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**Staten Island Children's Museum Will Host Free Family Emergency Preparedness Festival
Saturday, September 29 from Noon – 5:00 pm**

September 24, 2018 - On Saturday, September 29, the public is invited to the annual Family Emergency Preparedness Festival at the Staten Island Children's Museum, sponsored by [NYC Emergency Management](#).

The Children's Museum will be filled indoors and out with exhibits, booths and emergency vehicles for kids to explore, including: the NYPD Operation Safe Child ID program, the always-popular rock climbing wall, the NYPD Mounted Unit, the NYPD Emergency Service Unit (ESU) and K-9 Unit, and the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) Life Safety. Returning favorites include Metropolitan Fire, the Parks Play mobile, the local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the JCC of Staten Island, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), New York City Medical Reserve Corps and NYC Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). Visitors will get to meet "Ready Girl" and receive giveaways while supplies last.

This FREE family event begins at Noon and ends at 5:00 pm. The Children's Museum opens late at Noon on this Festival day. For more information, please visit sichildrensmuseum.org.

September is Emergency Preparedness Month and the theme this year is: *Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.* The goal of the month is to increase the overall number of individuals, families and communities that engage in preparedness actions at home, work, business, school and place of worship. Everyone can help first responders in the community by training how to respond during an emergency and what to do when disaster strikes.

The Staten Island Children's Museum is located on the grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Gardens, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301. The Museum's hours for September – June are Tuesday– Friday from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. For more information, call 718-273-2060, email info@sichildrensmuseum.org, or visit sichildrensmuseum.org.

The Staten Island Children's Museum is housed in a building owned by the City of New York and its operation is made possible, in part, with public funds provided through the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs with support from the Staten Island delegation to the NYC Council. Significant operating support is also provided by the NYS Council on the Arts, Corporations, Foundations, the Trustees and Members.

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