

## NYCEM Hosts Disaster Simulation Exercise for Community Emergency Response Team Volunteers



NYCEM hosted a disaster simulation exercise for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers at the New York City Fire Department's Training Academy on Randall's Island, on Saturday, April 29.

During the exercise, 80 CERT volunteers from across the City practiced their roles in several simulated disaster scenarios including extinguishing live fires, executing basic triage assignments, and assisting and removing "trapped victims." Participants worked closely with instructors from the NYPD, FDNY, and NYC Emergency Management, who provided professional training and evaluation during the training cycle.

To see the full press release, [click here](#).

**NYCEM's LATEST ¡PREPÁRATE! PODCAST  
EPISODE HIGHLIGHTS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER**

# MONTH WITH NYC CERT

In recognition of April as National Volunteer Month, the latest episode of New York City Emergency Management's Spanish podcast ¡Prepárate!, features Grisel Amador and Oscar Rojas, members of the department's NYC Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of NYC CERT with various events throughout the year, Grisel Amador and Oscar Rojas joined the podcast to share what let them to join the program, why they continue to volunteer, and where they would like to see the program in the next 20 years.

You can listen to the latest episode on [SoundCloud](#).


## Partner Spotlight



NYC CERT volunteers gathered on Randall's Island last Saturday for a series of exercises at the FDNY Fire Training Academy. Pictured above is Joetta from the South Bronx Emergency Network (SBEN). SBEN is one of first Strengthening Communities member networks. Strengthen your community by sharing CERT information for more volunteers trained in preparedness and response.

# Hurricane Preparedness Week

Hurricane Preparedness

weather.gov/hurricane 

## Prepare Before Hurricane Season



Develop an evacuation plan



Assemble disaster supplies: food, water, batteries, charger, radio, cash



Get an insurance checkup and document your possessions



Create a communication plan with a hand-written list of contacts



Strengthen your home

**NOAA**



Prepare for hurricane season by knowing how to understand forecasts. They can tell you a lot about what is expected, including the storm's path, rainfall amounts, wind speeds, and more. (via NOAA [National Hurricane Center](#) on twitter)

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## Ready New York National Volunteer Month Trivia

Are you a Ready New Yorker? See how many facts you know about Volunteering.

# CERT stands for:

A

Community  
Emergency  
Response  
Trainer

B

Citizens  
Emergency  
Resilience  
Team

C

CERT  
volunteers  
must be:

D

Civilian  
Emergency  
Resilience  
Trainer

[Trivia Link here.](#)

## Ready New York Community Engagement Specialist Position Available

Ready New York, NYC Emergency Management's public education program, is seeking a community engagement specialist to lead the strategic planning and outreach efforts focused on engaging NYC's immigrant communities and people with limited English proficiency, especially in neighborhoods affected by Post-Tropical Storm Ida. This position requires someone who has a working knowledge of New York City and its immigrant community, and has shown commitment to developing community resilience.

Reach out to us at [job@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:job@oem.nyc.gov).

## Upcoming Events

### End of the Federal Public Health Emergency Webinar



## Pandemic Response Institute

With the COVID-19 Federal Public Health Emergency (FPHE) scheduled to end on May 11, 2023, there are still many unanswered questions around how this transition will impact everyone.

This webinar is an opportunity to hear from and ask questions to leading experts from the NYC Pandemic Response Institute, New York State Department of Health, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, NY State of Health, Strategies for High Impact / Long COVID Justice, and KFF, who have been directly involved COVID-19 pandemic response.

Date: Thursday, May 4th, 3:00PM - 4:30PM

To register for this online webinar, [click here](#).

**Volunteer to Clean with Riverkeeper Sweep on**

May 6th



Every year, thousands of volunteers come together across hundreds of miles of shoreline in New York City and the Hudson Valley for the Annual [Riverkeeper Sweep](#), a day of service for the Hudson River.

Volunteers clean up tons of trash, plant healthy vegetation, and remove invasive plant species at more than 100 locations.

Join a shoreline cleanup, an invasive species removal project, or a tree planting project at a location near you. Hours vary by site and [registration](#) is needed.

To sign up and the site list, click [here](#).

## Join the School Safety Seminar at Stony Brook University presented by CISA & USSS



The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Region 2 and the United States Secret Service (USSS) New York Field Office invite you to attend the School Safety Seminar at Stony Brook University.

Objectives of the Seminar:

- Provide information about best practices, communications protocols, and resources that will assist stakeholders to develop or enhance their emergency planning, preparedness, and response to active shooter incidents.
- Describe common behaviors, conditions, and situations associated with active shooter events.
- Discuss the unique cybersecurity challenges faced by school districts

and educational institutions.

Date: Thursday, May 11th, 9 AM - 1PM.

Location: Charles B. Wang Center 100 Circle Road Stony Brook, NY 11794

To register, and for more information, click [here](#).



Launched on March 21, 2023, the \$250 million Yield Giving Open Call is an initiative focused on elevating organizations working with people and in places experiencing the greatest need in the United States: communities, individuals, and families with access to the fewest foundational resources and opportunities.

To learn more and apply, click [here](#).

Register by **May 5th**.

## Prepare Your NSGP Application: DHS Announces \$2 Billion in Preparedness Grants

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) can provide funding support to nonprofit organizations, including houses of worship, that are at high risk of terrorist attack. This funding can help your organization implement physical security enhancements and activities.

To learn more about the things you can do before the application period opens we've compiled this list:

- **English:** [Take these 4 Steps to Apply for a Nonprofit Security Grant | FEMA.gov](#)
- **Español:** [Siga estos 4 pasos para solicitar la subvención de seguridad para organizaciones sin fines de lucro | FEMA.gov](#)

## Share Your Memories of Superstorm Sandy

### Brooklyn College Honors Students Seek Volunteer Interviewees for a Public History Project

- Tell us about what you remember of the Storm and its aftermath.
- Memories will be recorded and shared publicly.
- Part of the Community Hub for Sustainable Urban Futures at Floyd

Bennett Field, this oral history project seeks to record and preserve the stories of the people of the Rockaways with Superstorm Sandy.

- Interviews can be conducted in person, on the phone or on the computer.

If you are willing, **contact:**

**Prof. Philip Napoli, Associate Professor and Chair  
Brooklyn College Department of History  
pnapoli@brooklyn.cuny.edu**



## **Join NYC Emergency Management - We Are Hiring**

NYC Emergency Management has some exciting employment opportunities available. They can be viewed on the NYC Careers website: [Jobs at NYC Emergency Management - NYCEM](#).

NYC Emergency Management is staffed by over 200 dedicated professionals who are committed to serving the City in a crisis. We are looking for candidates who have a passion for preparing New Yorkers for the next emergency and responding when a crisis hits the City.

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For a list of job vacancies across the different bureaus at NYCEM, click [here](#).

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NYCEM is looking for candidates with experience engaging with people with disabilities access and functional needs (DAFN). In this role you will get to come up with innovative ways to educate New Yorkers on emergency preparedness via presentations, webinars, and other outreach events in

collaboration with our community partners. Share or apply via [jobs.nyc.gov](https://jobs.nyc.gov) with Job ID: 536135.

Click [here](#) for the full job description.

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**Learn More About NYC Emergency Management Community  
Preparedness - <https://youtu.be/L250wy3o6r4>**

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