

EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC) IS ACTIVATED IN RESPONSE TO THE IMPACT OF TROPICAL STORM IDA

MASK MANDATE: WHEN INTERACTING WITH THE PUBLIC, NYC CERT MEMBERS MUST WEAR FACE MASKS AT ALL TIMES REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.

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

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NYC CERT Volunteers are currently supporting Service Centers set up to provide information and assistance to those recovering from Tropical Storm Ida.

(Photo: Edmond Suluku, Bronx Division 5 CERT, with American Red Cross as they plan to distribute 100 + kits)

Volunteer shifts are currently available today through, September 4 through Monday, September 6, with likely more dates to be announced.

Register for the locations listed below:

Bronx:

P.S./M.S. 194: 2365 Waterbury Ave, Bronx, NY 10462

Brooklyn:

PS 15: 71 Sullivan St, Brooklyn, NY 11231

Manhattan:

I.S. 88: 215 W 114th St, New York, NY 10026

Queens:

Woodside: M.S. 125 4602 47th Ave, Woodside, NY 11377

Staten Island:

I.S. 51: 80 Willow brook Rd, Staten Island, NY 10302

Start & End Time for each shift:

Shift 1: 07:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Shift 2: 2:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Shift 3: 04:30 PM - 08:30 PM



(Photo: Terese Flores, Queens Division 1 CERT, providing support at Queens Service Center earlier today)



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL CANCELLED FOR LABOR DAY

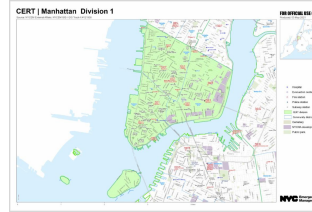
Documents to Review:
Citywide Radio Drill Refresher
Call signs per Radio



View the **NYC CERT Event Calendar** to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments including National Night Out events that teams are scheduled to participate in.

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

We encourage those affected to visit their local service center, call 311, or access city services online by visiting NYC.gov/ida.



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

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

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National Preparedness Month

Prepare to Protect

National Preparedness Month continues as we promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year. It serves as a reminder to take action to prepare for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, learn, and worship.

This year's theme is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love." The **National Preparedness Month Toolkit** has tips and information to share with your family and community each week.

Gather Supplies

Prepare to protect yourself and your family by gathering emergency supplies that can help you whether you stay or go. Help community members discover what supplies they need for each member of the household by registering for an upcoming preparedness event:

**Protecting One Another:
Pet and Service Animal Preparedness Fair**

Join City and non-profit organizations to learn how to keep your pets and service animals safe before, during, and after emergencies.

**Thursday, September 9
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Union Square North Plaza**

Protecting One Another: Pet and Service Animal Preparedness Fair Thursday, September 9, 9:30 AM Union Square (Manhattan)

We can't forget about our pets! NYC CERT has been requested to support this event with non-profit organizations to provide information on how to keep your pets and service animals safe before, during, and after emergencies.

REGISTER HERE

Your pet could be INSTA-famous: send pictures of your pets and pet preparedness items (go bags, pet toys, etc.) to be featured on **Instagram (@nycemergencymanagement)**. Email the photos to readyny@oem.nyc.gov by this Tuesday, September 7. Include your

name, CERT affiliation, your pet's name, phone, and email address.

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.



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](#).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NYC CERTEVENT CALENDAR

Bay Ridge 5th Avenue
Open Street
Fridays, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM



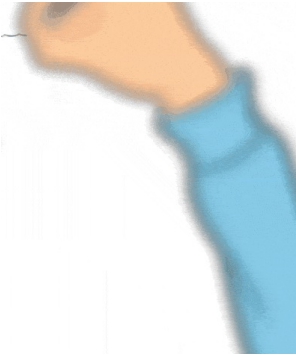
MENTOR PROGRAM

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.



Recruitment Group Information Session

Are you an outgoing person? Would you like to be part of a special group of recruiters for the NYC CERT program? If so, consider joining the CERT Recruitment Group!

Interested members can register for an info session to learn more about the group and the activities they participate in throughout the year, citywide.

Next available session:
Tue, Sep 7 at 6:30 PM

VOLUNTEER EVENTS & MEETINGS



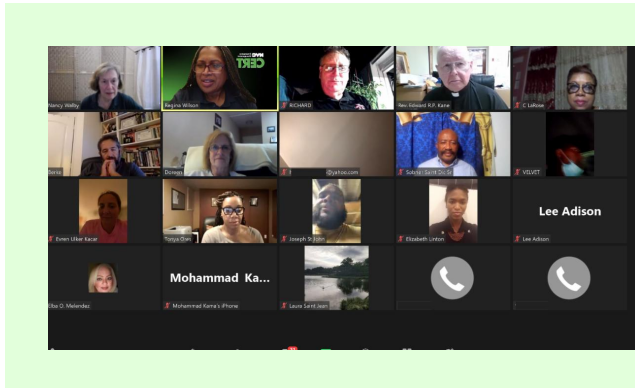
On Sunday August 29th, NYC CERT volunteers successfully supported the **TD Bank Five Boro Bike Tour**, which was rescheduled due to severe weather the week prior. The volunteers were able to support six out of the eight stations set up citywide. CERT supported each site by providing the tour participants snacks and water at each of these stations. At the Brooklyn (Gowanus) site, CERT volunteers assisted NYPD and Watch Command by amplifying that a child was missing. The child was later found by a CERT volunteer and reunited with the family.

CERT volunteers also assisted NYPD with pedestrian and vehicle traffic management outside of the the Staten Island Ferry as participants ended the tour.

All this work was accomplished by twenty two (22) volunteers during the ten hour event. Great work!

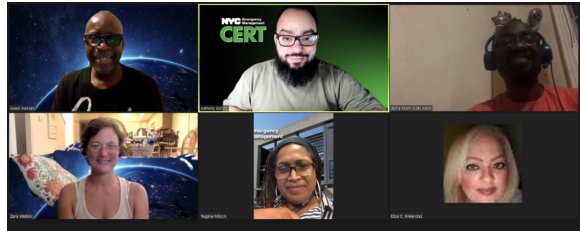


Brooklyn Division 5 members participated in the 44th Annual Brighton Jubilee last Sunday to distribute preparedness material to the community. They were joined by probationary members from **Division 6** and **7**, Tom Wagner and Joseph St. John on their first deployment. Thanks for joining!



This month's **Brooklyn Division 7** meeting, hosted by Division Chief Nancy Walby included a health and wellness check with members in the Division. The team discussed readiness for emergencies and preventative measure to protect themselves and their families during a storm. The team talked about the effectiveness of their phone tree system and are considering building a text message tree as another communication option to reach members. Nice work - Chief Walby and District leaders Garson and Saint Dic. Sr.

Recently appointed **Brooklyn Division 4** Chief, Kwasi Mensah organized his first monthly meeting for members of the division this past week. The discussion included such topics as the team's participation in upcoming local events and the NYC CERT Communication Structure. Keep up the great work!



Download NYC CERT Background to use during Meetings and Training in a virtual environment (e.g. Microsoft Teams, Zoom, etc.)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Each week, NYCEM's Community Preparedness program will be hosting preparedness webinars covering numerous topics throughout the month.

NYCEM Community Preparedness Virtual Open House
An opportunity to learn about NYC Emergency Management's community outreach programming.
Tuesday, September 7, 2021
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Creating Communication Strategies for Emergencies
Understand why accurate and clear information is critical before, during and after emergencies.
Wednesday, September 8, 2021
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

See what's planned this month by visiting:
[NYC.gov/nationalpreparednessmonth](https://www.nyc.gov/nationalpreparednessmonth)

Basic First Aid Refresher Class
Presented by Mrs. Sandra Williams, Queens Division 6 CERT member



FEMA Region II Presents: Ready Games

Each Wednesday in September you can join the whole community to test your knowledge and have fun with preparedness!



Youth Wheel of Readiness
September 8, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
[Register Here](#)



Preparedness Trivia
September 15, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
[Register Here](#)



Emergency Management Jeopardy
September 22, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
[Register Here](#)



Contestants from NY and NJ CERT teams will compete in separate Family Feud-style games by guessing the most popular survey responses collected by the National CERT Association. The winning team will move on to the final round where they will represent Region 2 against Region 1 to determine the ultimate champion.

NYC Emergency Management has already registered an NYC CERT Citywide Feud team consisting of one member from each borough, but you can also register on your own or as a team to participate. Let's show them what we're made of!

CERT Feud
September 29, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
[Register Here](#)

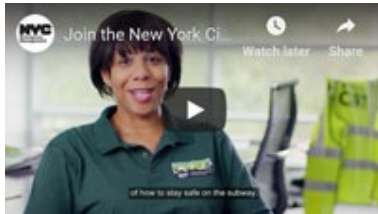
[NYC CERT online platform](#)
includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

Schedule a free Fire Safety training for your Division at **[FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#)**.

[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalog](#) includes all recorded webinars from Jan-June of 2021.

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](#)

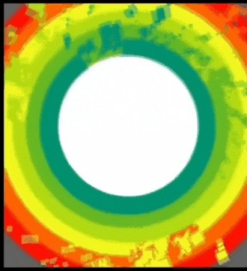


[Resolve to Be Ready Calendar](#)
Regular reminders in simple steps that can help you work preparedness into your busy schedule.



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

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