

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

This weekly newsletter should provide you with helpful information that you can share and discuss with your community members.

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Happy Anniversary, NYC Emergency Management!



Yesterday, April 1, 2022, marked the 26 Anniversary of NYC Emergency Management. We are honored to serve New York City and look forward to the future and are prepared to face any challenge that comes our way. We thank our NYC CERT members for supporting NYCEM's mission or preparedness.

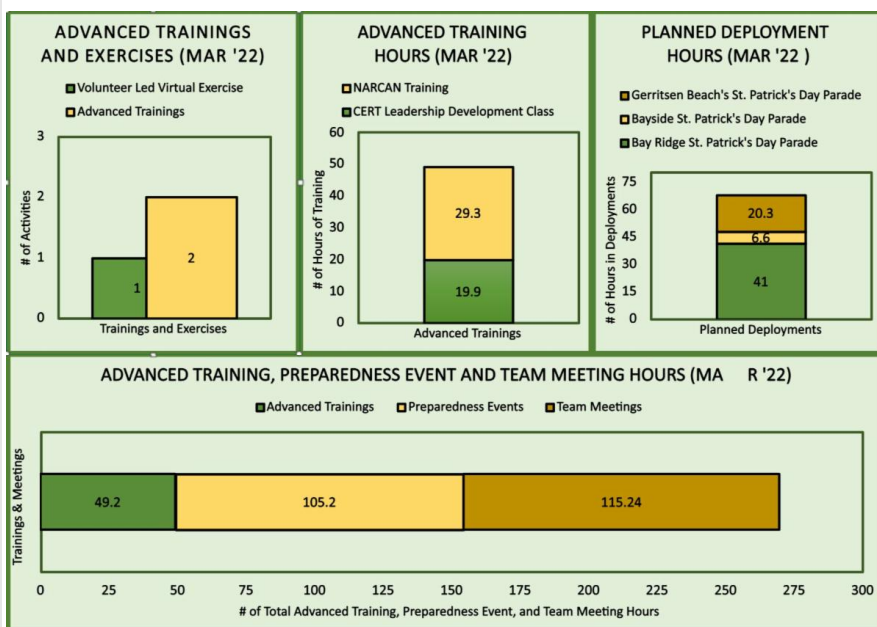


MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

No call until further notice

Documents to Review:
[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)
[Call signs per Radio](#)

After Action Report: March



As we slowly drift away from winter weather; CERT volunteers throughout the city are hosting and participating in more in-person events, including division meetings and planned deployments. Some of the planned events are recurring

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[CLICK HERE](#)

pre-pandemic while others establish new working relationships with their local precincts like Queens Division 4, who were able to support the recent parade in with short notice. If you are interested in supporting upcoming local events, let your leadership know and we will work together with them to make it happen.



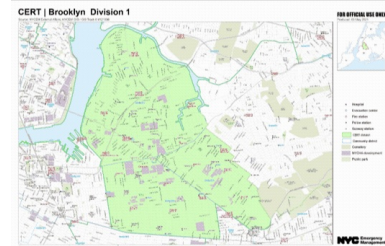
St. Patrick Parades



The **NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** provides guidance and outlines policies and procedures for you and your team to follow.



Brooklyn Division 5 had several members working alongside police officers from the 68th Precinct supporting pedestrian traffic management.



NYC CERT Division maps are available (pdf format) to support recruitment and preparedness planning in your community.



Queens Division 4 members were present at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Bayside earlier this month.

Brooklyn - Bronx - Manhattan - Queens - Staten Island



Brooklyn Division 7 members marched as part of the parade, holding their NYC Emergency Management CERT banner.



View the **NYC CERT Event Calendar** to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

After you participate, be sure to **Submit Your Volunteer Hours!**

Staten Island CERT members both provided support for NYPD and also marched in the Staten Island St.



Only CERT members in compliance with the vaccine mandate will continue receiving messaging from NYCEM CERT Program staff. Volunteers who did **not** submit appropriate documentation to meet the vaccine mandate, or request a reasonable accommodation through NYCEM, will be considered inactive until they submit following the below steps.

- To submit vaccination records, please email an approved proof of vaccination to: CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov.
- Please review the necessary steps [HERE](#)

Spring and Flood Safety

✔ **12 WAYS TO PREPARE**

<input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for Alerts and Warnings	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Save for a Rainy Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Practice Emergency Drills	<input type="checkbox"/> Test Family Communication Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Safeguard Documents
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan with Neighbors	<input type="checkbox"/> Make Your Home Safer	<input type="checkbox"/> Know Evacuation Routes	<input type="checkbox"/> Assemble or Update Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> Get Involved in Your Community	<input type="checkbox"/> Document and Insure Property

By Fiona Larkin, FEMA Corps Region 2

Spring is coming up and so is flood season! Floods are the most common natural disaster in the United States. Floods occur when water overflows onto land due to large amounts of rain or snow, coastal storms, or water system failures. Overflowing water can cause outages, disrupt transportation, damage buildings, and create landslides with little to no warning. Because of this, it is essential to be aware of how to remain safe during flood season. There are many ways people can start preparing themselves and their homes for when spring arrives. First, know your risks. FEMA's Flood Map Service Center is a continually updated public source for flood hazard information produced in support of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) ([Flood Insurance | FEMA.gov](#)) that can provide you with a better understanding of your flood risk. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) ([Emergency Alert System | FEMA.gov](#)) and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio ([NOAA Weather Radio - Office of Dissemination - Virtual Lab](#)) also provide flood alerts. [Read the full article here](#)

READY NEW YORK

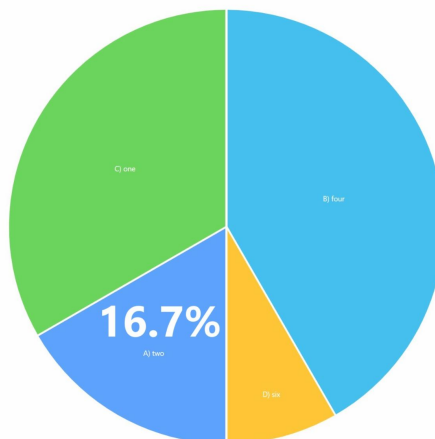
If your division is hosting or participating in an upcoming event, please complete the [Event Request form](#) to have your opportunity published through Eventbrite.com for members to register.

Your NYC CERT Ready New York Liaison can submit a [Ready New York Material Request](#) for upcoming events.



Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's **Quiz of the Week**. Last week's question had interesting results. The correct answer is A) **Two (16.7%)**. As noted in the [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#), probationary members must participate in four activities per year to be considered active and receive renewed credentials. This includes two advanced trainings and two planned events. In addition to this, CERT members must also attend monthly division meetings, participate in preparedness activities and receive the approval of their volunteer leadership to receive a new credential. While the SOPs says



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only two, that is considered the bare minimum. All members have many opportunities to participate in training throughout the year and should take advantage of them to both refresh their skills and also learn new skills that can benefit the division and their local communities.

Android.

Please review this information starting on page 26 of the NYC CERT SOPs.

A direct and compelling headline

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



The TD Five Boro Bike Tour will once again welcome participants from across New York and around the country on **Sunday, May 1, 2022**.

Bike New York relies on a small army of more than 2,000 volunteers each year to ensure the riders have the best possible experience. As in years past, they are requesting NYC CERT to support. NYC Emergency Management have worked closely with organizers to provide these specific registration links. All interested NYC CERT members **MUST** register for their site and shift using the links below. We're excited to have another successful Five Boro Bike Tour!

Brooklyn
Gowanus Water Stop
8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Bronx
Bronx Water Stop
6:45 AM-12:45 PM

Queens
Astoria Rest Area
6:30 AM-3:30 PM

Manhattan
FDR Rest Area
6:30 AM-2:00 PM

Staten Island
Bay Street
Water Stop
Shift 1: 9:30 AM-2:00 PM
Shift 2: 11:00 AM-6:30 PM

Commodore Barry Rest Area
7:00 AM-5:00 PM

Con Edison Rest Area
7:00 AM-3:30 PM

Brooklyn Bridge Park
Water Stop

Shift 1: 7:30 AM-12:00 PM
Shift 2: 11:30 AM-4:00 PM

Click Here for a detailed list of site locations and volunteer roles for the event.

SI Finish Festival
(New Location)

Shift 1: 6:30 AM-12:00PM
Shift 2: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Shift 3: 3:00 PM-8:00 PM



[Report your Volunteer Hours](#)
Search for *Buddy Check* Event

Buddy Check

As we close out a long year of volunteering to support your community and head into a new year with new challenges, please take some time to support one another. The best way to do that is by performing buddy checks.

What is a buddy check?

Taking the time to check on family and friends, especially those unable to leave their home for any reason. You might be surprised by the impact you'll have on those who you connect with.

NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR



MENTOR PROGRAM

Are you interested in becoming a mentor to new NYC CERT members?

All Volunteer leadership should be encouraging active members to serve in a mentor role in order to support both their growth as leaders and provide new opportunities for newer members to become more engaged.

1. Complete the [NYC CERT Mentor Program form](#) to let us know if you'd like to be a mentor or mentee.
2. Complete the [Matching Questionnaire](#) to help pair the mentor to a mentee. Both forms must be filled out to participate in the program.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Basic Training: Disaster Medical Operations



This past week our current NYC CERT students joined our instructors at NYC Emergency Management headquarters in Brooklyn to participate in the first of several hands-on exercises. In the photos, you can see examples of students practicing their techniques for bandaging, the proper use of a tourniquet and also a go-bag presentation.

NARCAN/ Opioid Prevention Class

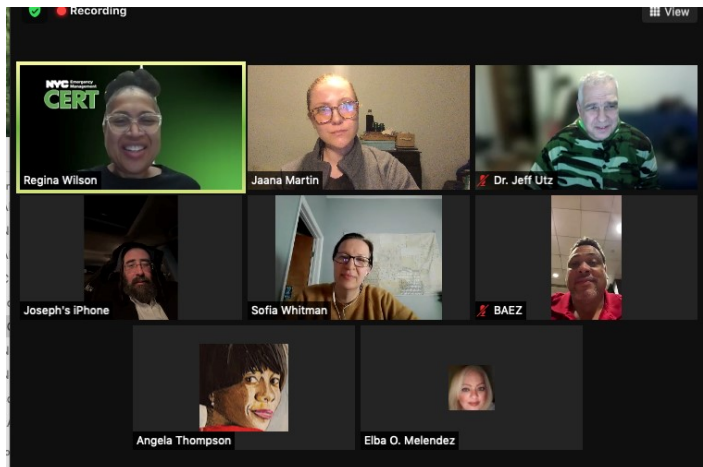


On March 28th, CERT volunteer Martin Grillo conducted a NYC Department of Health Opioid Prevention class. Volunteers were provided information on the opioid crisis in America and how to treat someone that may be affected by an overdose.

NYC CERT Virtual Meetings

Brooklyn Division 1

On March 30th, Brooklyn Division 1 conducted their regular monthly meeting. Members planned to meet again the following week to brainstorm ideas for how they can promote the program locally to help recruit new members for division. Their first in-person monthly meeting was also discussed and scheduled for April at NYCCEM headquarters. During the meeting, they will participate in a tabletop exercise to refresh their CERT skills.



Download NYC CERT Background for use during CERT meetings and training in a virtual environment (e.g. Microsoft Teams, Zoom, etc.)



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

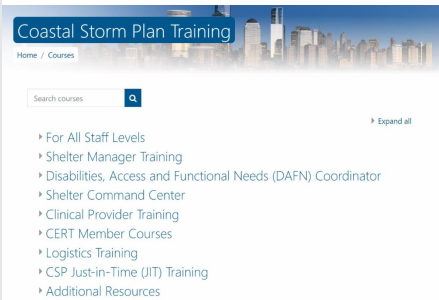
Advanced Training: Leadership Development



This leadership class is designed to train current and future volunteer leaders within the CERT program.

[Register here for Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Coastal Storm Plan Training



As we are fast approaching the upcoming flood season, the Coastal Storm Plan Training Learning Management System is available to volunteers 24/7 to be done as either Just In Time training or a self-paced training. This is the new training for shelter managing and all Coastal Storm Plan staff levels.

If you have not created an account you can easily do so on the home page of the site. These credentials are independent of any other credentials you have created in the past for NYC CERT.

[Register for Coastal Storm Training here: https://csptraining.org](https://csptraining.org)



Each of the FEMA Region II webinars presented in 2022 has been recorded and archived. If you wish to revisit a webinar you attended or would like to listen to one you missed, or even share with a friend or co-worker, you can find the links on the document linked here **[2022 webinar recordings](#)** which includes the webinar description and recording link for each webinar by category.

Get ahead of the upcoming CERT Radio Training announcements and take your pre-requisite on your own time!

Pre-requisite for members participating in the Point-to-Point training:

[IS-242.b Effective Communications](#)

Please send verification of completion to CERTTraining@oem.nyc.gov prior to the training date.

[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support

Schedule a free Fire Safety training for your Division at

[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalog](#) includes all recorded

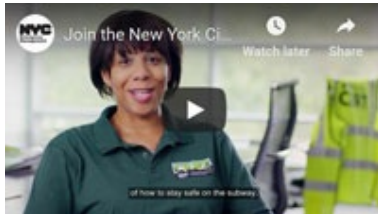


FDNY Smart offers free hands-only CPR classes through the FDNY Mobile CPR Program. The goal of these classes is to equip New Yorkers with the basic skills needed to take action in the event of a cardiac arrest emergency. To sign up for one of our free classes or to schedule a class in your community visit www.fdnysmart.org/cpr/.

COVID-19 Community Conversations: Mental Health, Equity and Resilience

DOHMH is offering free virtual training to community groups. There are two options, a **1-hour informational virtual presentation** and a **3-hour interactive training** (available in English, Spanish, Cantonese, and Mandarin).

THINGS TO KNOW



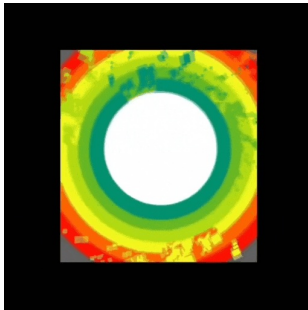
[NYCEM's Youtube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[Resolve to Be Ready Calendar](#)
 Regular reminders in simple steps that can help you work preparedness into your busy schedule.



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