Evacuees**

The Access to Care program is an initiative of The American Red Cross' (ARC) Hurricane Recovery Program and is administered by Link2Health, a non-profit subsidiary of the Mental Health Association of NYC. Coverage is retroactive to August 30, 2005 and will cover services received on or prior to April 1, 2008 for those who lived in a pre-disaster area designated by FEMA for individual assistance following Katrina, Rita or Wilma and suffered significant impact.



Enroll before October 1, 2007:

866.794.4673

www.a2care.org/ssl/prescreen.html

www.a2care.org

- **ARC-GNY Preparedness Presentation-Chinese**

Prepare New York is a free 45-minute emergency preparedness presentation teaching NYC residents how to create a plan, build a supply kit, and keep loved ones safe and informed during times of disaster. Participants receive an interactive CD that can be used to create a customized evacuation plan and brochures from the ARC and NYC OEM. The next presentation, "Prepare NY in Chinese" is on Friday, January 19, 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the CCBA at 62 Mott Street in Manhattan.



Sign up online:

www.nyredcross.org/eventreg.php?prmEventID=2278

www.nyredcross.org/page.php/prmID/32

- **NYC's Languages Challenge Emergency Planning**

NYDIS, along with partners NYC OEM, and the NY Immigration Coalition (NYIC), are helping to address how to prepare a city for disaster where there are so many different languages spoken. For example, OEM's coastal storm guides are in 11 languages and 311, the city's information number, is in 170 languages.

Read the December 29, 2006 article:

www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/

ny-bc-ny--disasters-languag

1229dec29,0,5325902.story

- **NYC OEM/Citizen Corps' Latest Resources**

The new version of the Council Resource Guide will be distributed at the next Citizen Corps Council meeting to be held at OEM

Headquarters at 165 Cadman Plaza, Brooklyn on February 21,



2007.

For the new Citizen Corps Council Calendar:

nyc.gov/portal/site/nycgov/menuitem_ef33f204f9fb6cc880bbe51001c789a0

Download the new Official Ready NY Posters:

www.nydis.org/downloads/N56_OEM_Posters.pdf

Take the "Are We Ready" Readiness IQ-RQ test, a survey that will measure the preparedness of individuals, families and communities. Along with giving you a score this tool will provide informative tips to help you improve:

www.whatsyourrq.org/survey.htm

Contact Nafeesah Allen:

718.422.8904

nallen@oem.nyc.gov

www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/agencies/agencies_citizen.shtml

- **NYCOSH: EPA Cleaning Plan Lacks Public Health Benefit**

On January 16, The New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH) put out a statement saying that they strongly oppose the EPA's "final" plan concerning contamination resulting from the collapse of the WTC. According to NYCOSH's Executive Director, Joel Shufro, "The EPA plan, once again, excludes workplaces in Lower Manhattan, even though there is not a scintilla of evidence that workplaces are any less likely to be contaminated than residences...offices, schools, government buildings, and firehouses, are excluded from the cleanup program. There is no scientific or legal basis for this exclusion."



Read the Press Release (pdf):

www.nydis.org/downloads/N56_NYCOSH.pdf

Contact Jonathan Bennett:

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- **View Sikh Documentary on Website**

In the last five years the Sikh Coalition has defended the rights of more individual Sikhs in America than any other organization ever. View their 13-minute documentary about the challenges of Sikhs in America, and the efforts of the Coalition to help them. 9/11 related backlash remains a disturbing problem for the Sikh community.



www.sikhcoalition.org

- **WCC Offers Online 9/11 Peer Support Discussion Group**

World Cares Center (WCC) provides support to survivors and disaster response volunteers and



professionals affected by 9/11 and other disasters. WCC September Space Community Centers offer peer-to-peer discussion groups, seminars and workshops, holistic treatments, and social events for families, groups and individuals. This online discussion group is designed to expand that support by giving individuals access to, or the opportunity to provide, peer support. Ask questions, comment on related issues, share coping skills, and share resources. It is facilitated by September Space Program Managers and questions or concerns may be referred to certified clinicians as necessary; and provides those who cannot physically visit the Centers another venue for receiving support and sharing experiences in the aftermath of disaster.



Register online:

worldcares.org/discussion/board/profile.php?mode=register

www.worldcares.org

- **Tribute Center's "Puppies" Help Costs & Open Dialogue**

The WTC Tribute Center is offering plush 9/11 search-and-rescue puppies for sale. Designed as a tribute to the dogs that were taken to Ground Zero to search for survivors and human remains, they are 8" and wear blue T-shirts with the WTC twin-footprint logo on it. They cost \$11.95 and proceeds help to pay the center's operating costs. The puppies serve as a way to help adults start meaningful dialogues about 9/11 with their children.



www.tributenyc.org

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PREPAREDNESS INITIATIVES

- **Downloadable Ready NY Preparedness Guides**

OEM's Ready NY preparedness campaign is designed to help New Yorkers better prepare for all types of emergencies. The following preparedness guides and brochures are available online:



- Beat the Heat
- Emergency Planning for Small & Mid-Sized Companies
- Hurricanes and New York City
- Pet Preparedness
- Ready NY Household Preparedness Guide
- Ready NY: Pocket Guide
- Seniors & People with Disabilities

To download these guides, [click here](#).

www.nyc.gov/html/oem

- **Prepare for Heating Season**

As cooler temperatures arrive, NYC OEM encourages New Yorkers to learn safe heating practices for their homes. Improper heating can lead to gas leaks and fires, and safe heating can prevent such emergencies.



Guidelines:

www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/hazards/winter_tips.shtml#safeheating

- **OEM's Tip of the Week: Give Blood and Save Lives**

OEM reminds New Yorkers to give blood this month during National Blood Donor Month. Blood is perishable and reserves need regular replenishment. Each day the New York Blood center needs almost 2,000 people to donate blood to maintain its supplies. If you are 17 years or older and weigh at least 110 pounds you can save up to three lives by donating one pint of blood.

www.nyc.gov/oem

- **NYC OEM's Tip: The Nose Knows**

In light of the recent odor that blanketed parts of the city, NYC OEM encourages New Yorkers to recognize the smell associated with natural gas. Mercaptan, which smells like rotten eggs, is the substance added to natural gas to alert people to leaks. Do you know what to do when you smell a gas leak? You should know when to leave your home and when to open windows.

Learn what to do when you smell gas:

www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/hazards/utilities_gas.shtml

- **NYC OEM Urges New Yorkers to Be Ready in '07**

Almost half of all Americans make at least one New Year's resolution. According to a recent Ad Council survey, 91% of Americans agreed that taking steps to prepare could help them in an emergency. However, studies show many of those people have not yet made a disaster plan or put together an emergency supply kit and go-bag. Start the year off right: resolve to prepare for emergencies in 2007.

www.nyc.gov/oem

- **FEMA's Helpline Telephone Numbers**

Information on the status of disaster assistance and other needs is just a phone call away. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) and NYS's toll-free helpline numbers are available for those who have questions once they have registered. Callers may check the status of their application for assistance from the Upstate NY storms and floods; and get answers and referrals to applicable agencies and organizations.

The FEMA Helpline is 800.621.FEMA (3362) and is open 8:00 am-8:00 pm daily.

Learn how to get help:

www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=29719

- **SEMO Offers Winter Safety Tips**

The NYS Emergency Management Office (SEMO) offers *Preparedness Through Awareness*, a winter preparedness guide that includes tips on Home Safety, Neighborhood Safety, Road Safety and Outdoor Safety.



Download SEMO's Winter Guide (pdf):

www.semo.state.ny.us/info/publicsafety/winterGuide.pdf

www.semo.state.ny.us/index.cfm

- **NY Blood Center Supply at Emergency Level**

On January 9 the NY Blood Center reported that its supply of blood has reached an emergency level following the holiday period, with less than a two-day supply of some blood types. They urgently ask all those eligible in NY and NJ to donate blood immediately. The NY/NJ metro area requires nearly 2,000 volunteer donations daily to serve patients in the area hospitals. January is "National Volunteer Blood Donor Month."



To donate, please call:
800.933.2566

www.nybloodcenter.org

- **Flu Preparedness**

- **HHS Pursues Advancement of New Flu Drug**

HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt announced on January 4 that the Department has awarded a \$102.6 million, four-year contract to BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc. for advanced development of their influenza antiviral drug, Peramivir, which has shown effectiveness against a number of flu strains. It may be administered through intravenous or intramuscular injection - especially useful in hospital emergency rooms. Although there have been a few isolated cases of human-to-human transmission, the virus does not currently transmit easily from human to human.



Read entire Press Release:

www.hhs.gov/news/press/2007pres/20070104.html

www.pandemicflu.gov

- **Flu is of Concern to New WHO Director**

Dr. Margaret Chan took office on January 5 as the World Health Organization's (WHO) director general. Most recently the organization's assistant director for



communicable diseases, she is urging vigilance against the threat of the Avian Flu. In preparing for the next Flu pandemic, she cautions "complacency is our biggest enemy." She said that scientists had not learned enough about the role of migratory birds in spreading Avian Flu viruses.

Read Dr. Chan's interview:

www.who.int/dg/chan/interviews/taking_office/en/index.html

www.who.int/en

- **NYS Program for Animal Response and Rescue**

In 2004 the Empire State Animal Response Team (ESART) was created to address NYS' animal-related disaster response needs. It promotes and supports the creation of County Animal Response Teams (CARTs) to provide rapid, professional assistance at the local level. ESART offers training opportunities to volunteers that include: Creating a County Animal Response Team (CART); Animal Care, Handling and Control; Temporary Sheltering, Pet-Friendly Sheltering, and Transport Planning; Small Animal Technical Rescue and Recovery; Large Animal Technical Rescue and Recovery; Ice Rescue; Incident Command System; Hazardous Material Awareness; and Zoonotic Disease Awareness and BioSecurity.



For information on how to join ESART:

Kelly Nilsson, Director, ASPCA NYS Disaster Response Services
518.885.8736

kellyn@aspcanys.org

www.empiresart.com

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WE RECOMMEND

- **Post Your Resources on NYDIS.org**

Do you have a useful resource for caseworkers, recovery providers and clients that you would like to submit? The [NYDIS Resource Library](#) on our website contains a large compilation of disaster resources including downloadable documents, links to useful websites, and references to printed publications. We welcome your agency's resources, which can be posted on NYDIS.org by clicking on the "Resources" Tab. You will then find directions on how to "[Submit a Resource](#)".



www.nydis.org

- **New Survey Assesses First Responder Communications**

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) "National Interoperability Baseline Survey" of first



responders and law enforcement assesses progress in achieving interoperable communications. Survey findings will help emergency response leaders and policy makers make informed decisions about strategies for improving interoperability.



Download the Survey report (pdf):

www.safecomprogram.gov/NR/rdonlyres/40E2381C-5D30-4C9C-AB81-9CBC2A478028/0/2006NationalInteroperabilityBaselineSurvey.pdf

www.dhs.gov

- **"Ready or Not?" New Report Gives NY 7 Out of 10**

The Trust for America's Health (TFAH) released the fourth annual "Ready or Not? Protecting the Public's Health from Disease, Disasters, and Bioterrorism" report which found that the nation's public health system, the first line of defense against pandemic flu, a bioterror attack or other widespread health emergency, remains unprepared to protect the American public. The fifty states, and DC, were evaluated based on ten key indicators to assess health emergency preparedness capabilities.



Download the Full "Ready or Not?" Report (pdf):

healthyamericans.org/reports/bioterror06/BioTerrorReport2006.pdf

www.healthyamericans.org

- **ARC Guide for Talking About Disaster**

The purpose of *Talking About Disaster: Guide for Standard Messages* is to assist those who provide disaster safety information to the general public. Users of this guide, which contains awareness and action messages intended to help people reduce their risk of injury or loss in the event of natural and human-caused disasters, may include emergency managers, teachers, disaster educators, public affairs/public relations personnel, mitigation specialists, and media communicators. These awareness messages provide general information about the threats presented by each type of disaster and describe what people should do to prepare for and get safely through a disaster.



Download *Talking About Disaster: Guide for Standard Messages*:

www.redcross.org/disaster/disasterguide/standardmsg.html

- **USFA Offers Flu Preparedness Guidelines**

"Pandemic Influenza Planning and Preparation Best Practices Model", the **U.S. Fire Administration** (USFA) offers this draft interim guidance to all service agencies, including fire, police, emergency medical services, public works, 911 call centers, and emergency management. The best practices are designed

to promote the development of community-specific guidelines and operational protocols to meet the challenge of a pandemic outbreak while not affecting normal daily response activities.

Download the USFA's Guideline draft (pdf):

www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/PI_Best_Practices_Model.pdf

- **Preparing Non-Profits for Disasters**

The Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of NY (NPCCNY), an information source for NY nonprofit agencies since 1984, has just published *Disaster Planning, Emergency Preparedness & Business Continuity*, a guideline on how an organization can prepare its own disaster recovery plan so that, should an interruption occur, it is able to resume operations.



Download the *Disaster Planning, Emergency Preparedness & Business Continuity* Report:

www.npccny.org/info/disaster_plan.htm

- **Interfaith Response to WNY Disaster Recovery**

In the wake of snowstorm and flooding, the Disaster Recovery Interfaith Network of Western New York was formed to coordinate interfaith response for long-term recovery, and provide spiritual and emotional resources for storm survivors and access to individual assistance to those whose needs are not met by federal or state aid. Organized under the incorporation of the Network of Religious Communities.



To become a partner in the Network group, contact Joanne Hale, Church World Service Emergency Response:

jhale@churchworldservice.org

716.773.7935

www.religiousnet.org

- **Ready.gov Offers Guidelines for Pet Owners**

DHS urges pet owners to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an animal emergency supply kit and developing a pet care buddy system. Whether you decide to stay put in an emergency or evacuate, you will need to make plans in advance for your pets. Plan in advance for shelter alternatives and make a back-up emergency plan in case you can't care for your animals yourself.



Download the Brochure (pdf):

www.ready.gov/america/downloads/pets.pdf

www.ready.gov

- **LLIS Website: Responders Share Lessons Learned**

Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS.gov) is the national network of Lessons



Learned and Best Practices for emergency response providers and homeland security officials. LLIS.gov's secure, restricted-access information is designed to facilitate efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to acts of terrorism and other incidents across all disciplines and communities throughout the US. A service of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

www.llis.gov

- **Special Article: "Keeping the Faith"**

In a December 19, 2006 article in the Business Report of Greater Baton Rouge Magazine, Adrian Hirsch answers the question: How have organizations that rely on volunteers and charity lit the way for so many in the wake of two hurricanes and still kept their own lights on?

Click here to read the entire article (pdf):

www.nydis.org/downloads/N56_Keeping_the_Faith.pdf

- **Disaster Prep 101: CERT & Civilian Preparedness**

A better prepared civilian population means not only fewer victims, but also that the families of first responders will be better prepared, allowing the responder to more readily report for duty. This comprehensive how-to-book with a 2-CD reference library takes an all-hazards approach covering how to survive and thrive during and after a disaster, terror attack and family emergency. First responders get a 20% discount.



Buy "Disaster Prep 101" online:

www.disasterprep101.com/cgi-bin/xpresscart/store.cgi?s=101&p=Disaster+Prep+101

For more information:

Paul Purcell
770.577.7046

www.disasterprep101.com

- **Tribute WTC Visitor Center Open Daily**

Daily Walking Tours led by participants in these events provide uniquely personal perspectives on the events of February 26, 1993 and September 11, 2001. The Center will remain in place until the permanent WTC Memorial and Museum are completed.



Are you interested in being a volunteer? Contact:

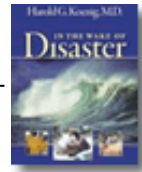
Rachael Grygorcewicz
212.422.3520

volunteer@tributenyc.org

www.tributenyc.org

- **Book Review: *In The Wake of Disaster***

In this timely book, *In the Wake of Disaster: Religious Responses to Terrorism and Catastrophe*, Dr. Harold G. Koenig discusses what and how faith-based and community organizations can contribute in the aftermath of disasters and terrorism. He urges federal, state, and local government policy leaders to more fully integrate religious organizations into the formal disaster response system; and he provides recommendations on the role that faith communities can play in disaster response and recovery in providing emotional and spiritual care for victims. Dr. Koenig is director and founder of Duke University's Center for the Study of Religion/Spirituality and Health.



To order the book:

www.templetonpress.org/book.asp?book_id=84

- **PlainViews: E-Newsletter for Spiritual Care Providers**

Subscribe to this bi-monthly e-newsletter offering views on Professional Practice, Advocacy, Education & Research, and Spiritual Development. Sponsored by the HealthCare Chaplaincy in NYC and edited by NYDIS Board President The Rev. Dr. Martha Jacobs.



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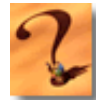
www.plainviews.org

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SAVE THE DATE

- **CDC Forum on Avian Flu in Nassau County**

January 27 at 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Hofstra University
Hempstead, NY



The "Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Prioritization: Public Engagement" meeting seeks your help in the decision-making process regarding how best to prioritize the distribution of the vaccine. Sponsored by the National Association of County and City Health Officials, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, and The Keystone Center, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the NYS and Nassau County health departments. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Those who register and attend the full meeting are eligible to receive a \$50.00 stipend.

Event Flyer (pdf):

www.nydis.org/downloads/N56_CDC_Forum.pdf

To register or if you have questions, call Sierra Trujillo:
800.219.6670

keystonevaccineprioritization@yahoo.com

tinyurl.com/yqsv35

- **"The Ripple Effect" Preparedness Conference**

Tuesday, February 6 - Wednesday, February 7
National Press Club, Washington, DC



The "Homeland Security: The Ripple Effect" emergency disaster preparedness conference will explore the cascading impacts of terrorism and natural disasters on smaller communities and address the resources, planning, and training needed to prepare for such an event. Practitioners in emergency and disaster management, and homeland security will mix practice with policy to develop a systematic approach to assist communities in responding to future disasters.

For registration information:
888.767.5561 Toll Free
703.683.5561
events@apus.edu

To register online:
www.e-ventcentral.com/event.registry/RippleEffectSymposium

www.apus.edu/disaster

- **WTC Evacuation Study Live Webcast**

Thursday, February 8

The discussion will cover the implications for high-rise evacuation procedures, employee training, and building design.



Download the Flyer (pdf):
www.ualbanycphp.org/eval/flyers/flyer_02_08_07.pdf

To view the webstream, register online:
www.prepareiowa.com/Public

To register your facility to receive the satellite signal:
www.informz.net/ualbany-sph/event.asp?eid=1843

For additional information contact:
518.486.7921
cphp@uamail.albany.edu

www.ualbanycphp.org

- **Disaster Planning for the Carless Conference**

Thursday, February 8 - Friday, February 9
University of New Orleans
New Orleans, LA

Katrina and Rita revealed how vulnerable carless residents are in emergency situations; and that evacuation plans in most major cities fail to adequately take into account the needs of the elderly, disabled, and transit dependent populations. The

goal of the "National Conference on Disaster Planning for the Carless Society" conference is to bring together government officials, professionals, and experts to discuss how we can better prepare for those that are in most need, and will seek to better integrate the fields of transportation planning, emergency management, and healthcare.

Information and registration:

[conferences.uno.edu/confCalendar\(CUPA\).htm](http://conferences.uno.edu/confCalendar(CUPA).htm)

Download Brochure:

www.nydis.org/resources/materials/NYDISnet_54_Carless.pdf

www.carlessevacuation.org

- **NEMA Mid-Year Conference**

Saturday, February 10 - Wednesday, February 14
Alexandria, VA

Register for the "2007 NEMA Mid-Year Conference" at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Hear from those involved in shaping the future of homeland security and emergency management, and share views on all hazards emergency preparedness with the leadership in Washington.



For online registration:

www.nemaweb.org/register_mid07/Select_Type.cfm

Contact Karen L. Cobuluis, Meeting & Marketing Coordinator:
859.244.8143

kcobuluis@csq.org

www.nemaweb.org

- **NYSEMA Emergency Management Conference**

Tuesday, February 20 - Thursday, February 22
Genesee Grande Hotel
Syracuse, NY

The NYS Emergency Management Association is holding its annual Winter Conference. Topics on the agenda include Water Quality, Animal Response Issues, Pandemic Flu, NIMS Training, Resource Typing and Tracking, and Homeland Security and Emergency Management Updates.



To register:

www.nysema.org/RegistrationE%202007.htm

- **Couples Communications for NYC First Responders**

Saturday, March 10 - Sunday, March 11
IBM Learning Center
Armonk, NY

The New York Disaster Counseling Coalition The logo for the New York Disaster Counseling Coalition (NYDCC). It features the letters "NYDCC" in a stylized font, with "NY" in blue, "D" in red, and "CC" in blue.

(NYDCC) is hosting the 2007 "Renewing Relationships" couples communication weekend program. It is free for first responders and their spouse/domestic partner.

Download the Flyer (pdf):

www.nydis.org/downloads/N56_NYDCC.pdf

To register:
212.582.8208

www.nydcc.org

- **Care for the Caregivers: Lessons Learned Conference**

Friday, March 30, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
475 Riverside Drive, Manhattan

The closing conference for the Care for the Caregivers Interfaith Project Grant sponsored by the September 11 Fund - United Way and the American Red Cross is entitled, "Care for the Caregivers: Lessons Learned and the Life We Lived." Remarks will be made by The NY Community Trust: Irfan Hasan; Roberta Samet; The American Red Cross; Rockefeller Advisors; NYDIS; Black Psychiatrists of Greater NY; CORL; The Interfaith Center; Circle of Life Facilitators; MCN; Admiral Circle; Lutheran Relief Fund; Church World Service; AGPA; the People's Institute; Anti-Racist Alliance; the Baptist Minister's Conference and elected/appointed officials.

Contact Rev. Willard W. C. Ashley, D.Min., D.H.:
Project Director, Care for the Caregivers Interfaith Program
212.870.1027

WWCA@aol.com

- **National Citizen Corps Conference**

Sunday, June 10 - Wednesday, June 13
The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
Alexandria, Virginia

The National Office of Citizen Corps conference on community preparedness, "Partnerships and Collaboration Through Citizen Corps", will be held in conjunction with the International Association of Emergency Managers and the National Emergency Management Association.



www.citizencorps.gov

- **IAEM 2007 Mid-Year Meeting**

Wednesday, June 13 - Thursday, June 14
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
Alexandria, Virginia

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Mid-Year Meeting is for IAEM members, emergency management professionals, Congressional staffers and federal



officials with a role in homeland security and emergency management. Sessions will include briefings from top DHS officials.

For more information:

www.iaem.com/events/MIDYEAR/INTRO.htm

- **15th Annual VOAD Conference**

Tuesday, April 17 - Friday, April 20
Albuquerque, New Mexico



"Partnerships in Motion" is the subject for VOAD's 15th annual conference. The conference will begin with the kick-off reception and dinner the evening of April 17, plenary sessions and workshops April 18 and 19, and a closing plenary the morning of April 20 that will summarize the conference outcomes and declare the priorities for the year. Information on workshops, registration, and agenda schedule will be coming soon.

www.nvoad.org

- **ASPCA & NYS Disaster Response Conference**

Friday, June 8 - Monday, June 11
Suffolk County, NY



The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) Disaster Response Services, a member of the Empire State Animal Response Team (ESART), offers a three-day conference on Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue. Location and registration brochure will be posted April 4.

www.aspca.org

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JOB AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **NYDIS, Four Full-Time Positions**

Office Assistant/Receptionist

NYDIS seeks an Office Assistant/Receptionist to provide daily administrative support to the executive director and perform receptionist functions. This is a full-time position and is available immediately.

Moderator, NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable

The Moderator will provide daily program administration of the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable. Responsibilities include scheduling case worker presentations for weekly Roundtable sessions, moderating all application sessions between donors and case workers, and managing and leading all case worker orientations for seeking client assistance.



CAN Technology Coordinator

The CAN Technology Coordinator will provide technology support and data management for the implementation of the CAN database system to coordinate services for WTC Recovery Workers with 9/11-related illnesses. The Coordinator will work in a team with the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Moderator and the Director of Disaster Recovery and Advocacy.

Director of Development

NYDIS is seeking a full-time Director of Development to oversee all aspects of fundraising, grant writing, and institutional development. The Director of Development reports to the Executive Director and is required to attend all Board of Directors meetings. All qualified candidates should apply.

For more information and position details, visit the NYDIS Job Opportunities page:

www.nydis.org/about/15.php

To apply, please email your Cover Letter and Resume to: pgudaitis@nydis.org or fax to 212.669.6101.

- **NYDIS, Office Volunteers**

NYDIS is seeking office volunteers to support the finance and disaster preparedness/training departments, and to answer phones and perform administrative duties for 20 hours per week. Positions begin immediately.

To apply, please email your Cover Letter and Resume to: pgudaitis@nydis.org or fax to 212.669.6101.

- **NYC OEM, Emergency Preparedness Specialists/Managers**

Specialist/Transportation & Infrastructure Planner ([JVN 061](#))

In the Transportation and Infrastructure Unit within the Planning and Preparedness Division, will develop citywide emergency plans and provide technical advice to City agencies regarding their emergency planning efforts for transportation and infrastructure emergencies.



Manager/Director of Plan Management ([JVN062](#))

In the Planning and Preparedness Division, will oversee a team of Plan Managers to develop, maintain and manage Citywide emergency plans.

Specialist/Plan Manager ([JVN063](#))

In the Planning and Preparedness Division, under supervision from the Director of Plan Management, will develop and maintain Citywide emergency plans and develop and maintain Plan Management policies.

Manager/Director of Logistics ([JVN064](#))

In the Planning and Preparedness Division, will manage a team of planners to create operational logistics plans and detailed logistics procedures for emergency response.

Specialist/Human Services Specialist (JVN065)

In the Planning and Preparedness–Human Services Division, will write detailed emergency response plans that describe complex operations to address the needs of disaster victims.

To apply to these positions, please submit Resume and Cover Letter to:

165 Cadman Plaza
East Brooklyn, NY 11201

jobs@oem.nyc.gov

- **HSC, Coordinator, Preparedness and Response**

The Human Services Council of New York City, Inc. (HSC), a membership association representing the not-for-profit social service agencies throughout NYC, seeks a Coordinator, Preparedness and Response to facilitate disaster preparedness and response activities that enables the NYC human services sector to respond effectively to human needs created by major disaster.



For a complete description of the position:

www.nydis.org/downloads/NYDISnet_55_HSC.pdf

Send cover letter and resume via email to:

Hayyim Obadyah, Director of Preparedness and Response
ObadyahH@humanservicescouncil.org

- **Safe Horizon, Admin. Ass't. 9/11 Mental Health Programs**

The 9/11 Mental Health Programs, which includes The Family Assistance Center, Project Rescue and Recovery, and the Community Trauma Response Team, seeks an Administrative Assistant to manage the reception area including answering telephones, logs and data input, greeting and signing in clients and visitors, and other office duties.



For more information and to apply online:

www.safehorizon.org/page.php?nav=wo&page=workdetail&jID=452

- **Volunteers for Upstate NY Flood Recovery Efforts**

New flooding piled more damage and emotional stress on western New York communities still recovering from the June floods. With hundreds of homes with water in the basements, the area badly needs volunteers who can help repair homes; and there aren't enough crisis counselors to address the mental health needs of the flood survivors.

Contact Dottie Baer, Conklin Presbyterian Flood Relief Volunteer Center:
607.775.0790

www.disastervolunteers.org/ops/info.php?desc=182

Kevin Page, FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison:

607.722.6545

Yvonne Newell, Director of Project Recovery in Broome, Tioga and Delaware Counties:
607.770.8800

- **NDART, Volunteer to Help Animals in Disasters**

The Humane Society of the US' (HSUS) National Disaster Animal Response Team (NDART) consists of animal care



professionals, emergency services and rescue professionals. Team members are trained in community disaster response and preparedness as well as specialized response techniques for rescuing animals affected by disasters. To prepare yourself to help animals in a disaster, there are courses offered by FEMA and ARC.

To find out more about the program and the recommended courses:

www.hsus.org/hsus_field/hsus_disaster_center/volunteer_for_the_hsus_disaster_animal_response_team.html

To apply to be a Team member, fill out the application:

www.ndart.org

www.hsus.org

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MAKE A GIFT TO NYDIS

- **Support NYDIS - Donate Online**

If you'd like to make a donation to assist NYDIS in its mission of providing faith-based disaster services, [click here](#), or send a check to NYDIS at 22 Cortlandt Street, 20th Fl., New York, NY 10007.



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To donate online, go to the NYDIS homepage and click "Make a Donation":

www.nydis.org

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