

PRESS RELEASE

New York Rescue Response Team Participates in National Night Out with American Public University System's Student Chapter of International Association of Emergency Managers

New York, NY (August 8, 2019) – On August 6, 2019 *New York Rescue Response Team* (NYRRT) took part in *National Night Out*, the annual community-building campaign that promotes public safety partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, across the United States.

National Night Out was celebrated across New York City; in Brooklyn, events took place on the Parade Grounds at Prospect Park, where the *New York City Police Department* had tables and events planned for the community. NYRRT was in attendance, along with their co-sponsor, the *American Public University System's* (APUS) Student Chapter of the *International Association of Emergency Managers* (IAEM),

Displays were setup by the various public safety agencies, and there were games, music, a rock-climbing wall, other activities and lots of food. The crowd was made up of young and old, and at the NYRRT/APUS/IAEM table, they were presented with citizen emergency preparedness materials including FEMA *Ready* brochures for adults and activity books and crayons for children. The public engaged members of the rescue team about both emergency preparedness and fire safety. Free batteries were distributed for the smoke alarms, and appointments were set by NYRRT to visit homes and install free smoke detectors.

Shelomo Alfassa, President of the IAEM student chapter said, “there is a place for education of young adults and even children in emergency management. If we start out with introductory lessons in schools, we’ll have a more ready public as they grow older.” Captain Glen Schneider of New York Rescue Response Team thanked the APUS Student Chapter of the IAEM for their partnership and support.

APUS is one of the largest providers of online higher education. Their mission is to provide high quality higher education with emphasis on educating the nation's military and public service communities. The IAEM is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting the “Principles of Emergency Management” and representing those professionals whose goals are saving lives and protecting property and the environment during emergencies and disasters.

New York Rescue Response Team provides New York City and surrounding communities with search and rescue services. NYRRT, a state-registered volunteer organization, has been providing quality emergency services to New York City and its residents for near a decade.



