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# NYC Emergency Management CERT NEWSLETTER

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 Hanukkah!**



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

12/19 : No Call

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

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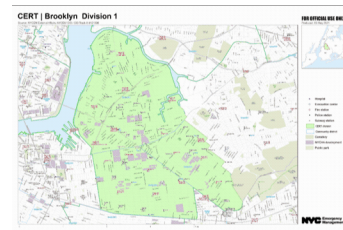
NYC Emergency Management wishes all New Yorkers a happy Hanukkah as the holiday begins tomorrow, December 18th.



**NEW YORK CITY CERT  
GRADUATION  
& RECOGNITION**



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](#)



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 CERT has concluded its 42nd cycle and graduated 26 new NYC CERT volunteers this past Wednesday. They have been connected with their respective divisions throughout the city and are eager to get started. Please join us in congratulating the graduates and all the volunteers that lent a helping hand on the journey!



*CERT graduation photos and video will be available in next week's edition of the NYC CERT Newsletter.*



Dear NYC CERT members,

## 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.

### Volunteer Survey



We are still hoping to have all of our members complete this volunteer survey. There is no right or wrong answer. NYC CERT volunteers wear many hats in the community. We are interested in what other organizations you also support. [Click Here](#) to participate in this survey.

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](#).

Join us in helping our partners at NYC Service with **Secret Snowflake**, the Mayor's Office annual gift giving initiative benefitting our newest neighbors between the ages of 1 month to 16 years old seeking asylum with their families at Humanitarian Emergency Response and Respite Centers (HERRCs). NYC Service is close to matching all youth under 4 years old to a Secret Snowflake volunteer — but there are still over 100 children without a Secret Snowflake. Participating is quick and easy – you sign up, order a gift online and have it shipped directly to the HERRCs.

**Secret Snowflake Participation Instructions**

1. Sign up to receive a letter(s) from youth in need [IRM form](#); the NYC Service team is on-call ready to distribute letters as soon as you register!
2. Order and ship your gift:
  3. *If shipping directly from an online vendor, the letter code **must** be included in the first address line at checkout, with the designated address in the additional mailing lines. Otherwise, print/attach the letter code to the package and ship directly to the address.*
4. Need help to select a gift? View the attached Volunteer Instructions and Gifting 101 Guide to help you shop gifts of any price range.

Please read the attached FAQs for details on participating in the program. Contact the Secret Snowflake Team

at [secretsnowflake@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:secretsnowflake@cityhall.nyc.gov) with questions.

Thanks for all you do for our city, both during this holiday season and throughout the year! I hope you will join us in spreading joy this season.

[View the Secret Snowflake Volunteer Instructions and Gifting 101 and FAQ.pdf](#)

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY





**NYC Emergency Management ...**



@NYCEMCommish

Thank you to the CERT volunteers helping NYC get into the holiday spirit, brightening up our days and nights in Dyker Heights.

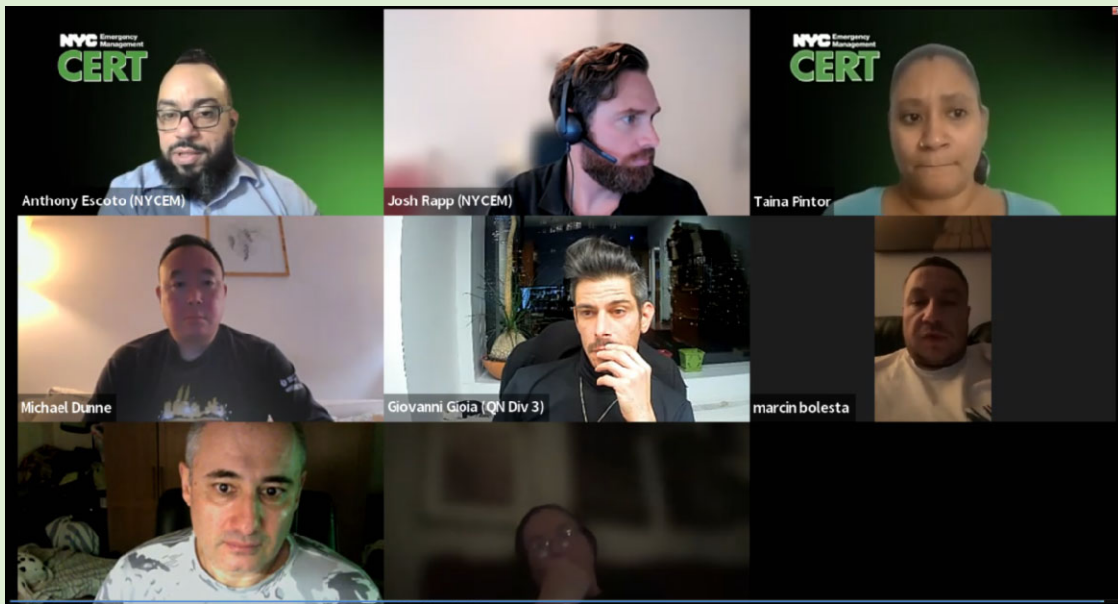


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NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Zachary Iscol thanked NYC CERT volunteers for their support in the community for the annual Dyker Heights Lights Show via Twitter!

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**Snow Measuring/SkyWarn Training**



This past Tuesday, NYCEM hosted a virtual advanced training concerning snow measuring. Throughout the webinar, CERT members learned the basics of thunderstorm development, fundamentals of storm structure, how to identify potential severe weather features, Information to report, how to report information, along with basic severe weather safety. Thank you to all who attended!

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**Manhattan Leadership**



Manhattan Leadership continues to meet bi-weekly in order to move forward with the final stages of their in-person gathering event. Led by the Borough Coordinators, locking down agenda items and a few requests from program staff are just some of the topics discussed during the meetings.

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



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NYC CERT CALENDAR



## Coney Island New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge



On January 1, 2023, CERT will assist the Coney Island Polar Bear Club in its 120th Annual New Year's Day Plunge. Here are a couple of important details on the planned deployment:

The day is expected to be cold and windy. Please plan to be outside for the full duration of the deployment.

[The Annual Polar Bear Club Plunge takes place from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.](#)

- CERT will assist the Coney Island Polar Bears with line management for participant registration before the Plunge.
- During the Plunge CERT will be positioned on the Boardwalk to assist with crowd control and on the beach with keeping the waterfront clear to allow the plungers to enter and exit the water safely.
- CERT will also assist in observing swimmers emerging from the water watching for plungers who might be in distress and getting them to emergency aid.

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## Dyker Heights Holiday Lights Deployment

NYC CERT will be assisting the 68th Precinct with crowd and traffic control at the Dyker Heights Holiday Lights during the upcoming holiday season. Volunteers will still be needed on Friday evening of December 23rd.

**[Deployment will be from 6pm-9pm]**

[To register for any of the deployment dates click here.](#)



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## NOAA Eastern Region Climate Services Webinar



The Northeast Regional Climate Center hosts a monthly webinar with NOAA affiliates to address timely weather and climate concerns.

The topics vary by the day the presentation is given; they are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 31 - Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation Tool

**[Webinar will be from 9:30am-10:30am]**

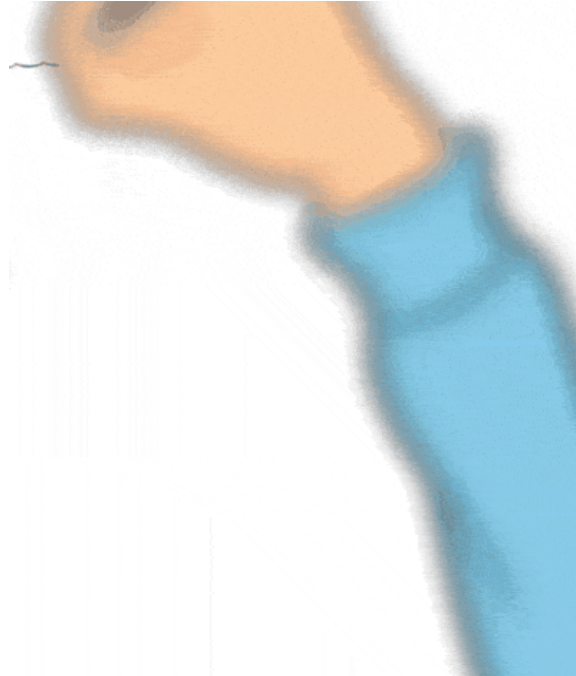
[To register click here](#)



## CERT Recruitment Group

Are you interested in joining the NYC CERT Recruitment Group? NYCEM is trying to expand the group, to better assist all boroughs with recruitment. Recruitment group info sessions will be offered at the start of the monthly meeting, going forward, to enable interested CERT members the opportunity to hear more about this task force and meet current members of the group. This is a great opportunity to be a part of the effort to grow membership in the program. Consider joining us for an info session this year! Dates and registration links below:

[Monday, Dec. 19th at 6:30PM](#)



## 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.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

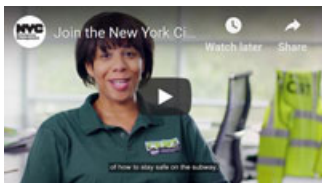
[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

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

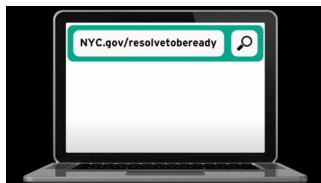
[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalogue](#) includes all recorded webinars.

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



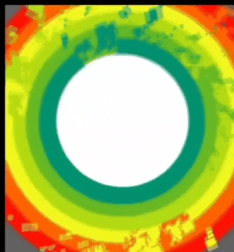
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)  
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)  
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



Listen to the NEW episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, Prep Talk ([SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#) & [Spreker](#)) 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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