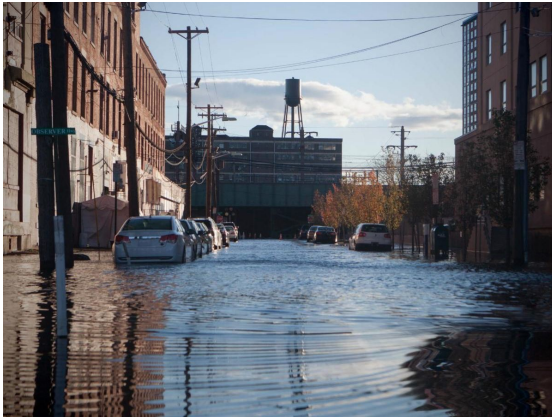


ACTIVATION STATUS: NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IS ACTIVATED.

PLEASE NOTE: Program staff will respond to inquiries and requests as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and support.

Hazardous Flooding Conditions



There have been a number of reports of flooding conditions coming in from around the city including areas such as the Rockaways, Broad Channel, and Red Hook.

If you've experienced flooding as a result of the recent hazardous weather, be sure to report to 3-1-1.

If there is a potentially dangerous situation, please be sure to call 9-1-1, immediately.

Please stay up-to-date with the [NYC Severe Weather](#) website.

Joseph "Espo" Esposito - More than a Civil Servant

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

JOSEPH J. ESPOSITO

CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT, NYPD - 2000 TO 2013

COMMISSIONER, NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - 2014 TO 2018

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, ENFORCEMENT, NYC DEPT OF BUILDINGS



WAKE

Monday, January 15, 2024

3:00 - 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
275 North 8th St., Brooklyn, NY 11211

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

9:30 am

St. Patrick's Cathedral
14 E.51st St., NY, NY 10022

INTERMENT

GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY, 500 25TH ST. BROOKLYN, NY 11232

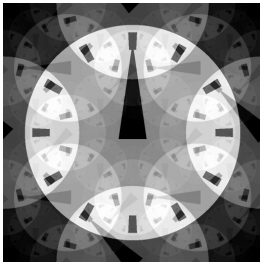
As you have surely heard, the city is grieving after the passing of former NYC Emergency Management Commissioner, Joseph Esposito. His career spanned over four decades in civil service.

"Espo" as he was fondly addressed as by his colleagues was an incredible supporter of the Community Emergency Response Team program, which led to him really pushing us to another level after joining OEM/NYCEM.

Esposito will fondly be remembered for his passion for his city. HE was known for always wanting to be on the ground during emergency operations, participating in Ready New York events, and joining CERT in action.

Let's keep Espo's family in our thoughts and prayers as they navigate through this difficult period.

If you're planning to attend any of the funeral services, we welcome you to wear your NYC CERT hat to represent



How to report your volunteer hours?

What accounts for your volunteer hours?

For more questions on how to submit your service hours you can view the [Hours Submission FAQs](#).



Deadline for submitting 2023 volunteer hours is January 24, 2024

MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

01/15/2024 MLK HOLIDAY
NO RESPONSE

Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday to commemorate the birth of Martin Luther King Jr. This year the holiday falls on Monday, January 15th. The holiday is celebrated annually on the third Monday of January and celebrates the life and work of the Civil Rights Era leader. Dr. King's work was instrumental in helping African-Americans secure their rights. In addition to his work in civil rights, Dr. King also spoke up for the disadvantaged and impoverished.

Below are links to some videos you can watch to learn more about the work of Dr. King:

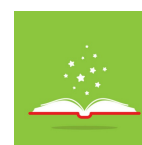
- [Martin Luther King Jr: Risked Life for Civil Rights Movement | Biography](#)
- [How Did Martin Luther King Jr. Get a Holiday? | PBS Originals](#)
- [Martin Luther King - The Fight for Civil Rights | The People](#)

Documents to Review:

- [Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)
- [Call signs per Radio](#)



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



[View and Download the Complete NYC CERT Basic Training Student Manual](#)

Human Trafficking Awareness Month



January is the month to raise awareness about the pervasive issue of human trafficking. With over 27 million people affected by this heinous crime, it's crucial that we all do our part. That's where Blue Campaign comes in - a national public awareness

campaign that educates the public, law enforcement, and other industry partners on how to recognize the indicators of human trafficking and respond appropriately. Working closely with DHS Components, Blue Campaign develops general [awareness trainings](#) and specific educational resources to help reduce victimization within vulnerable populations. The awareness objectives consist of two foundational elements, prevention of human trafficking and protection of exploited persons. [Read more...](#)

Learn more about [indicators](#), [myths and misconceptions](#) of Human Trafficking.

Find [Human Trafficking resources at DHS.](#)

QUIZ

Each week we will propose a quiz question that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or from your experience as an active member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter.

Last week's question:

As CERT you are deployed, and you get a call that a family member is ill. What should you do?

Correct Answer(s): **B) Alert your CERT Lead and/or the nearest fellow member that you must leave right away**, but C is a close second. If your CERT Lead or fellow member is not nearby, you may reach out to Watch Command to alert them that you must leave, but this is normally the role of the CERT Lead. The most important thing to remember is that NYCEM CERT Staff must know where CERT volunteers are at all times. Alerting your Lead and fellow members also helps them to assess if you are well enough to travel home on your own. Your safety is our top priority!

You are supporting a CERT deployment and you lose your ID. What should you do?

A) Stay at the event, report this to your CERT Lead then file a police report and send to NYCEM

B) Tell your CERT Lead and/or fellow



member(s)
and leave the
event

C) Stay at the
event and call
311

D) Finish out
your shift and
just use your
driver's
license for any
future events

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The NYC Hazard Mitigation Plan shares how NYC is working to reduce the impacts from natural hazards. We want to hear from you before our next report!

NYC Emergency Management



SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

NYCHAZARDMITIGATION.COM

COMMENT PERIOD CLOSES

02/05/2024




View the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

After you participate, be sure to [Submit Your Volunteer Hours!](#)

For more questions on how to submit your service hours you can view the [Hours Submission FAQs](#).

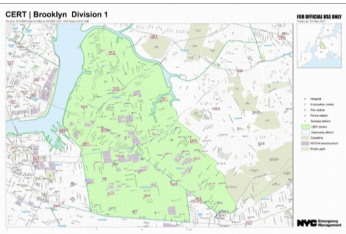


NYC is no stranger to natural disasters. Each time we experience one, we learn how to make our city

stronger and safer. The NYC Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), updated every five years, outlines these new strategies, as well as steps we can take to reduce our risk.

In this webinar, NYC Emergency Management will showcase the 2024 NYC HMP, describing the hazards facing NYC and sharing tools to help you understand your risk and ways to prepare and stay safe. We welcome your feedback on all aspects of the plan. Check out the plan and leave your comments at nychazardmitigation.com. Anyone can give feedback on the HMP during the public comment period, which closes **February 5, 2024**.

[Registration | Thurs, Jan 18, 2024 11AM](#)



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

[Brooklyn](#) - [Bronx](#) - [Manhattan](#) - [Queens](#) -

POWER OUTAGE PREP WEBINAR WITH CONED

Learn:

- HOW TO PREPARE FOR A POWER OUTAGE
- WHAT TO DO WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT
- HOW TO REPORT AN OUTAGE
- AND MORE!

February 14 at 10 AM

bit.ly/ConEd_OutagePrep

Join NYC Emergency Management and ConEdison on February 14, 2024 at 10AM to discuss how you can prepare for power outages. Topics covered will include:

- How to prepare for an outage
- What to do while the power is out
- How to report an outage
- How to file a claim for spoiled food or medication
- How to use the ConEdison outage map
- How to stay informed
- Tips on [tree](#) trimming & water leaks

[Registration | Wed, Feb 14, 2024 10AM](#)

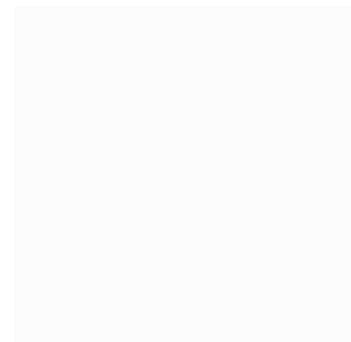
READY NEW YORK

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.



Get Notified with New York City's official source for information about emergency alerts and important city services. Download the free [Notify NYC](#) mobile app, available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).



Commissioner For a Day!

NYC EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT



Commissioner For A Day



NYC Emergency Management is inviting all high school students to participate in the third annual Commissioner for a Day essay contest. Entrants must submit an original essay and complete the [application](#). All entries must be emailed by **11:59 p.m.** on **Saturday, February 3, 2024**. The NYC Emergency Management Commissioner will

choose and invite the winner to the headquarters to participate in the Commissioner for a Day Award Ceremony.

Read more about the [Contest Rules](#).



Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

NYC [Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs \(MOIA\)](#) invites you to participate in our survey to understand the capacity of community-based organizations (CBOs) to provide language services.

This survey aims to gain insights into the challenges and needs of CBOs providing or seeking to provide language services to City agencies. With

the data collected from this survey, MOIA will submit a summary of the findings and recommended steps that the city can take to remove barriers CBOs face to providing language services on behalf of the city.

Take the [MOIA Language Access Survey](#) by **January 17, 2024**.

Your input is valuable, and we appreciate you taking the time to fill out this survey. Please forward the information about the survey to other organizations who might also be interested.

If you have any questions or concerns about this survey, don't hesitate to contact Young Kwon (Language Access Senior Manager) via email (ykwon@moia.nyc.gov).

Send Us Your Photos!



As 2023 comes to a close and we move into our 21st year, help us to celebrate CERT in New York City by sending us your photos and videos from your event at on.nyc.gov/CERTupload

Please note **Date (including year), Borough, Division (or team), Event, members included (if available)**.

If you have any questions, please contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov. Thank you!

[Download Photos from the Gracie Mansion Anniversary Event](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



HOPE NYC 2024

Every January, thousands of volunteers across the five boroughs participate in NYC's annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE). Over a single night, volunteers canvass streets, subway stations, parks, and other public spaces across the city to identify individuals living unsheltered.

Please note: This opportunity is not a NYC CERT Deployment and is not affiliated with NYC Emergency Management. Registration and SOPs are handled through HOPE.

[Registration | Tues, Jan 23, 2024 10PM](#)

2024 Lunar New Year Celebration Parade in Bensonhurst

NYC CERT will support the 2024 Lunar New Year Celebration



Parade alongside the 62nd Precinct.

[Registration | Sun, Feb 11, 2024 9:30AM](#)



CERT Call out and Deployment

Please join the Region 2 and Region 8 National Preparedness Division for a webinar on CERT Call out and Deployment procedures.

[Registration | Wed, Jan 17, 2024 1PM](#)

NYC CERT CALENDAR



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.

[Report your Volunteer Hours](#)

Search for *Buddy Check* Event



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.

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

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

Schedule free training for your Division here : [FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#).

[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalogue](#) includes all recorded webinars.

ADVANCED TRAINING



Active Shooter Training

CISA instructs on how to better prepare you to deal with an active shooter situation, focusing on behaviors that represent pre-incident indicators and characteristics of active shooters, potential attack methods, how to develop emergency action plans, and the actions that may be taken during an incident.

[Registration | Wed, Jan 24, 2024 at 6:30PM](#)

Human Trafficking Awareness Presentation

Learn how to define and understand the severity and scope of human trafficking, identify red flags of trafficking, the intersections between intimate partner violence and human trafficking, and trauma-informed lens, resources, and tools to increase efficacy in supporting survivors of trafficking.



[Registration | Mon, Jan 29, 2024 at 6:30PM](#)

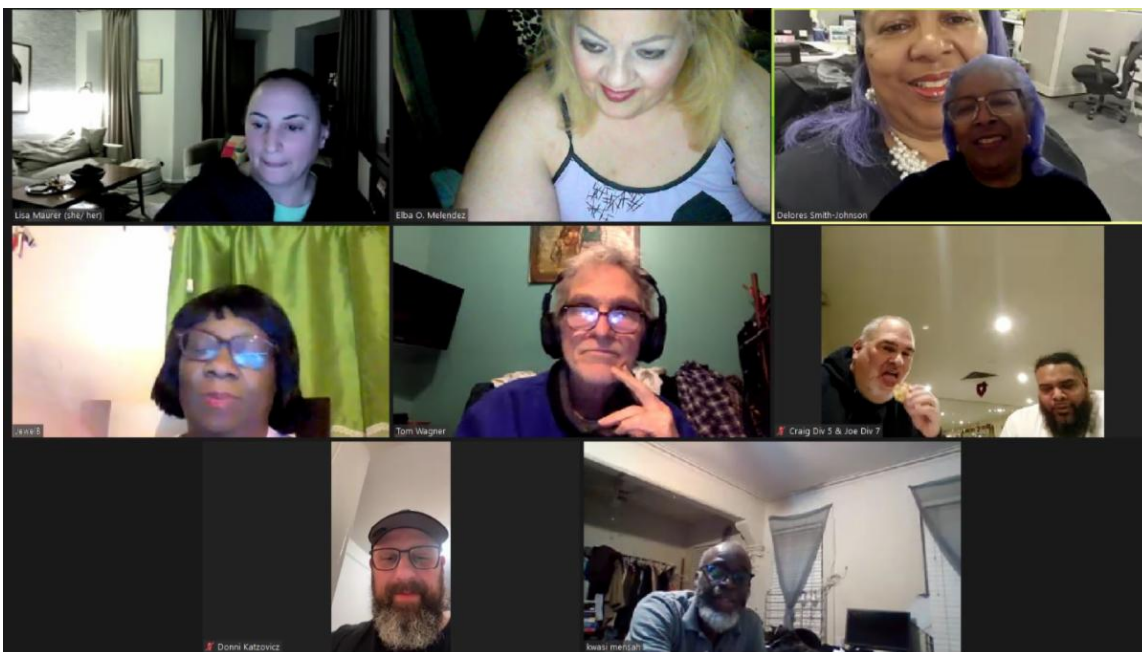
NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Radio Committee



The Radio Committee met on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. The committee discussed enhancing and growing the radio program. The members and program staff brainstormed various ideas for expanding the radio program in the coming months. Stay tuned for several changes and announcements coming soon. NYC CERT Radio Committee Standing By!

Brooklyn Borough Coordinator Monthly Leadership Meeting



On Tuesday, January 9, 2024, Brooklyn Leadership gather virtually.

Cyber Ready Community Game Night



A cyberattack is no game, but on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, NYC CERT members put their “Divisions” aside and teamed up to play the *Cyber Ready Community Game*. They used strategic thinking, team work, and had plenty of fun while learning cyber preparedness and the cascading impacts of a cyberattack via this engaging board game developed by the collaborative efforts of [CISA](#) and [FEMA](#).





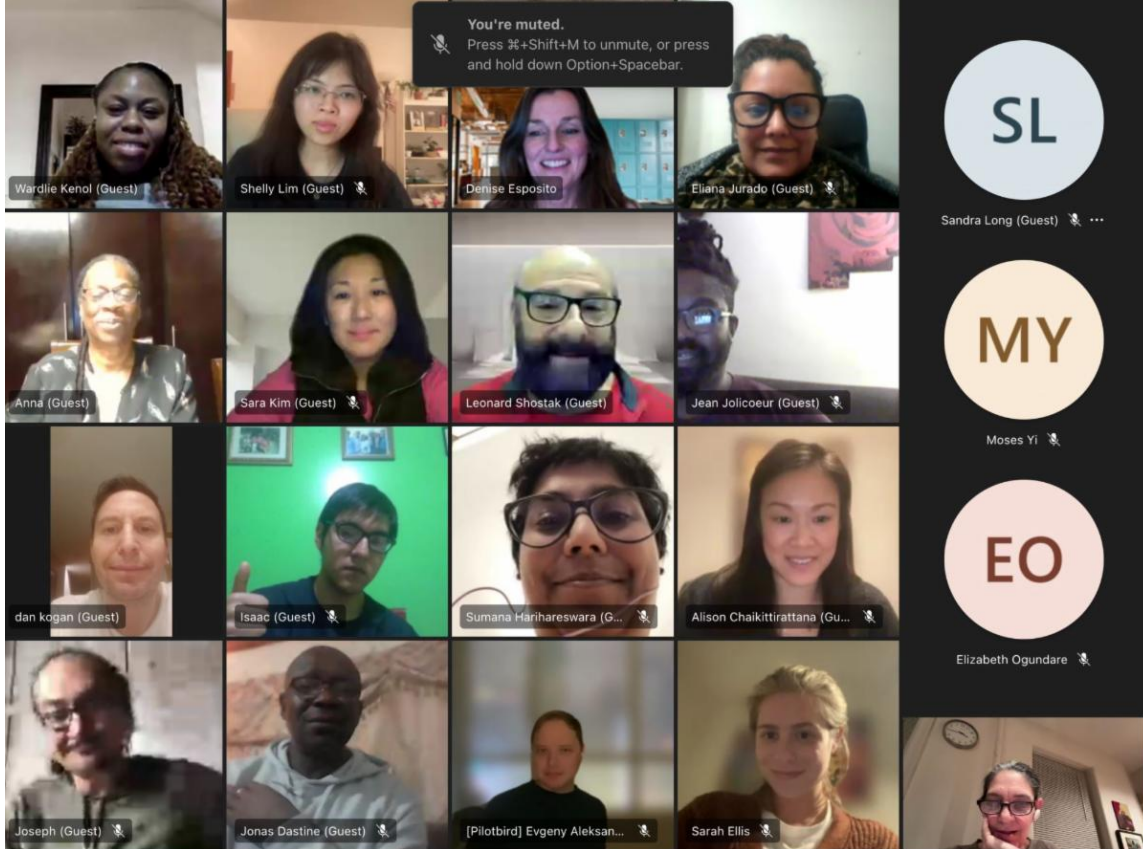
Having nothing, but a good time!



Thank you, Yehuda, Lisa, Elba, David, Zoe, Edwin, Vincent, Nneka, Miriam, Elliot, and Joshua. You brought the fun to being Cyber Ready.

CERT Orientation Webinars





CERT Orientation sessions have started up again! Two sessions were held this past week on Tuesday and Thursday night. As a result, 39 more applicants are now eligible for Basic training this year. Participants hailed from all five boroughs and shared their interest in joining CERT to better assist their communities. We hope to see some of these faces in the upcoming training! New applicants have two more opportunities to join an orientation session - Wed, Jan. 17th and Mon, Jan. 22nd at 6:30PM.

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



THINGS TO KNOW

How To Request NYC CERT

If approached to support an event in your community, the following steps must be taken:

- Event organizer submits an official request using the [NYC CERT External Request Form](#).
- NYC CERT Leadership *should not* submit form on behalf of the event organizer.
- For events lead by a NYC CERT Division, volunteer leadership (Ready New York Liaison, if a preparedness event) should submit this [Event](#)



[Request form](#)

NYC CERT program staff will review all requests. If approved, program staff will add the volunteer opportunity to the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) with a registration link. If more details are required for approval, program staff will use the contact information provided in the request form to connect with the organizer.

NYC CERT External Request Form:

<https://on.nyc.gov/CERTrequest>

Find the NYC CERT Protocols here: [NYC CERT SOPs](#)

Schedule a meeting with NYCEM staff: [NYC CERT Volunteer Support](#)



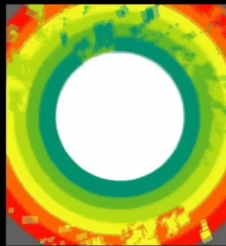
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



Listen to the all episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, Prep Talk ([SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#) & [Spreaker](#)) and ¡Prepárate! on [SoundCloud](#).



[KNOW YOUR ZONE](#) is your destination for everything you need to know about hurricanes in New York City.

You'll find information about the city's hurricane evacuation zones, the hazards you may face from a hurricane, and what to do to prepare.



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Schedule a meeting with NYC CERT Staff:
<https://on.nyc.gov/bookCERT>

Choose a Topic:

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\(In-Person\)](#)

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