

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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National Preparedness Month

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MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: **Bronx (CERT BX)**

Call Scenario: **How many events are you planning to participate in for National Preparedness Month?**

09/12 Responding Borough: **Bronx**

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

A Lasting Legacy.

**The life you've built is worth protecting.
Prepare for disasters to create a lasting
legacy for you and your family.**




VISIT [READY.GOV/PLAN](https://www.ready.gov/plan)

As NYC CERT volunteers, your CERT Divisions should be planning to participate in or host a preparedness event for National Preparedness Month. Please let us know how we can help!

Find more information and upcoming events on

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

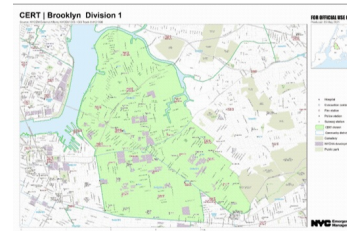


Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[Click Here!](#)



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



our website: nyc.gov/nationalpreparednessmonth



A Lasting Legacy

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.

In 2021, FEMA's Ready Campaign and the Ad Council broke ground by producing the first-ever national preparedness campaign specifically targeting the Latino community for National Preparedness Month. Released during Hispanic Heritage month, the advertisements centered around the Latino community's commitment to personal planning for occasions and family milestones as a bridge to also planning for disasters.

This one-of-a-kind campaign is committed to putting people first and reaching communities where they are. To continue these efforts, this year's National Preparedness Month campaign will feature a call to action for the Black and African American community.

This year's national public service announcements are being developed and will be released throughout the country this September, to help get preparedness information into the hands of those who live in underserved communities.

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](#).

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.

2022 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH EVENTS

Learn about the steps you can take to prepare for emergencies in NYC

Virtual Events

SEPTEMBER 1 at 4:00 PM	Emergency Preparedness Trivia with FEMA
SEPTEMBER 6 at 12:00 PM	Community Preparedness Open House
SEPTEMBER 8 at 11:00 AM	Is Your Organization Ready?
SEPTEMBER 13 at 1:00 PM	Creating Communication Strategies for Emergencies
SEPTEMBER 20 at 1:00 PM	Communities Can be Language Ready for Emergencies
SEPTEMBER 21 at 2:00 PM	ReadyFest for Older Adults with VSC
SEPTEMBER 29 at 1:00 PM	Documentation Protection

In-Person Events

SEPTEMBER 15 from 11:00 - 3:00 PM	Pets and Service Animal Preparedness Fair	
SEPTEMBER 18 from 11:00 - 3:00 PM	Emergency Preparedness Day at the Staten Island Children's Museum	*Admission to museum is free.
SEPTEMBER 24 from 12:00 - 4:00 PM	Family Day at the Bronx Zoo	*The zoo fee is needed for admission.

Visit nyc.gov/NPM for information and registration to virtual events.

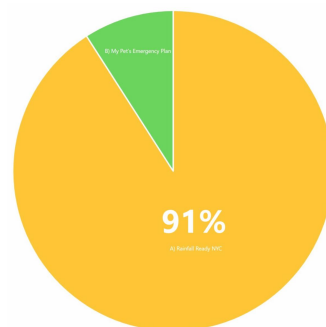


Your NYC CERT Ready New York Liaison can submit a [Ready New York Material Request](#) for upcoming events.

Get Notified with New York City's official source for information about emergency alerts and important city services.

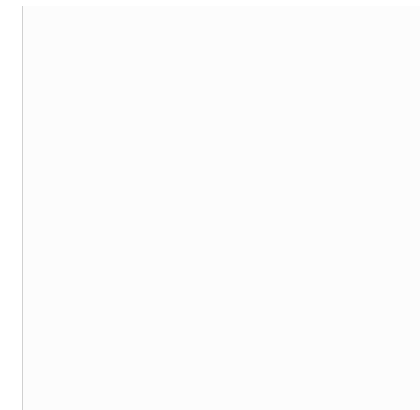
Download the free [Notify NYC](#) mobile app, available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

Quiz of the Week



Thank you to all who participated in last week's Quiz of the Week. The correct answer is: **A) Rainfall Ready NYC**. Rainfall Ready NYC outlines what steps New Yorkers and city government can take to combat extreme weather together, including:

- Encouraging New Yorkers to use new interactive stormwater flood maps to understand the likelihood of flooding on one's block and to make a plan to get to higher ground if needed.
- Inspecting chronic flooding locations and clearing debris from catch basins in at-risk locations prior to predicted storms. New Yorkers are encouraged to clear litter and debris from the curb line and nearby catch basins and deploy barriers to protect low-lying areas.
- Expanding FloodNet, a network of street flooding sensors designed to better understand the frequency, severity, and impacts of flooding in New York City. These sensors will be installed in the most vulnerable areas for real-time data collection and will be accessible via a dashboard for public use



VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

NYCHA Jacob Riis houses Deployment



NYC Emergency Management  @nycemergencymgt · Sep 6

A special thank you to our [#NYCCERT](#) team for assisting with water distribution over the weekend! Want to help your fellow community members during an emergency? Find out more information about [@nycemergencymgt #NYCCERT](#) here: on.nyc.gov/2wssR6r

 **Mayor Eric Adams**  @NYCMayor · Sep 4

With our @NYCHA community at Jacob Riis houses. We're delivering fresh water and are continuing to retest to ensure the safety of every resident.



As seen in the above tweets, both NYC Emergency Management and NYC Mayor Eric Adams are appreciative of all volunteers distributing water this week. NYC CERT volunteers actively supported this operation and the NYCHA community at the Jacob Riis houses through Friday, September 9th.

Manhattan Division 3: Ready New York Presentation



Manhattan Division 3 members Terin Izil, Cynthia Esposito and Richard Esposito delivered a Ready New York preparedness presentation to their building residents and managerial staff. Way to start #NationalPreparednessmonth!



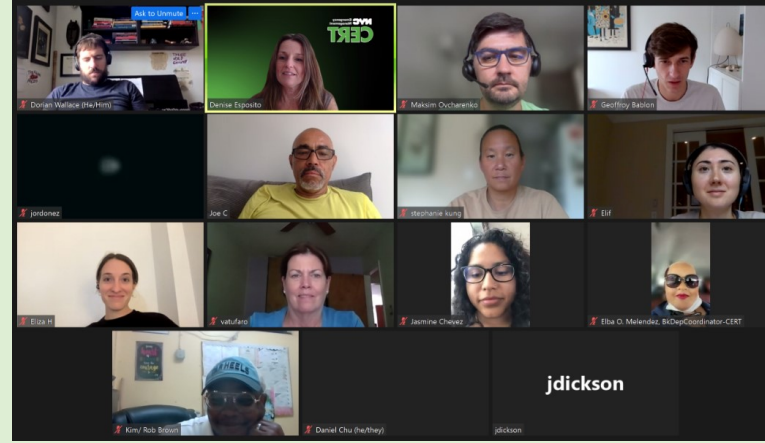
Mid-Autumn Moon Festival: Gracie Mansion

The Mayor's Office of Special Projects and Community Events have once again requested NYC CERT. Volunteers provided support with pedestrian management as well as having a table to distribute Ready New York preparedness material at the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival. Great work all!

CERT Orientation

CERT applicants attended an orientation session with NYC CERT staff this week. Participants received an overview of program policies, expectations and the numerous ways NYC CERT members engage with their communities and NYCEM. Orientation is also helpful in answering any questions that candidates may have and it

provides program staff with information on where candidates heard about the program and why they want to join. Thanks to CERT Recruitment Group member, Elba Melendez, for joining and supporting! It is always helpful to hear about the experience from an actual member's perspective.

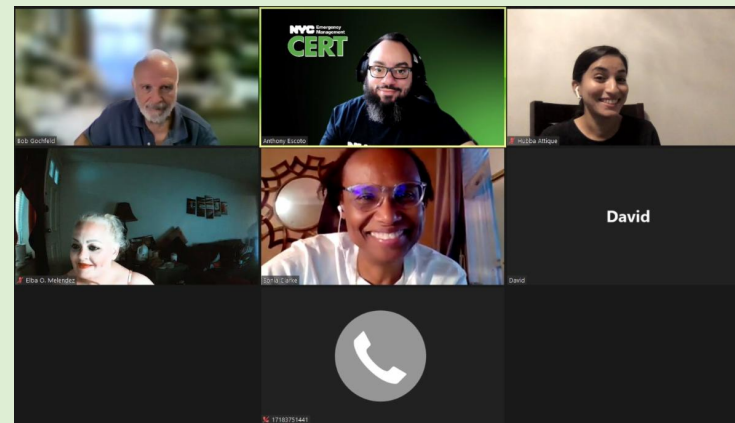


Ready New York Presenter Training

This past week several NYC CERT volunteers attended the Ready NY presenter training, led by Director of Individual Preparedness Abigail Banks. Volunteers were provided tips and tricks for presenting the Read New York preparedness information both in-person and virtually. The training concluded with participants performing a teach backs to the group. We hope to see all of you in action soon!

Brooklyn Division 6

On Thursday September 8th, Division 6 members gathered virtually for their monthly meeting to plan for upcoming events including the Brooklyn Frolic which is a large recruitment event for the group. Any members are welcome to join. Great job District Leaders!





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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Date: Wednesday, September 14

Time: 12:30 PM



Guest Speaker:
Madhury (Didi) Ray, MD, MPH

Let's Talk MonkeyPox

An innovator in public health emergency management and works at the intersection of medicine, data, health equity and public health in NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's fight against COVID-19, Madhury (Didi) Ray, Director in the Division of Environmental Health will serve as our guest speaker.

[Register Here | https://bit.ly/LetsTalkMonkeyPox](https://bit.ly/LetsTalkMonkeyPox)
[Wednesday, September 14, 12:30 PM](#)

Pets and Service Animal Preparedness Fair

Date: Thursday, September 15

Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Union Square

Resources Include:

- Ready NY Emergency Preparedness Plans
- Dept. of Health - Dog Licensing
- ASPCA Crime Prevention Vehicle
- American Red Cross Pet Trailer
- FDNY Smokehouse and more...



NYC Emergency Management's Pet and Service Animal Preparedness Fair

CERT volunteers are expected to support this annual event by distributing flyer and also recruiting for NYC CERT Basic Training

[Register Here | Thursday, September 15, 11:00 AM](#)

NYC CERT CALENDAR



Mayor Adam's Hispanic Heritage Reception

As CERT volunteers will be supporting the Mayor's Office of Special Projects and Community Events with the Hispanic Heritage Reception with crowd management.

[Register Here](#) | Thursday, September 15, 2022, 6:00 PM



Extended Support: Water Distribution Jacob Riis Houses

NYC Housing Authority has asked for CERT volunteer support from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm for water distribution to the local residents due to an issue with building water supplies.

- Shift 1: 8 am - 12 pm
- Shift 2: 12 pm - 4 pm

[Extended Support: Water Distribution Jacob Riis Houses Registration, Multiple Dates](#) | Eventbrite



CERT volunteers are being requested to support Manhattan's Asylum Seeker Welcome center. Much like a Service Center, volunteers are to serve as flow monitors as busses arrive at the Port Authority Bus Terminal this weekend.

If you already signed up, this confirms your shift.
[EMERGENCY DEPLOYMENT: Asylum Seeker Welcome Center Support Registration, Multiple Dates](#)



NYC Parks: Rockaway Beach Support

CERT volunteers are expected to be posted on the boardwalk assisting visitors to the open beach areas together with NYC Parks staff.

[NYC Parks Support Rockaway Beach Registration, Multiple Dates](#) | [Eventbrite](#)



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

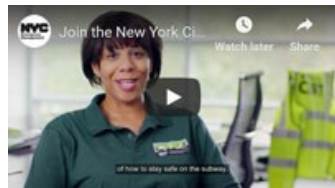
[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

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

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

COVID-19 Community Conversations: Mental Health, Equity and Resilience **Updated Links*
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](#).

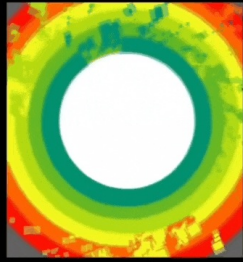
New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan have recently declared a public health emergency due to the Monkeypox outbreak.

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



[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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