

NYC Emergency Management CERT NEWSLETTER

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC) IS ACTIVATED SUPPORTING THE RECOVERY FROM TROPICAL STORM IDA.

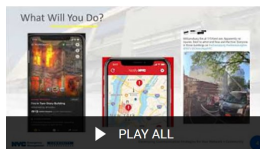
HEALTH AND SAFETY: WHEN INTERACTING WITH THE PUBLIC, NYC CERT MEMBERS MUST WEAR FACE MASKS AT ALL TIMES REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS. VOLUNTEERS AT DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS HAVE SPECIAL GUIDANCE. SEE SECTION BELOW.

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

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Throughout September, NYC Emergency Management's Community Preparedness team hosted a series of webinars for community and faith-based organizations. All of these fantastic sessions have been recorded and are available to view at your convenience.



[NYC Emergency Management Community Preparedness Virtual Open House](#)

[Creating Communication Strategies for Emergencies](#)

[How Community Organizations and Small Businesses Can Work Together in Emergencies](#)

[How to Meet the Moment During Emergencies: Three Steps to Organizational Preparedness](#)

[Community Mapping – Transforming Community Assets Into Resources](#)

[DAFN Training for Community and Faith-Based Organizations](#)



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: BK

Scenario: Report on how many members in your division are trained snow measures?

10/04 Responding Borough: BK

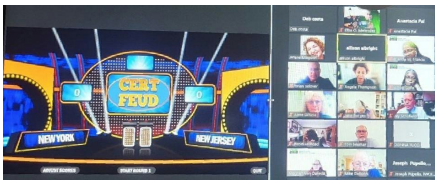
Documents to Review:
[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)
[Call signs per Radio](#)



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.

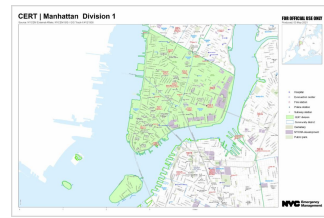
After you participate, be sure to [Submit Your Volunteer Hours!](#)





Contestants from NY and NJ CERT teams participated in Family Feud-style games by guessing the most popular survey responses collected by the National CERT Association. Unfortunately, NYC CERT did not make it through to

the next round, but they did an excellent job and we're proud to have been represented by such a great team made up of members from each borough: Brenda Francis representing Bronx, Angela Thompson representing Brooklyn, Jay Schofield representing Manhattan, Adjoa Gzifa representing Queens, and Anne DiTizio representing Staten Island. A special thank you to the other NYC CERT members who joined to cheer on NYC!



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

Brooklyn - Bronx - Manhattan - Queens - Staten Island



Please view the linked document for the latest talking points on the COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine boosters. NYC Emergency Management is sharing this as it is good information to have when speaking with the public during presentations or preparedness events in your community. [View or Download](#)

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

Volunteers will monitor traffic flow.
Sunday, October 10, 2021, 7:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Brownsville Houses Stat Fair
Volunteers will support crowd management, traffic management, event setup, tabling
Thursday, October 7, 2021, 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Bay Ridge 5th Avenue
Open Street**
Volunteers will support traffic management.
Fridays, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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



Manhattan Division 2 CERT members hosted a Ready New York presentation to 30+ members of the community to close out another successful National Preparedness Month.

A special thank you to all of the NYC CERT volunteers who assisted the **Tunnel 2 Towers Foundation's** annual event commemorating the 20th anniversary of 9/11. This was the largest to date - hosting 32,000 participants to honor the fallen.



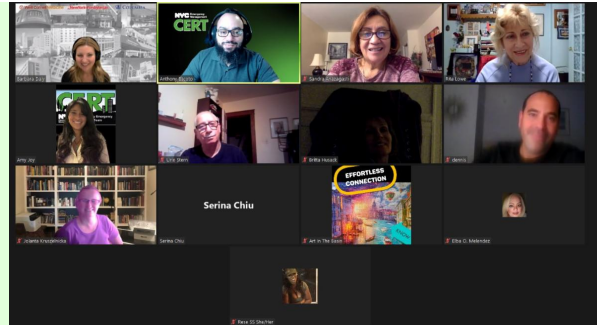
Queens Division 2 CERT members participated in a preparedness event this past week at St. James Church in Elmhurst, Queens. They were joined by Congresswoman Grace Meng and Assemblywoman Jessica Gonzalez Rojas.

District Leader Isabel Herrera led the **Bronx Division 5 CERT** monthly meeting as she reviewed the previous meeting's notes captured by program staff and ensured that all members are aware of the resources available to them including the weekly NYC CERT Newsletter.



Division Chief, James Izurieta led some brain storming with the **Brooklyn Division 2 CERT** leadership cabinet during their monthly meeting. They were trying to come up with possible community engagement opportunities involving training and preparedness events both in-person and virtual.

New York-Presbyterian Security and Emergency Management partnered through Department of Homeland Security provided a **Community Awareness in Terrorism and Threat Prevention** presentation for NYC CERT members.



Queens Division 2 CERT members held a very successful virtual meeting. During this meeting, they reviewed virtual events the Division has successfully supported in past months. NYCEM program staff provided general updates for all members bringing everyone up to speed with any program updates.

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



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Exploring the “Guides to Expanding Mitigation”: Zombie Apocalypse Guide and Cemeteries Guide
Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Please join **FEMA Region 2** Mitigation and National Preparedness Divisions for a webinar focusing on the Zombie Apocalypse Guide and the Cemeteries Guide in the “Guides to Expanding Mitigation” series.



While zombies are not real, every community faces very real risks from natural hazards that could impact their important cultural resources, including cemeteries. Learn how to account for the dead – and undead – in your community’s mitigation program. [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



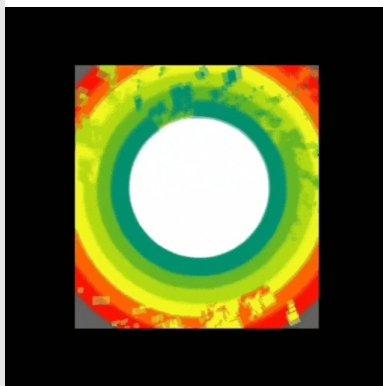
[NYCEM's Youtube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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



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