

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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Mayoral Address



On April 26th, CERT volunteers from across the city answered the call to support the Mayor's Office of Special Projects and Community Events for Mayor Adams' First 100 Days mayoral address. Volunteers were assigned various roles including the management of pedestrian traffic to VIP check-in. Scroll down for more photos. Great work team!

After Action Report: April



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: BK

Scenario: What evacuation zone are you in? Where is your nearest evacuation center?

5/2 Responding Borough: Bronx

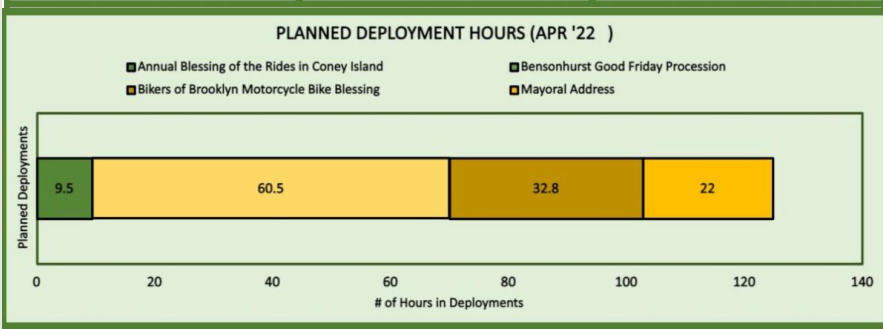
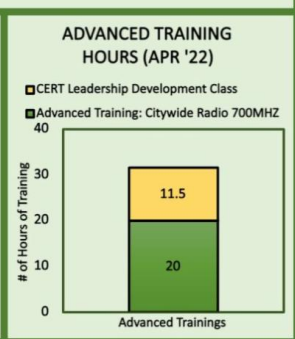
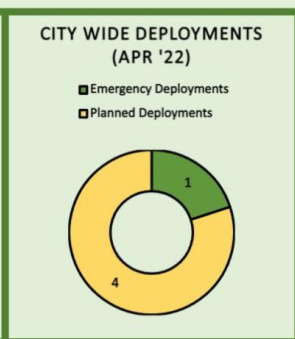
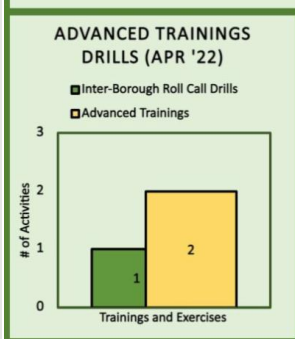
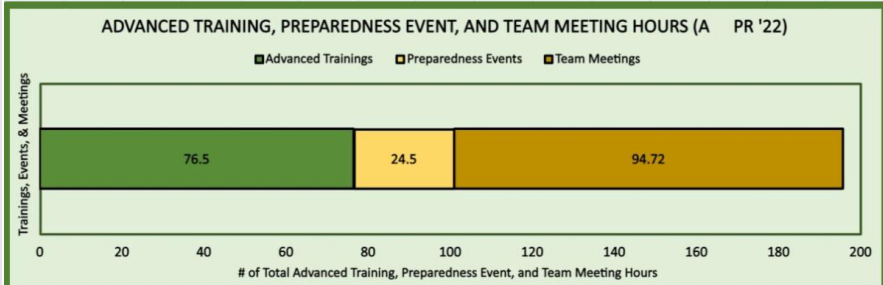
Documents to Review:
[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)
[Call signs per Radio](#)

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

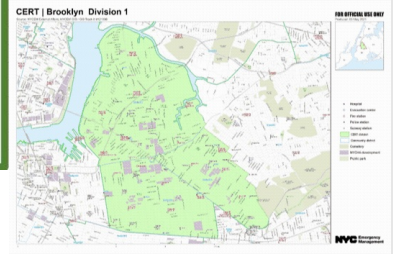


Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[CLICK HERE](#)



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



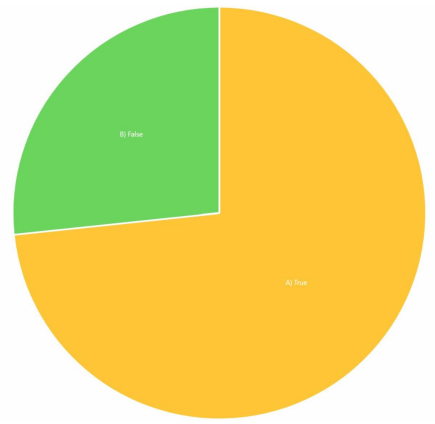
CERT volunteers have actively coordinated various planned events not only creating opportunities for their members but volunteers citywide. Also combining the various Division meetings, and advanced training supported a large city event. Thank you for all you continue to do!

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

Brooklyn - Bronx - Manhattan - Queens - Staten Island

Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's **Quiz of the Week**. The correct answer was: **B) False!** In NYC, a lot has changed. Hurricane evacuation zones have, too. Visit [NYC.gov/knowyourzone](https://www.nyc.gov/knowyourzone) to find your zone and learn what to do to prepare for hurricanes in NYC. #knowyourzone Practice your evacuation plans with your family and be sure to update your go-bag!



View the **NYC CERT Event Calendar** to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

After you participate, be sure to **Submit Your Volunteer Hours!**

Webinar: National Hurricane Center

Hurricane Webinar May 5

Presented by

National Hurricane Center



The National Hurricane Center will be conducting a live webinar from the Hurricane Awareness Tour in New York City about hurricanes that will focus on the job of a meteorologist, the weather hazards that come with hurricanes, and how meteorologists get you the weather information you need before a storm. Participants will have the opportunity to ask forecasters questions. Registration is required. This event will take place on WebEx and live-streamed on YouTube.

[NHC Hurricane Webinar May 05 Tickets, Thu, May 5, 2022 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

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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 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.

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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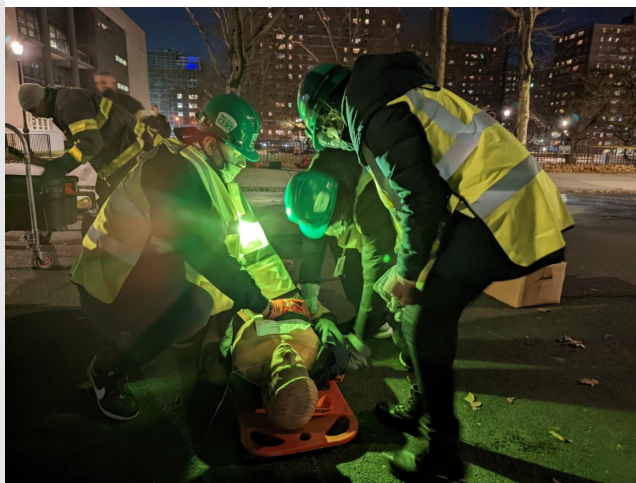
The *prepare.respond.recover.* podcast features industry experts talking about the tools you need to make your organization more secure and resilient, all while minimizing operational disruptions and ensuring public safety in this ever-changing world.

Join host Todd De Voe as he and his guests discuss how to stay secure and resilient all while maintaining operational continuity and ensuring public safety in this ever-changing world.

Check out the episode library [Prepare. Respond. Recover. Podcast \(ndemevent.com\)](https://ndemevent.com)

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



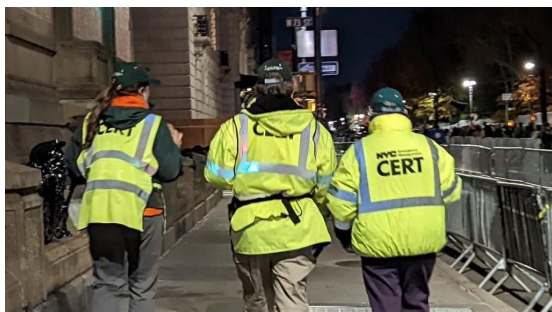
Disaster Simulation Volunteers Needed!

There are two opportunities available for each Basic Training Disaster Simulation this cycle. Victim players and Simulation Participants are needed on both dates.

More details are available in the opportunity link. Please consider signing up to make this a great event for our graduating members. Click on the available opportunity links below to register.

[Victim player - Wed, May 4th](#)
[Simulation participant - Wed, May 4th](#)

[Victim player - Thurs, May 5th](#)
[Simulation participant - Thurs, May 5th](#)



[Report your Volunteer Hours](#)
Search for *Buddy Check* Event

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.

[NYC CERT Event Calendar](#)

Are you interested in becoming a



MENTOR PROGRAM

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

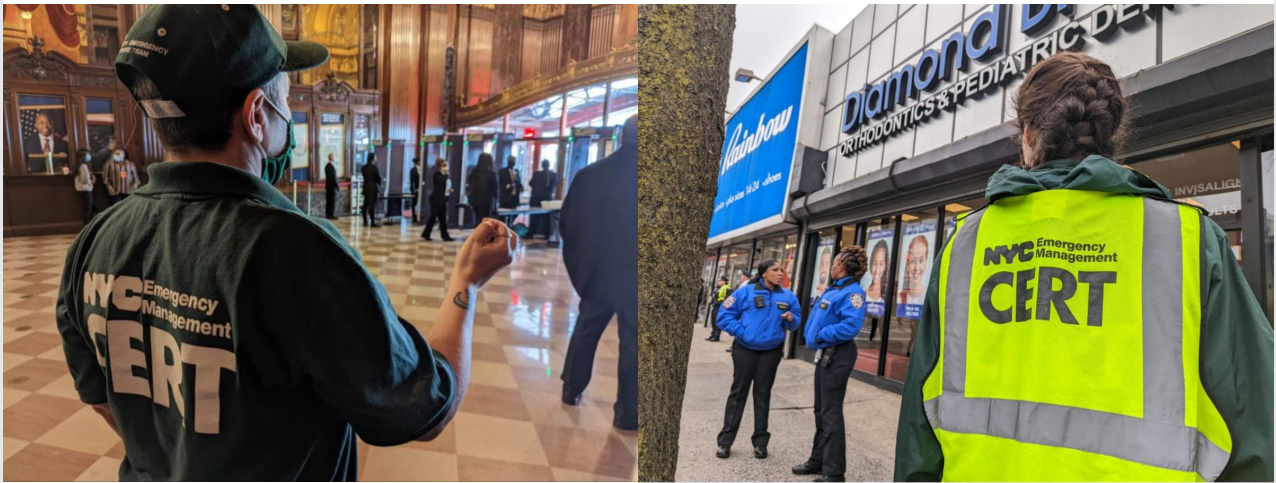
Planned Deployment



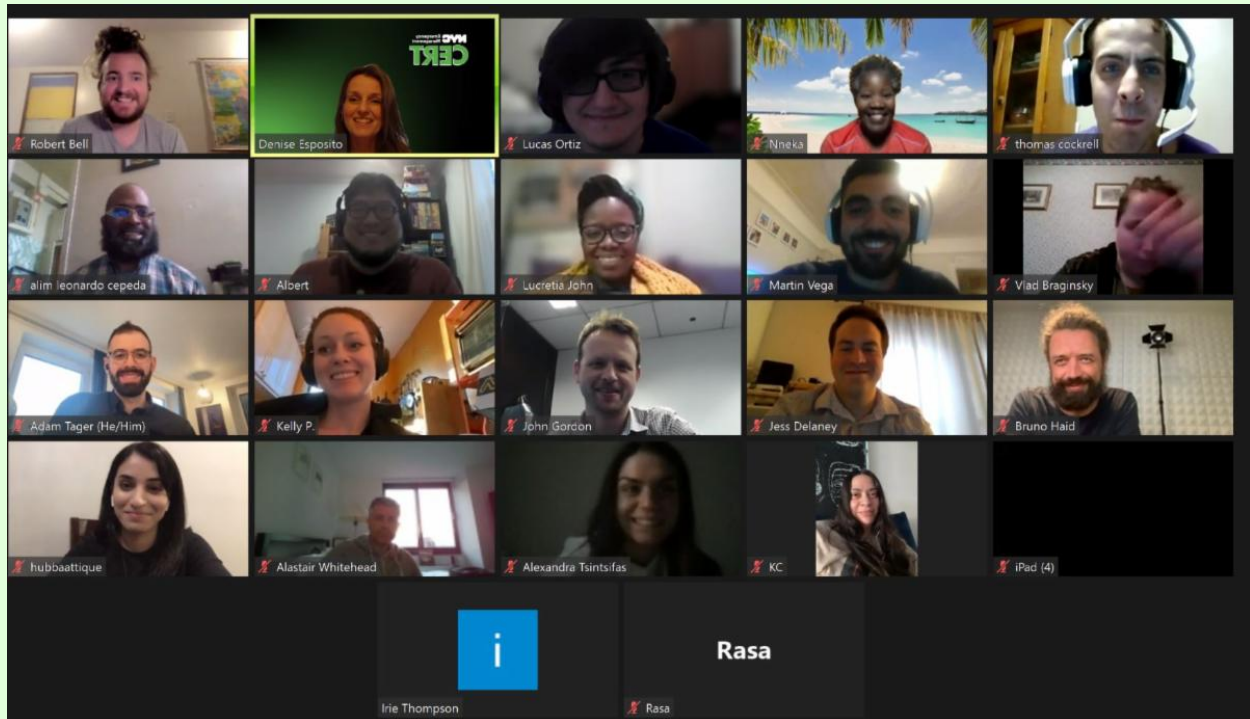
Bikers of Brooklyn Motorcycle Bike Blessing

On April 23rd, Brooklyn Division 7 assisted help NYPD with traffic control and crowd control during the outdoor bike blessing.

Mayoral Address: 100 Days and the future of New York City



NYC CERT Orientation



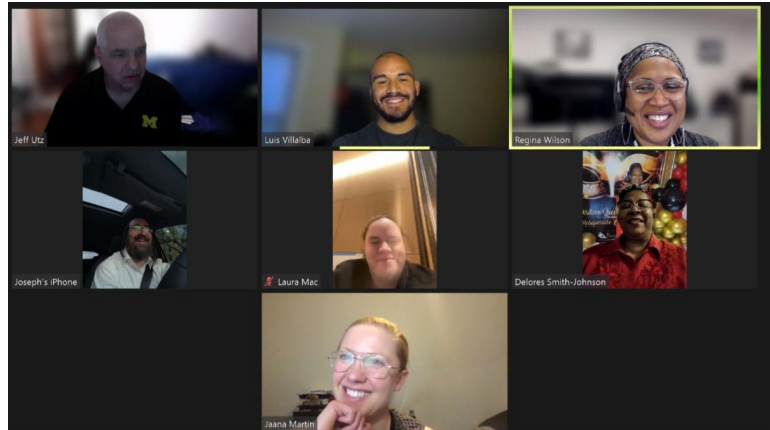
Program staff hosted another orientation session on Wednesday, April 27th for applicants interested in registering for

an upcoming Basic Training cycle. During the session, applicants received an overview of CERT member roles, the updated curriculum, and the expected engagement with their communities. Orientation helps interested applicants make an educated decision on whether CERT membership is something that they want to pursue. We hope to see the applicants soon.

NYC CERT Meetings

Brooklyn Division 1

This monthly meeting saw a range of topics covered and discussed by a motivated bunch of Division members. Their conversations snowballed into putting ideas into action. Their unwavering commitment toward improving their individual and community readiness have also driven them to sign up for the upcoming Advanced Training: Point-to-Point Basic Radio Training.



Bronx Division 3

On April 29th, Bronx Division 3 hosted its monthly meeting. The meeting was held as a hybrid with some members attending in-person with others joining virtually. Updated NYC CERT IDs and programmed radios were distributed to members attending in-person.

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



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Point to Point Radio Training

Learning Objectives:

Local Point to Point Network
UHF Radios 450 MHZ



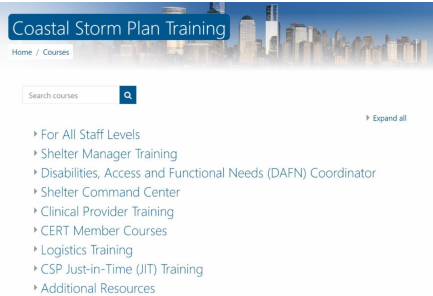
Radio Terminology

Call Protocol and Proper Communication Procedures

Exercise: - As part of the Point to Point radio training, there's a mandatory outdoor exercise.

Advanced Training: Point to Point Basic Radio Training (in-person)
Registration, Sat, May 21, 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 managing 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.

Get ahead of the upcoming CERT Radio Training announcements and take your pre-requisite on your own time!

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 prior to the training date.

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.

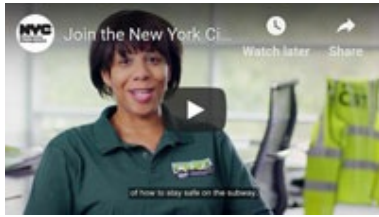


FDNY Smart offers free hands-only CPR classes through the FDNY Mobile CPR Program. The goal of these classes is to equip New Yorkers with the basic skills needed to take action in the event of a cardiac arrest emergency. To sign up for one of our free classes or to schedule a class in your community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



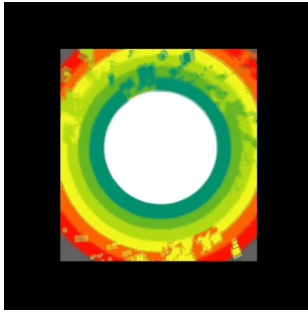
[NYCEM's Youtube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[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](#).



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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