

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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## CERT After Action Report - May 2022



### MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: MN

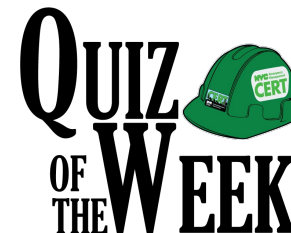
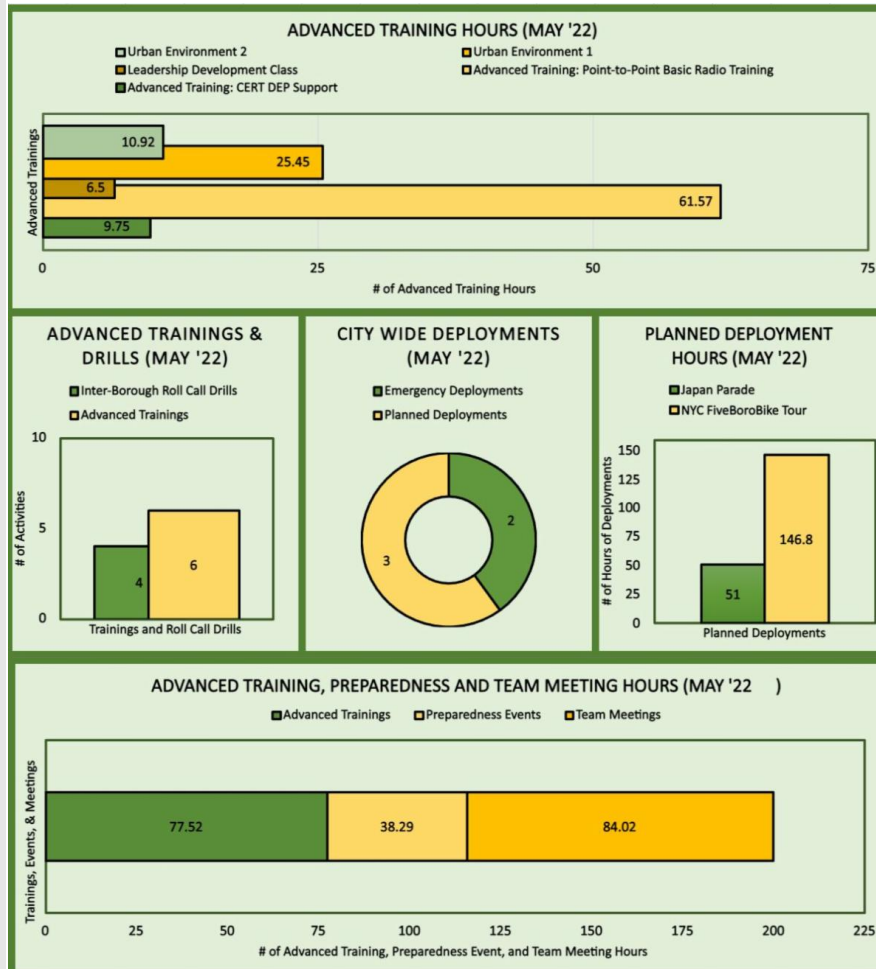
Scenario: Report the number of radio units your Division has in its possession.

6/6 Responding Borough:  
Queens

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)





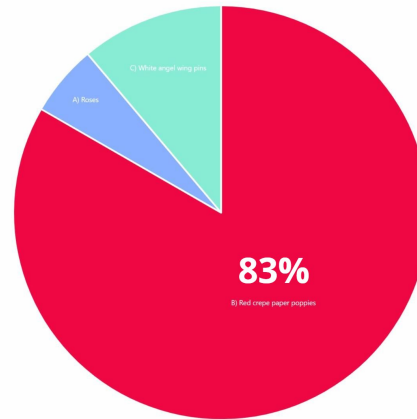


contact your division's leadership to arrange receipt of your ID from CERT Staff. All ID pick-ups at NYCEM must be scheduled at least two business days in advance. Leadership may reach out to [cert@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov) to arrange receipt of IDs. Pick-ups can be scheduled Monday through Thursday, during regular business hours.

## Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's **Quiz of the Week**. The correct answer is: **B) Red crepe paper poppies**.

In the United States, on Memorial Day (also known as National Poppy Day), millions of red crepe paper poppies – all handmade by veterans as part of their therapeutic rehabilitation – are distributed across the country by the American Legion in exchange for donations that go directly to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans. For more information visit: [legion.org/poppyday](http://legion.org/poppyday)



## Active Shooter Awareness

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](#).



**Only** CERT members in compliance with the vaccine mandate will continue receiving messaging from NYCEM CERT Program staff. Volunteers who did **not** submit appropriate documentation to meet the vaccine mandate, or request a reasonable accommodation through NYCEM, will be



Active shooter incidents are often unpredictable and evolve quickly. In the midst of the chaos, anyone can play an integral role in mitigating the impacts of an active shooter incident. Please click the video link above to view an NYC Emergency Management Active Shooter Awareness presentation.

For more information please visit  
[Active Shooter Preparedness | CISA](#)



considered inactive until they submit following the below steps.

To submit vaccination records, please email an approved proof of vaccination to: [CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov).

Please review the necessary steps [HERE](#)

## READY NEW YORK

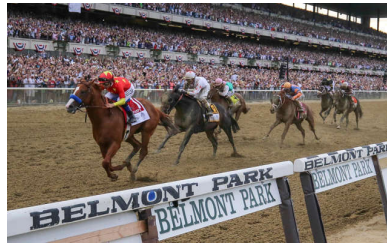
If your division is hosting or participating in an upcoming event, please complete the [Event Request form](#) to have your opportunity published through Eventbrite.com for members to register.

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



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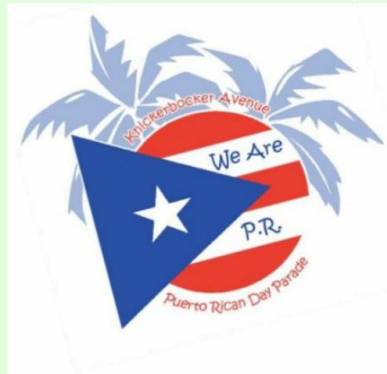
## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



### Belmont Stakes Tickets Available!

NYC Emergency Management is providing FREE general admission tickets to NYC CERT volunteers for the upcoming Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park on Saturday, June 11th, from 3-5 PM. Members may register to receive up to ten tickets. Please choose how many tickets you would like when registering through the link below. Once registered, you will be contacted to arrange the pick-up of your tickets at NYCEM Headquarters in Brooklyn, NY. Tickets will NOT be mailed.

**[Belmont Stakes \(General Admission\) Tickets](#)**  
**[Sat, Jun 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)**



### Knickerbocker Puerto Rican Day Parade

The Puerto Rican Day Parade has been monumental in the Bushwick Community for many years. The event is planned with support from local community partners and we want to give everyone the opportunity to join in.

**[Knickerbocker Avenue Puerto Rican Day Parade Registration](#)**  
**[Sun, Jun 12, 2022 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)**

### New York Philharmonic at Van Cortlandt Park

NYC CERT volunteers have been requested to assist the NYPD 50th Precinct with pedestrian and vehicular traffic management at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx for an outdoor event.

**[NY Philharmonic at Van Cortlandt Park Registration](#)**



### **Power of Aging Well Health fair for seniors**

Manhattan Division 5 is requesting volunteer support for an upcoming preparedness fair geared to local seniors. Volunteers will be providing ReadyNy material to the community amplifying Know Your Zone and NotifyNYC.

**[Power of Aging Well Health fair for seniors Registration](#)**  
**[Wed, Jun 8, 2022 at 9:30 AM | 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

## **NYC CERT Event Calendar**



## **MENTOR PROGRAM**

**Are you interested in becoming a mentor to new NYC CERT members?**

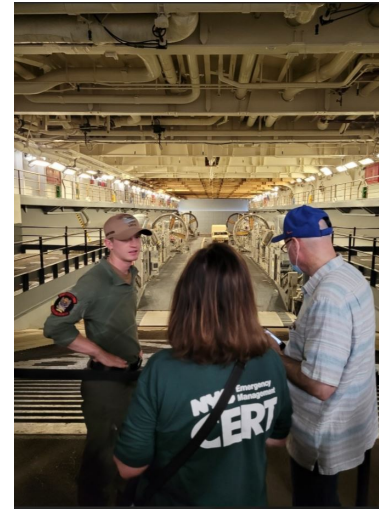
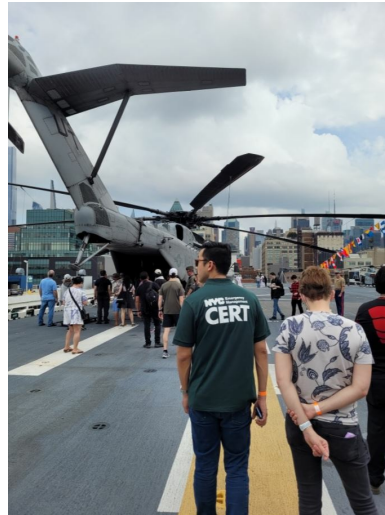
All Volunteer leadership should be encouraging active members to serve in a mentor role in order to support both their growth as leaders and provide new opportunities for newer members to become more engaged.

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.

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

### Memorial Day Weekend Events



### Fleet Week Tours (Continued)

We wanted to share a few more photos of NYC CERT members attending tours aboard the USS Bataan. Members were joined by a guest as they were guided through the entire ship and were even given access to some US Navy land and aviation vehicles.

### Forrest Hills Memorial Day Parade

Queens Division 3 members pictured here with Queens



Borough President Donovan Richards & Councilwoman Lynn Schulman attended the annual ceremony and even walked in the parade showing off their CERT green!

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### Flatbush Avenue Preparedness

District leader David Bernard coordinated and led the event accompanied by fellow Division member Tom Wagner. They spent the day distributing Ready New York preparedness material to the local community while encouraging people in attendance to sign up for Notify NYC and apply to become a volunteer with NYC CERT.

Great work!



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### 155th Bay Ridge Memorial Day Parade

Several Brooklyn CERT members gathered to support Brooklyn Division 5 with the 155th Bay Ridge Memorial Day Parade. Volunteers supported the event and marched while being in direct contact with each other either and NYC Emergency Management Watch Command using the Citywide radios. Brooklyn Division 5 member Sal D'Alessio was also honored by the event organizer for his contributions to the community as NYC CERT member during the early stages of COVID-19. Great work!

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### Borough Check-Ins



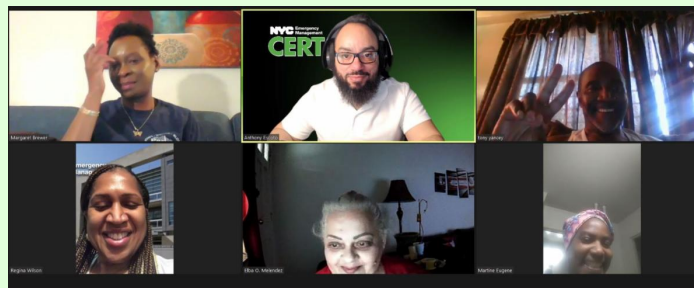


This past Tuesday, NYC CERT program Staff met virtually with the Brooklyn Borough Coordinator and Deputy Borough Coordinator for our regularly scheduled check-in. Several items were discussed, including an upcoming training plan for the rest of the year and the upcoming leadership transition. All leaders in Queens, Manhattan, and Staten Island should be prepared to transition leadership roles. If current leaders have members within their division that they feel would make a great leaders, please contact NYC CERT program staff to discuss by emailing [CERT@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:CERT@oem.nyc.gov).

## Monthly Division Meetings

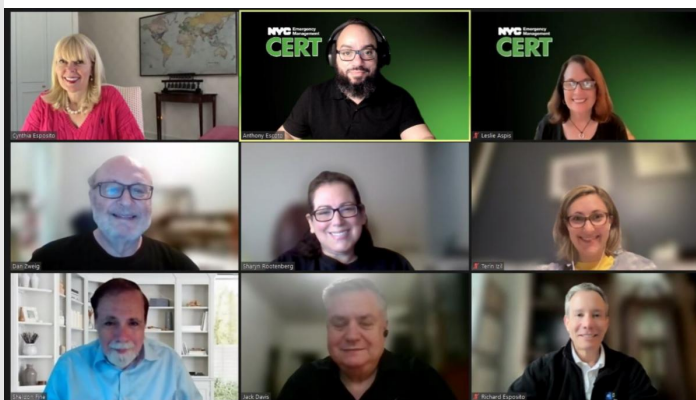
### Brooklyn Division 3

This past Tuesday, May 31st, Brooklyn Division 3 gathered virtually for their monthly meeting led by both Program Staff and Division members in the absence of the Division chief. The team also welcomed new graduate Margaret Brewer. Members also began planning for upcoming events including National Night Out Against Crime on August 2nd.



### Manhattan Division 2

On Thursday, June 2nd, Division Chief Sharyn Rootenberg used the latest Newsletter as the agenda for this meeting. Member Leslie Aspis spoke of her experience with the UN Disaster Risk Reduction game while a moment was also taken to congratulate a Division member for family milestone. Planning for upcoming events within the Borough and locally also were discussed. Great Job!



### Brooklyn Division 7

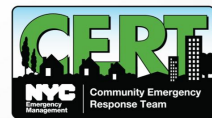
On Thursday, June 2nd, Brooklyn Division 7 also had its monthly meeting. During the meeting they reviewed the previous communications exercise and planned events supported locally and citywide by membership. NYCEM Program staff was present to provide a few reminders about Hurricane season and NYC CERT volunteer support while also announcing some of the upcoming training opportunities available.



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

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### Training Refresher: Urban Environment Series



**Urban High-Rise Building Emergencies  
and Utility Emergencies:**

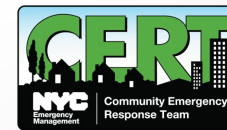
**Urban Environment I**

Urban Environment I: High-Rise and Utilities



**The Urban Environment I: High Rise  
Building & Utility Emergencies**

**Registration, Wed, Jun 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM |  
Eventbrite**



**Transportation:**

**Urban Environment II**

Urban Environment II: Transportation



**The Urban Environment II: Transportation**

**Registration, Wed, Jun 15, 2022 at 6:30 PM |  
Eventbrite**

# READY NEW YORK

## Ready New York Presenter Training

The Ready NY Presenter Training is an advanced training course designed for CERT members interested in becoming a Ready NY presenter.

[Ready NY Presenter Training Registration, Tue, Jun 14, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)



## Point to Point Radio Training (In- Person)

### Learning Objectives

- Local Point to Point Network
- UHF Radios 450 MHZ
- Radio Terminology
- Call Protocol and Proper Communication Procedures

### Exercise

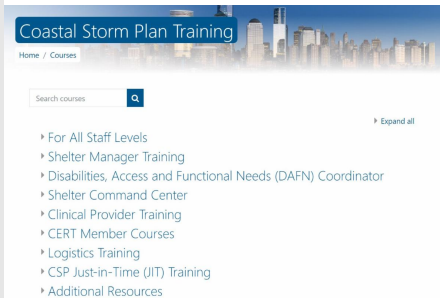
As part of the Point to Point radio training, there's a mandatory to be done outdoors.

Pre-requisite for members participating in the Point-to-Point training:

### **IS-242.b Effective Communications**

Please send verification of completion to [CERTtraining@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:CERTtraining@oem.nyc.gov) prior to the training date.

[Advanced Training: Point-to-Point Basic Radio Training Registration, Sun, Jun 26, 2022 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)



## Coastal Storm Plan Training

As we are fast approaching the upcoming flood season, the Coastal Storm Plan Training Learning Management System is available to volunteers 24/7 to be done as either Just In Time training or self-paced training. This is the new training for shelter management and all Coastal Storm Plan staff levels.

If you have not created an account you can easily do so on the home page of the site. These credentials are independent of any other credentials you have created in the past for NYC CERT.

**Register for Coastal Storm Training here: <https://csptraining.org>**



Each of the FEMA Region II webinars presented in 2022 has been recorded and archived. If you wish to revisit a webinar you attended or would like to listen to one you missed, or even share with a friend or co-worker, you can find the links on the document linked here [2022 webinar recordings](#) which includes the webinar description and recording link for each webinar by category.

**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.

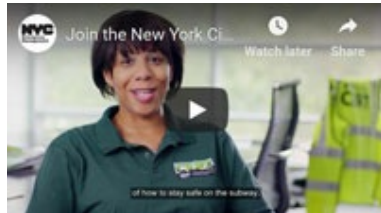


FDNY Smart offers **free** hands-only CPR classes through the FDNY Mobile CPR Program. The goal of these classes is to equip New Yorkers with the basic skills needed to take action in the event of a cardiac arrest emergency. To sign up for one of our free classes or to schedule a class in your community visit **www.fdnysmart.org/cpr/**.

**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**

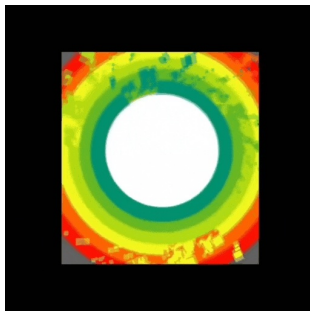


**Resolve to Be Ready Calendar**

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**.



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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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