

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

## 2008 FEMA Urban Hazards Forum V: Conference on Emergency Preparedness for Special Needs Populations

### DAY ONE: Tuesday, August 12

<b>8:30 – 9:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Lobby</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:45</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Stephen Kempf, Jr. Regional Administrator DHS/FEMA Region II	<b>Auditorium</b>
<b>9:45 – 10:00</b>	<b>Special Remarks</b> Patricia A. Morrissey, Ph.D. Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities	<b>Auditorium</b>
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>General Session</b> All Inclusive Emergency Preparedness: Pediatric Improvements and Challenges Which Remain David Markenson, MD	<b>Auditorium</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:15</b>	<b><i>BREAK</i></b>	
<b>11:15 – 12:15</b>	<b>New York State Report Out</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
<b>12:15 – 1:30</b>	<b><i>LUNCH (on own; return promptly)</i></b>	
<b>1:30 – 1:45</b>	<b>Special Remarks</b> Matthew Sapolin Commissioner of NYC Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities	<b>Auditorium</b>
<b>1:45 – 2:45</b>	<b>New Jersey State Report Out</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
<b>2:45 – 3:00</b>	<b><i>BREAK</i></b>	
<b>3:00 – 4:00</b>	<b>General Session</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>

Demographics: "Understanding, Motivating and Supporting Evacuation with Special Needs Populations"  
Brenda D. Phillips, Ph.D.

**4:00 – 5:00**                      **General Session**                      **Auditorium**  
Special Populations and Disasters: From the Ground to an International Perspective Open Forum  
George M. Tokesky and Michael Weston

**DAY TWO: Wednesday, August 13**

**8:30 – 9:00**                      **Registration**                      **Lobby**

**9:00 – 9:10**                      **Opening Remarks**                      **Auditorium**

**9:10 – 9:30**                      **Special Remarks**                      **Auditorium**  
NYC Homebased Care Task Force Overview  
DOHMH and OEM

**9:45 – 10:45**                      **Breakout Topics Round A**                      **Rooms Off Lobby**

- 1. Senior Center/Safe Center: A review of facilities already operating in Florida and Alabama**  
Michael Weston and Georgianne Cherry
- 2. Homebased Care Agencies: An Executive Director’s experience during blackouts, 9/11 and killer mold – The importance of COOP to continue client care**  
Levester Burnley
- 3. Special Needs Shelter Discharge Planning: Developing an Exit Strategy Based on Available Resources**  
George Tokesky
- 4. FEMA Special Needs Unit: Why it came about, what it has done, and what you need to know**  
Marianne Jackson, Federal Coordinating Officer, FEMA Region II
- 5. EMT training overview, “An Introduction to Patients with Disabilities”**  
Carina Marzec, *et al*  
**Note: this session will run once for 90 minutes**

<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b><i>BREAK</i></b>	
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Breakout Topics Round B</b>	<b>Rooms Off Lobby</b>
	Sessions 1-4 listed above to be repeated	
<b>12:00 – 1:15</b>	<b><i>LUNCH</i></b> ( <i>on own; return promptly</i> )	
<b>1:15 – 1:30</b>	<b>Special Remarks</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
<b>1:30 – 2:30</b>	<b>General Session</b> DOJ Toolkit Chapter 7 on Emergency Management under Title II of the ADA Dov Lutzker, Esq.	<b>Auditorium</b>
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b><i>BREAK</i></b>	
<b>2:45 – 3:45</b>	<b>General Session</b> Implications of Pandemic Influenza for People with Disabilities Vincent Campbell, PhD	<b>Auditorium</b>
<b>3:45 – 4:45</b>	<b>General Session</b> National Center on Accessible Media – Latest Technology Marcia Brooks	<b>Auditorium</b>

**General Points:**

We will strive to keep on schedule. We ask that attendees be prompt and ready for each session out of respect for the speakers and each other. Please arrive on time each day.

The auditorium is equipped with ALD loop system; CART will be provided; and ASL interpreters are available. We ask that the front rows be available to persons needing sight line access to the stage.

Breakout rooms are equipped with an RF ALD system and microphones. Requests for ALD equipment and interpreters must be made at the registration table.

Coffee, tea, and lite food will be available during registration and breaks. Lunch is the responsibility of attendees.

Literature tables hold materials and documents submitted for attendees to take for their own information. We encourage you to take additional copies after the first day.

Should any attendee have concerns or experience a need for assistance during the conference, please notify any of the staff immediately.