

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.

Gabrien Zervos completes Americorps 22' - 23' Service term



Congratulations to our three AmeriCorps members who served 1,200 hours each. We are proud of Gabe, John, and Sukant (left to right) for all their dedication and service to New York City by supporting NYCEM's Community Engagement programs.



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

07/03: No Call

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

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 FOR THIS
WEEK'S QUESTION](#)**

Last week's question: Do you have some photos from old events that you would like to share with us to post in honor of Ready NY and NYC CERT's 20th Anniversary, this year? There is a link for

Hello All,

This has been my final week as



your CERT AmeriCorps City Service Member! It has been an incredible experience to have help assist and manage your deployments, exercise, team meetings, and trainings—and that is, to say the least of it.

I'm grateful to have gone through the CERT program myself and fortunate enough to have become acquainted with many of the leaders in CERT that help make this program run like a well-oiled machine and

help make our communities more prepared when disasters and emergencies occur. From the NYC CERT Program Staff to CERTVolunteers, your patience and understanding with me have not gone unnoticed and have instilled within me a sense of confidence that I hope will carry over into my professional career.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you all.

-Gabrien Zervos, AmeriCorps Member 22'-23'

READY NEW YORK

School of the year site visit



The 2023 Ready School of the Year, Harbor Middle School visited the agency on Monday, June 26th. The 6th grade students and faculty received a tour and met staff members from various units. They even received special presentations about Hazard Mitigation, Watch Command, Emergency Operations Center and Community Engagement staff. To end the morning, students also got to visit our Urban Post Disaster Housing (UPDH) prototype. This was a perfect way to kick of their summer break!

that! It is located here:

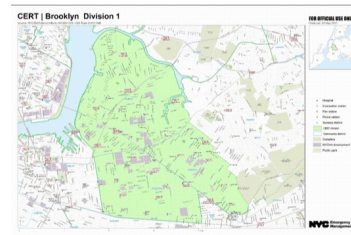
The correct answer is: a) above the "Volunteer Activity" section/banner in the newsletter. This week, you can click right here:

on.nyc.gov/CERTupload

Please label the files in the following manner: **Date (including year), Borough, Division (or team), Event, members included (if available).**



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



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

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





Summer Tips



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- Only use propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills outside. Indoor use can cause a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill. This will keep kids and pets safe.
- Open your gas grill before lighting.
- Keep an eye on your grill. Don't walk away from it when it is lit.
- Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.
- Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.
- Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony.

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](#).

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](#).

Summer Safety Tips



Activity safety



Never swim near a boat, marina or boat launching ramp.



Always use U.S. Coast Guard-approved life safety jackets.



Adults need to stay with children when they are around water.



Keep the pool and deck clear of floats, balls and toys after you get out of the pool.



Always swim with a buddy.



Always wear a bike helmet and bright clothes when cycling so people can see you. Put reflectors on your bike.

Ride with both hands on the handlebars. Ride in single file with traffic. Stop at all stop signs and obey traffic lights.



For more information and free resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov.

Help us Celebrate 20 Years of NYC CERT



Send us your CERT photos or videos!

We have created a link for you to easily upload your collection of CERT related photos and videos from your time in the program.

You may upload several items per event/deployment, but only a maximum of three per submission. After submitting, there will be an option to submit three more!

You can scan the accompanying QR code or use this link: on.nyc.gov/CERTupload

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

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

NC Pride Parade



CERT volunteers provided support by helping to inform pedestrians and parade guests of street closures and throughout the parade at the request of NYC Pride Parade organizers. Volunteers also had the opportunity to march in the parade alongside NYC Emergency Management Staff!

CERT wears multiple hats



Always surprised at how much volunteerism our members do. Here we have CERT member Michael Chan from Queens Division 1 serving in his role with NYPD Auxiliary during the Fort Totten Fireworks event alongside NYCEM Staff.

63rd Community Council Meeting

Division 7 leadership presented at the 63rd Community Council Meeting on Wednesday June 28, 2023. Over 35 Emergency Plans were handed out to those attending the meeting. Great work all!



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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Long Island City Independence Day



Macy's Fireworks Show

On July 4th, CERT volunteers will be supporting the NYPD 108th Precinct with traffic and pedestrian control for the Macy's fireworks/ Independence Day celebration in Long Island City. Please bring water to the event and dress accordingly for the weather.

[Register Now: Tuesday July 4th | 1:30pm - 9:30pm](#)

July 4th Nathan Hot Dog Eating Contest in Coney Island (Support)

CERT will be assisting the NYPD during the Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest. CERT will be tasked with crowd control and controlling pedestrian traffic into barrier viewing pens while also watching for spectators affected by crowding and heat stresses.

[Register Now: Tuesday July 4 | 10:00am - 2:00pm](#)



July Fourth Coney Island Fireworks Show 2023

On Tuesday evening, July 4, 2023, Brooklyn Division 5 will be leading a deployment assisting the 60th Precinct with the annual Coney Island July 4th Fireworks Celebration. If you are interested in volunteering for this deployment, please bring a CP200/450Mhz radio for communications.

[Register Now: Tuesday July 4 | 8:30pm - 11:00pm](#)

Independence Day Roosevelt Island Fireworks Show Support

CERT volunteers will be supporting with pedestrian control for the Independence Day celebration in Roosevelt Island.

[Register Now: Tuesday July 4 | 4:00pm - 12:00am](#)



Puerto Rican Heritage Reception at Gracie Mansion

The Mayor's Office for Special Projects and Community events has requested CERT volunteers with pedestrian and line traffic management for the Puerto Rican Reception at Gracie Mansion.



[Register Now: Thursday July 13 | 5:30pm - 7:30pm](#)

Keeping Homes Safe for Children Webinar Series

Community Engagement Webinar Series Child Safety Webinar: Burn Prevention



Learn how to prevent children from getting burn injuries,
and the first steps to take if a burn injury should occur.

This presentation will be led by Ekta Vohra, BSN, RN, CWON
of the William Randolph Hearst Burn Center at New York-
Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. EST

Link: https://bit.ly/NYCEM_HOMESAFETY

NYC Emergency
Management

Take some time to join us for the upcoming Child Safety Webinar: Burn Prevention on Tuesday, July 18th at 11 AM.
[REGISTER HERE](#)

CERT Recruitment Suggestions Welcome!

The July CERT Recruitment Group Meeting is open to
all members who are interested in sharing their
ideas/suggestions for recruitment. CERT Recruitment
Group members meet each month to discuss
recruitment events and ideas for developing the NYC

CERT program throughout NYC. If you have some ideas or success stories you would like to share about recruitment in your area, please join us at the next meeting on Monday, July 17th. We are always looking for fresh ideas!

[Register Now: Mon, Jul 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM](#)



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.

Monthly Meetings

Brooklyn Division 5

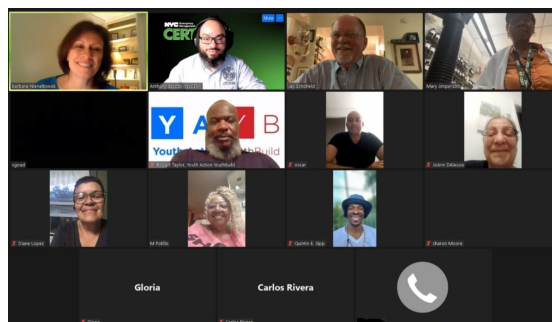
Division members gathered for their monthly hybrid meeting in partnership with the local library. The Division is leading several events through the 4th of July; are you able to



support? Check out the volunteer opportunities section above for more information!

Manhattan Division 5

The division is full steam ahead in planning local events through September, including National Night Out Against Crime and the annual Division picnic. Sounds like a busy next few months for all. Great work!



[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.

THINGS TO KNOW

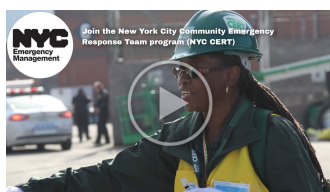
CERT Self-Deployment

We at NYCEM appreciate NYC CERT volunteer's service and dedication to public safety and want to support members in any way possible. However, as your instructors, volunteer leadership, and NYCEM staff have told all CERT members from day one of basic training: NYC CERT **NEVER** self-deploy.

We encourage all CERT to listen to their Division leadership and ask any questions that may come to mind. We also want to encourage all members to review the NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures, Section 5: Operations, Deployment protocol.

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

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



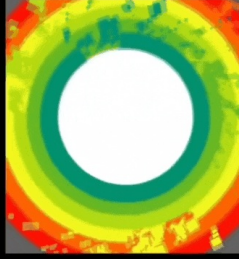
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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