

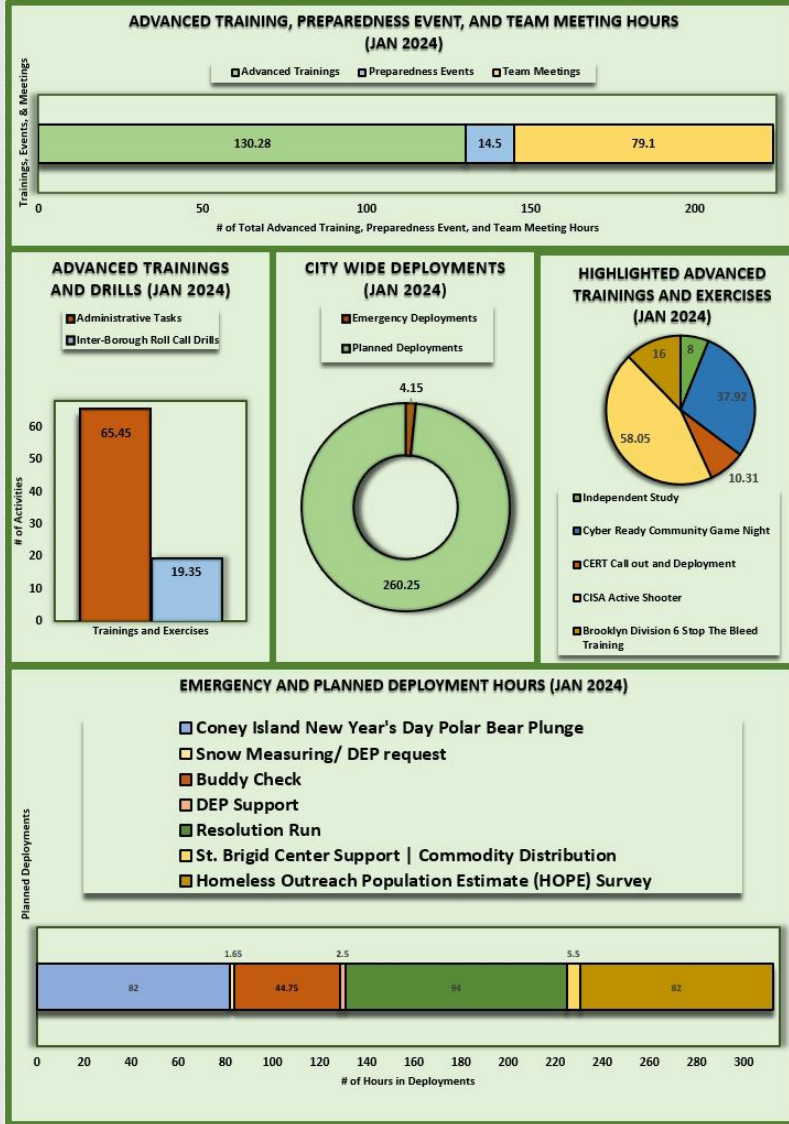
ACTIVATION STATUS: NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IS ACTIVATED.
PLEASE NOTE: Program staff will respond to inquiries and requests as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and support.

New NYC CERT Program Staff member!



Greetings NYC CERT! My name is Jazmin Thomas, and I will serve as a CERT Training Specialist. I am a New York City Firefighter with previous experience in the 911 emergency services field. As the newest addition to the CERT Operations team, I look forward to fostering resiliency and awareness for the whole community.

January 2024 After-Action Report



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel
Manhattan

2/5/2024
Queens

Call Scenario

Is your team's 700 MHz radio being rotated?

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)



We're thrilled to kick off the new year with an impressive showcase of dedication and commitment from our CERT community. Throughout January, our team has been actively engaged in various activities, logging over 200 hours in preparedness, team meetings, and advanced training.

A notable highlight is the outstanding 264 hours dedicated to emergency and planned deployments by our CERT members. Their unwavering commitment to community safety is truly commendable.

Our CERT Leadership has been diligently working behind the scenes, dedicating 65.5 hours to administrative tasks. This includes organizing deployments, coordinating training, and planning preparedness events to ensure our team is well-prepared.

In terms of training, the CISA Active Shooter session was a major success, with 58.05 hours of active participation. Additionally, the Cyber Ready Community Game Night exercise garnered 37.92 hours of volunteer engagement, reflecting our members' enthusiasm for staying up-to-date with the latest in emergency response strategies.

Our January monthly team meetings and Buddy checks were instrumental in fostering a strong sense of camaraderie within our CERT community, totaling 123.9 hours of valuable strategizing and connection among members.

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



[View and Download the Complete NYC CERT Basic Training Student Manual](#)

Community involvement was also a highlight, with the Resolution Run on January 13th at Staten Island's Bloomingdale Park being the most supported event of the new year, logging 94 hours of deployment. The Coney Island New Year's Polar Bear Plunge closely followed, with 82 hours of CERT deployment.

We applaud each and every one of you for your tireless effort and commitment to making our community better prepared and safer. Let's carry this momentum forward into the coming months as we continue to strengthen our bonds and enhance our readiness.

Commissioner For A Day Open Call

**Be the next
Commissioner For a Day 2024**

NYC Emergency Management

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Are you passionate about public service?

***Apply to spend a day with our Commissioner at our headquarters!
You'll get to meet NYCEM staff, visit the city's Emergency Operations Center, and more!***

- *NYCEmergencyManagement Instagram Post*

There is still time to submit your essay!

The final date for application submissions has been extended to **February 14, 2024!**

All New York City high school students are invited to participate in the fourth annual NYC Emergency Management "Commissioner for a Day" essay contest. Entrants must submit an original essay and complete the application attached below. The NYC Emergency Management Commissioner will select the winner who will be invited to participate in the Commissioner for a Day ceremony.

[Send in your essays today!](#)

Credentials Are In!

QUIZ

Each week we will propose a quiz question that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or from your experience as an active member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter.

Last week's question:

You have a trip that will keep you from attending CERT events for one month. What do you do?

Correct Answer(s): C) Email your leadership to inform them of your absence and copy cert@oem.nyc.gov Bon Voyage! Have a nice trip. Family is always first. A month is a temporary absence and there is no need to return CERT items if you plan to return to your normal CERT role when you return.

A CERT member's behavior is making you feel uncomfortable. What can you do if it continues?

A) Alert NYCEM CERT Staff to address the situation with the member

B) Leave the program, even though you enjoyed your CERT activities

C) Request to switch divisions by



contacting the
Training &
Exercises
Program
Manager

D) Just go
along with it
and don't
ruffle any
feathers

Leadership: Division 1 members' credentials are ready for pick-up!
Also, if you have any members that graduated in July 2023 (cycle 44),
please remember to schedule a pick-up, or permit them to schedule a
pick-up for their permanent ID using this
link: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTpickup>

If the pick-up options do not work with your schedule, please reach out
to: desposito@oem.nyc.gov

Thank you!

CERT staff is here to assist at [Volunteer Support](#).



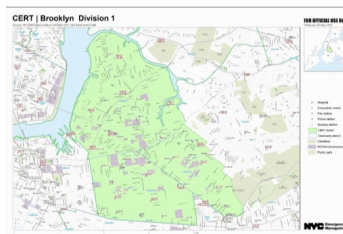
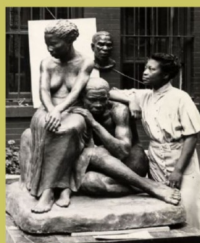
View the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) to see
upcoming training, meetings, and
planned deployments.

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](#).

Celebrate African Americans' Influence in the Arts

Celebrate Black History



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

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

African Americans' Influence on the Arts

February is Black History Month and we want to pay our respects to all

those who cleared the path for free thought and creative expression within the African American and African diaspora culture. The 2024 theme focuses on the influence African Americans have on the Arts. Here are a few of the unsung heroes whose contributions have left an indelible mark on history:

1. Augusta Savage: The Trailblazer of African American Art

In the realm of visual arts, Augusta Savage emerges as a luminary figure. An influential sculptor and teacher, Savage played a pivotal role in fostering the talents of countless African American artists during the Harlem Renaissance. Despite facing racial and gender barriers, her resilience paved the way for future generations to express themselves through art.

2. Melba Liston: Jazz's Unheralded Maestro

Melba Liston, a virtuoso trombonist and composer, orchestrated her way into the heart of jazz. As one of the few female jazz instrumentalists during her time, Liston was one of the few female jazz instrumentalists and added an unforgettable legacy on the genre. Her collaborations with legendary musicians like Dizzy Gillespie and Quincy Jones showcase her unparalleled skill and innovation in the world of music.

3. Lorraine Hansberry: The Literary Visionary

While many are familiar with her iconic play "A Raisin in the Sun," Lorraine Hansberry's impact on American theater extends far beyond the Broadway stage. As a pioneering African American playwright and author, Hansberry challenged societal norms, fearlessly addressing issues of race and social justice. Her work continues to resonate, inspiring conversations that transcend generations.

Fun Facts to Know:

Did you know that the first African American to win an Academy Award was Hattie McDaniel in 1940 for her role in "Gone with the Wind"?

The renowned poet Langston Hughes was a central figure in the Harlem Renaissance, using his words to capture the spirit and struggles of the African American experience.

The iconic artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, known for his graffiti-inspired neo-expressionist style, remains a significant influence on contemporary art.

Let us honor and celebrate these heroes and delve into the extraordinary contributions of African Americans in the arts. Their stories, creativity, and resilience continue to shape our world, reminding us of the power of art to inspire, unite, and bring about positive change.

Take a virtual look at The National Museum of African American History and Culture Smithsonian's 2024 exhibit [Cultural Expression](#).

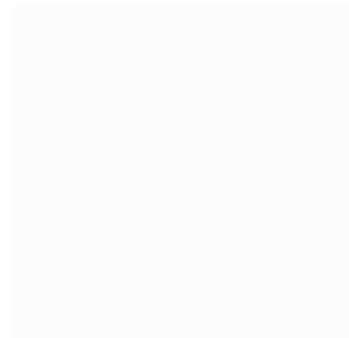
READY NEW YORK

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](#).



HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

NYC Emergency
Management

The NYC Hazard Mitigation Plan shares how NYC is working to reduce the impacts from natural hazards. We want to hear from you before our next report!



SHARE YOUR
THOUGHTS

[NYCHAZARDMITIGATION.COM](https://nycazardmitigation.com)

COMMENT
PERIOD
CLOSES

02/05/2024

NYC is no stranger to natural disasters. Each time we experience one, we learn how to make our city stronger and safer. The NYC Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), updated every five years, outlines these new strategies, as well as steps we can take to reduce our risk.

In this webinar, NYC Emergency Management will showcase the 2024 NYC HMP, describing the hazards facing NYC and sharing tools to help you understand your risk and ways to prepare and stay safe. We welcome your feedback on all aspects of the plan. Check out the plan and leave your comments at nycazardmitigation.com. Anyone can give feedback on the HMP during the public comment period, which closes **March 5, 2024**.

Send Us Your Photos!



Please continue to share an and all photos and videos from your NYC CERT events at on.nyc.gov/CERTupload

Please note **Date (including year), Borough, Division (or team), Event, members included (if available)**.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

2024 Lunar New Year Celebration Parade in
Bensonhurst



NYC CERT will support the 2024 Lunar New Year Celebration Parade alongside the 62nd Precinct.

[Registration | Sun, Feb 11, 2024 9:30AM](#)

NYCEM Webinar Series

Join NYC Emergency Management and ConEdison on February 14, 2024 at 10AM to discuss how you can prepare for power outages. Topics covered will include:

- How to prepare for an outage
- What to do while the power is out
- How to report an outage
- How to file a claim for spoiled food or medication
- How to use the ConEdison outage map
- How to stay informed
- Tips on [tree](#) trimming & water leaks

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POWER OUTAGE PREP WEBINAR WITH CONED

Learn:

- HOW TO PREPARE FOR A POWER OUTAGE
- WHAT TO DO WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT
- HOW TO REPORT AN OUTAGE
- AND MORE!

February 14 at 10 AM

bit.ly/ConEd_OutagePrep

[Registration | Wed, Feb 14, 2024 10AM](#)



Manhattan Chinese New Year Parade

NYC CERT will march alongside NYCEM staff during the Chinese New Year Parade.

[Registration | Sun, Feb 25, 2024 12:15PM](#)

CERT Basic Training Disaster Simulation Support - Live Victim

CERT volunteers will be playing victims in the disaster simulation, which may include sitting or laying on the ground and acting in distress.

[Registration | Mon, March 18, 2024 6:30PM](#)



Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade

CERT volunteers will assist the NYPD 68th precinct community affairs Office with pedestrian and vehicle traffic control.

[Registration | Sun, March 24, 2024 12PM](#)

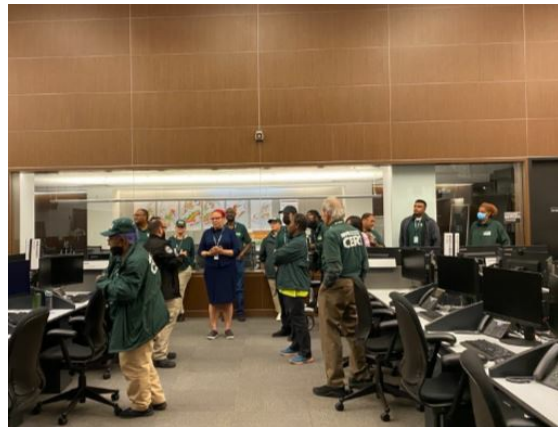


FEMA Region 2 Webinar Series

CERT Volunteers and the EOC

Please join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division for a webinar on Until Help Arrives.

[Registration | Wed, Feb 28, 2024 1PM](#)



FEMA Region 2 Webinar Series

How to Keep CERT Training Fun & Engaging

Please join the Region 2 and Region 8 National Preparedness Division for a webinar on how to Keep CERT Training Fun & Engaging.

[Registration | Wed, March 13, 2024 1PM](#)



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



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.

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.

[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.

ADVANCED TRAINING

STOP THE BLEED

The Stop the Bleed course provides participants with knowledge and skills to respond effectively to life-threatening bleeding emergencies.



[Registration | Mon, Feb 12, 2024 6:30PM](#)



Radiological/Nuclear WMD Awareness

NY State Homeland Security & Emergency Services provides fundamental knowledge regarding recognition of the threat or incident on Thursday, February 15, 2024.

How to sign up?

1. If you do not have a DHSES account please create one here: [DHSES LMS New Account Request](#)
2. Under DHSES available trainings search for: Introduction to Radiological/Nuclear WMD Operations (AWR-140) (04-20-0140) - 007
3. Fill out the questionnaire to register (No forms needed to attach)
4. Under additional contact information/supervisor information enter: CERTtraining@oem.nyc.gov
5. Submit Request

[Event Registration instructions and more information](#)

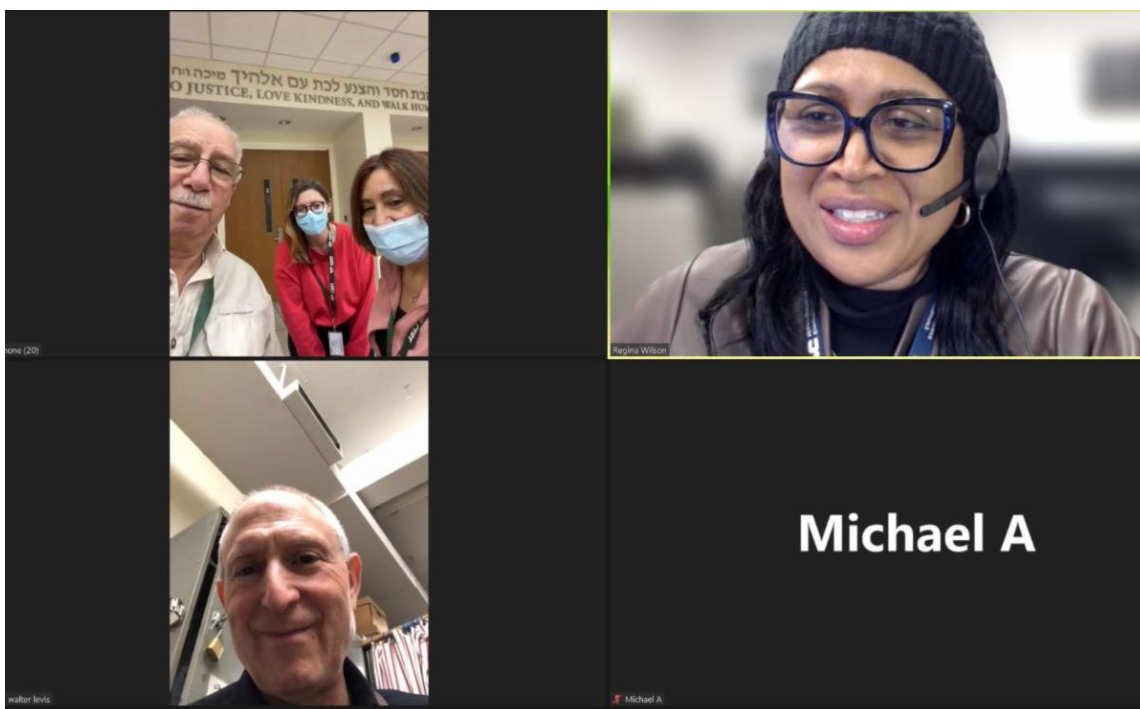
NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Ready NY Event at Weill Cornell



Manhattan Division 3 Barbara Klayman and Anthony Solomita distribute and discuss Ready New York preparedness literature with the Weill Cornell community on Thursday, February 1, 2024. Thank you for spreading the word on best practices for emergency preparedness, Barbara and Anthony.

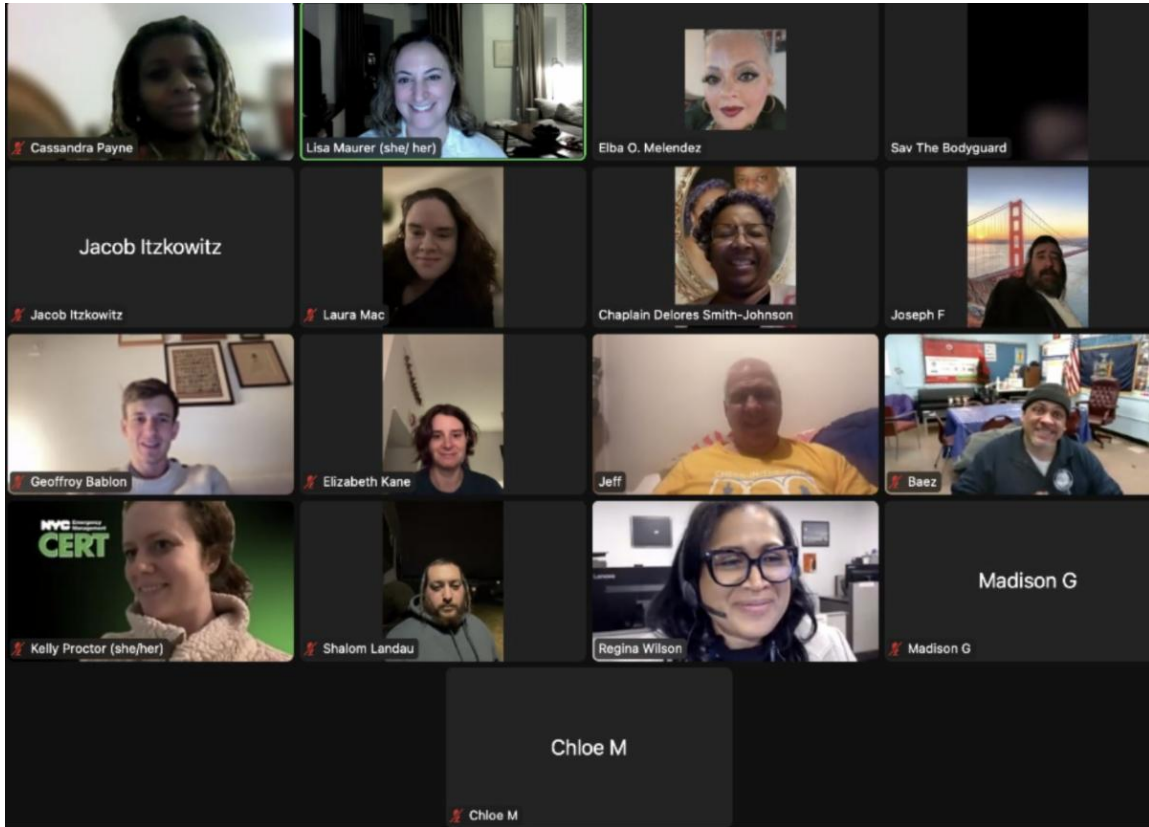
Bronx Division 3 Monthly Team Meeting



Bronx Division 3 conducted their monthly meeting Hybrid, on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. They reviewed the

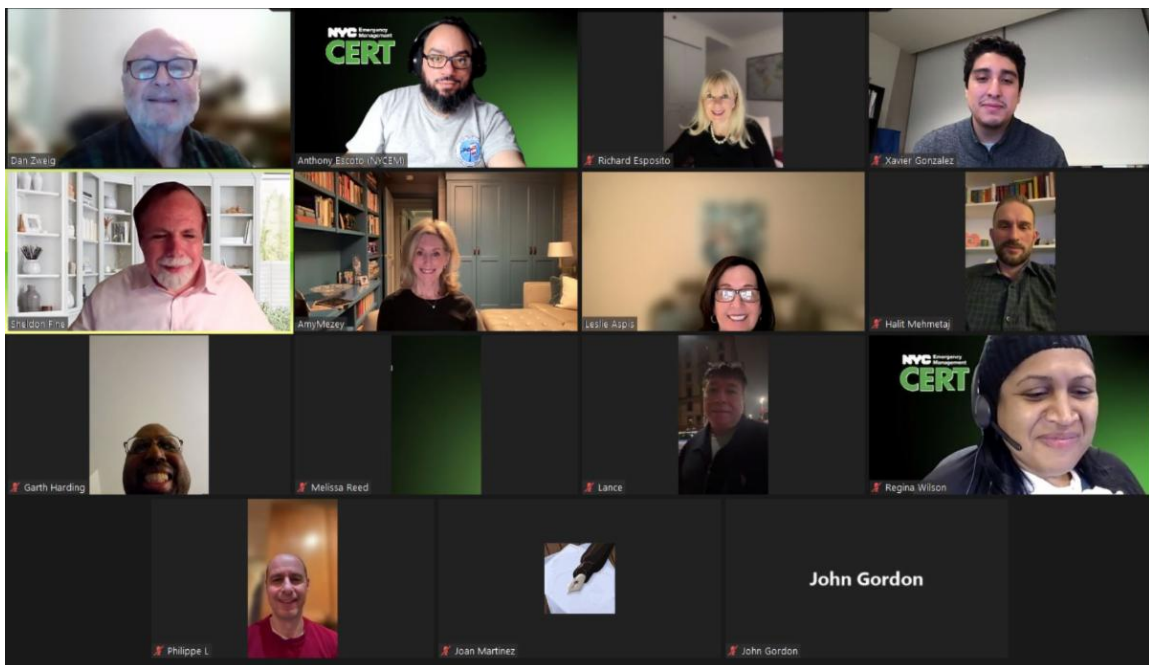
newsletter to highlight the click points vital for full CERT engagement. The team discussed working with the local synagogue to conduct RNY presentation and CERT recruitment. The team made plans for events in the Spring 2024. The team also welcomed a new member to Bronx Division 3.

Brooklyn Divison 1 Monthly Team Meeting



Brooklyn Division 1 held their monthly team meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

Manhattan Division 2 Monthly Team Meeting



Manhattan Division 2 Monthly meeting was held on Thursday February 1st, The Division was excited to announce newly appointed Division Chief Sheldon Fine. Division recollected previous events and needs from the members.

As they look forward to continue strong engagement planning out in-person meetings and Division social gatherings.

Brooklyn Division 7 Monthly Team Meeting



Brooklyn Division 7 held their monthly team meeting on February 1, 2024. They discussed previous events and their experiences, received reassurance about CERT safety on deployments, and planned possible involvement in Black History Month events.

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



THINGS TO KNOW



How To Request NYC CERT

If approached to support an event in your community, the following steps must be taken:

- Event organizer submits an official request using the [NYC CERT External Request Form](#).
- NYC CERT Leadership *should not* submit form on behalf of the event organizer.
- For events lead by a NYC CERT Division, volunteer leadership (Ready New York Liaison, if a preparedness event) should submit this [Event Request form](#)

NYC CERT program staff will review all requests. If approved, program staff will add the volunteer opportunity to the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#)

with a registration link. If more details are required for approval, program staff will use the contact information provided in the request form to connect with the organizer.

NYC CERT External Request Form: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTrequest>

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

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



[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)

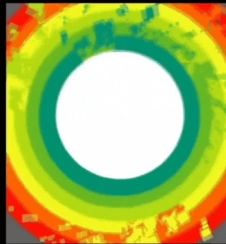
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)

[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.

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



[KNOW YOUR ZONE](#) is your destination for everything you need to know about hurricanes in New York City.

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[Schedule a meeting with NYC CERT Staff:](https://on.nyc.gov/bookCERT)
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