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

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CERT DEP Support request



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: Manhattan (CERT MN)

Call Scenario: What is the most recent drill your team conducted?

11/14 Responding Borough: **Manhattan + Staten Island**

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



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 CERT volunteers (like Bassabi Bonfoh here in the Bronx) are cleaning out catch basins ahead of #Nicole's arrival on Friday. Help prevent flooding by cleaning gutters and drains. If you see a blocked catch basin, report it here: on.nyc.gov/2J74we4



NYC Water



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NYC Emergency Management regularly requests NYC CERT members check catch basins in their area. Use [NYCDEP Citywide Catch Basins Map](#) to find the catch basins by entering your home address or using your current location. NYC CERT members can assist the Department of Environmental Protection to help avoid flooding and backups.


Operational Role:

- Safely clearing catch basins in your area using a broom or rake
- If the basin is clogged below the grate, file a report by calling 311
- DO NOT attempt to lift or remove the grate

Be sure to submit your volunteer hours by [clicking here](#). Use the *DEP Support* shift to report hours for this request. Don't forget your camera or smartphone! We'd like you to send any photos to us to share on social media. Send all photos to cert@oem.nyc.gov

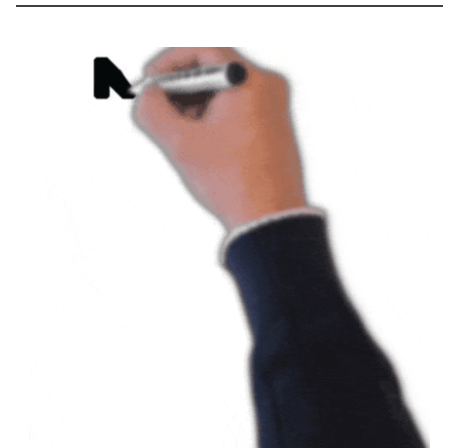
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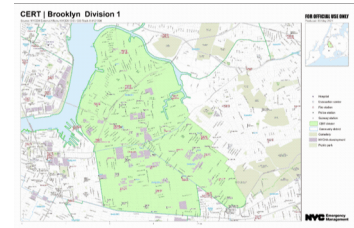


Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[Click Here!](#)



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](#)

Thank you to all who participated in last week's Quiz of the Week. The correct answer is: c) Governor. The governor serves a four-year term. New Yorkers will cast their votes for a new governor or to re-elect the current Governor Kathy Hochul this year. The next US President general election is in November, 2024. Mayor Adams is up for re-election in 2025, at the end of his four-year term. The only country that currently has an emperor as its monarch is Japan. In any case, remember that your vote counts, so please GO OUT and VOTE!



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](#).

Be #FDNYSmart



If using any devices powered by lithium-ion batteries:

- When purchasing devices, be sure that the equipment has the Underwriters Laboratories Mark. The UL mark shows that the product has been safety tested.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for charging and storage.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Always use the manufacturer's cord and power adapter made specifically for the device.
- Keep batteries/devices at room temperature. Do not place in direct sunlight.
- Store batteries away from anything flammable.
- If a battery overheats or you notice an odor, change in shape/color, leaking, or odd noises from a device discontinue use immediately. If safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire and call 9-1-1.

Battery Disposal:

- Putting lithium-ion batteries in the trash or recycling at home is illegal.
- Recycle batteries by taking them to a battery recycling location or visiting nyc.gov/batteries for disposal instructions is always the best option.



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](#).

- Individually bag batteries or tape ends before disposing of them.

The 2022-2023 Strengthening Communities Application is Officially Live



Emergencies affect every community differently, but you can help your community be prepared and resilient. Your Community Network can receive funding up to \$40K to work on a community emergency plan through NYC Emergency Management's Strengthening Communities Program.

The training program focuses on five key areas/deliverables to build an emergency plan specific to your community:

1. Creating a needs assessment
2. Designing community maps of where you provide services
3. Building a resource directory
4. Preparing a communication strategy
5. Creating donations and volunteer management plans

NYC Emergency Management staff provides training, coaching sessions and tools that guide participating networks through the program.

We are looking for up to 20 different hyperlocal networks and encourage all interested to [Apply Here](#)

Application Deadline: Friday, December 2, 2022

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Planned Deployments

Flea Market with Division 7



CERT members from Division 7 attended an Indoor Flea market on Nov. 5th, located at Holy Family - St. Laurence RC Church, to distribute emergency preparedness materials to visitors and help recruit new members. Division 7's Team Chief Nancy Walby was in attendance as well!

- Joseph St. John (Div. 7 District 15) pictured on the night before the event setting up materials
- Jewel Brown (Div. 7 District 18) with Brooklyn Deputy Coordinator Elba O. Melendez

NYC Marathon Support



On Sunday Nov. 6th, NYC CERT Members from Brooklyn Division 5 assisted the 62nd and 68th NYPD Precincts with traffic and crowd management for the NYC Marathon at 92nd Street and Fort Hamilton Parkway. CERT assisted the NYPD in keeping spectators clear of the roadway as runners came off of the Verrazano Bridge into Brooklyn. Great work to all who participated!

Brooklyn Division 2



Brooklyn Division 2 members Christine Doyle and her mentor, Robert Carmona held a emergency preparedness tabling event this past August during a Farmer's Market held in Park Slope. Well done!

Division Meetings

Bronx Division 4



Bronx Division 4 members participated in their monthly meeting. Great to see all of you join!

Queens Division 1



Division Chief, Terese Flores provided some holiday updates on this month's meeting. Updates included upcoming training, deployment opportunities and future hybrid meetings. Nice work!

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

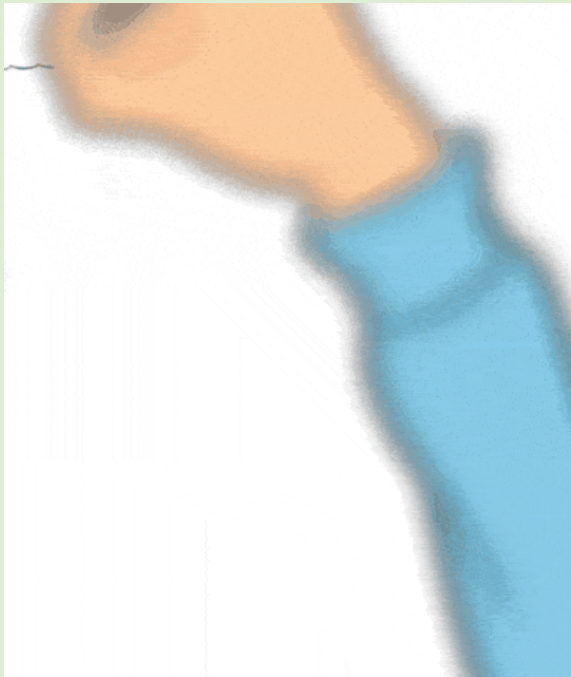
[NYC CERT CALENDAR](#)



NYC CERT members will be assisting the Community Mayors for Children with Special Needs, Inc. with their annual Operation Santa Claus event at JFK Airport, Port Authority Hangar No. 19. This event has been on hiatus the past few years, so it's great to be able to provide this opportunity again.

Register Now:

[Community Mayors for Special Children with Special Needs, Wed, Dec 07, 2022 at 8:00am](#)



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, Nov. 14th at 6:30PM](#)

[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



This leadership class is design to train new and future leaders for the CERT program
Questions? Curious? Interested?

[CERT Leadership development class](#)
[Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM](#)

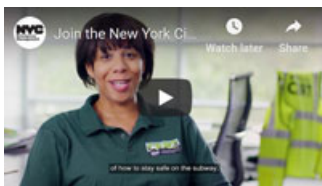
[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

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.

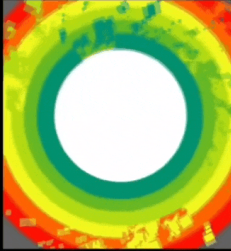


Listen to the NEW episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, Prep Talk ([SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#) & [Spreaker](#)) and ¡Prepárate! on [SoundCloud](#).

New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasana have recently declared a public health emergency due to the Monkeypox outbreak.



For regularly updated information on Monkeypox please visit:
nyc.gov/monkeypox



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