

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.

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

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Free Sandbags to NYC Homeowners

As hurricane season continues New York City is providing free sandbags to NYC Homeowners.

Please share this information with your neighbors and coordinate with one another to pick up sandbags. *Each household will be limited to 20 sandbags.*



Read and Share the Sandbag Distribution Flyer - [November 2021 Sandbag Distribution Flyer](#)

Webinar Announcement



Disaster Response and Disability: Approaches for Citizen Responders

Please join FEMA's Individual and Community Preparedness Division on **Wednesday, November 17, 2021, from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM** for a webinar on disaster response actions that support people with access and functional needs, as well as those with disabilities.



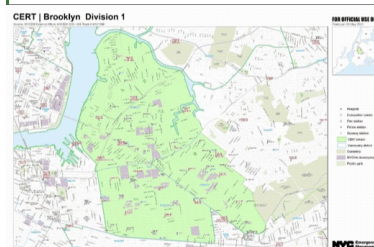
MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: MN

Scenario: What is the most recent drill your Division has conducted?

11/15 - Responding Borough:
Manhattan + Staten Island

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



NYC CERT Division maps

The Disaster Response and Disability: Approaches for Citizen Responders webinar features federal, state and academic subject matter experts who will present approaches to increase inclusivity for people with access and functional needs, and those with disabilities, in disaster response. Topics include Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and You Are the Help Until Help Arrives. A Q&A session will follow the presentations.

For more information and to register for this webinar, visit [Disaster Response and Disability: Approaches for Citizen Responders](#). Closed captioning and an American Sign Language interpreter will be provided. For reasonable accommodations or questions, please email FEMA-prepare@fema.dhs.gov.



Until Help Arrives

Thursday, November 18th, 2021 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Please join the Region II National Preparedness Division for a webinar on how you can be the help until help arrives

Life-threatening emergencies can happen fast and emergency responders aren't always nearby. You may be able to save a life by taking simple actions immediately. The Until Help Arrives program teaches basic skills to help keep people alive and safe until professional help arrives. Learn five simple steps that may save a life.

[Register Here](#)



Queens Division 2 Coordinated DEP Support Deployment

District leaders and general members coordinated a DEP Deployment with a virtual component allowing having a few members dispatched from a zoom link used to meet on a monthly basis.

[Click here to view a few snapshots of their progress.](#)

are available (pdf format) to support recruitment and preparedness planning in your 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!](#)

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

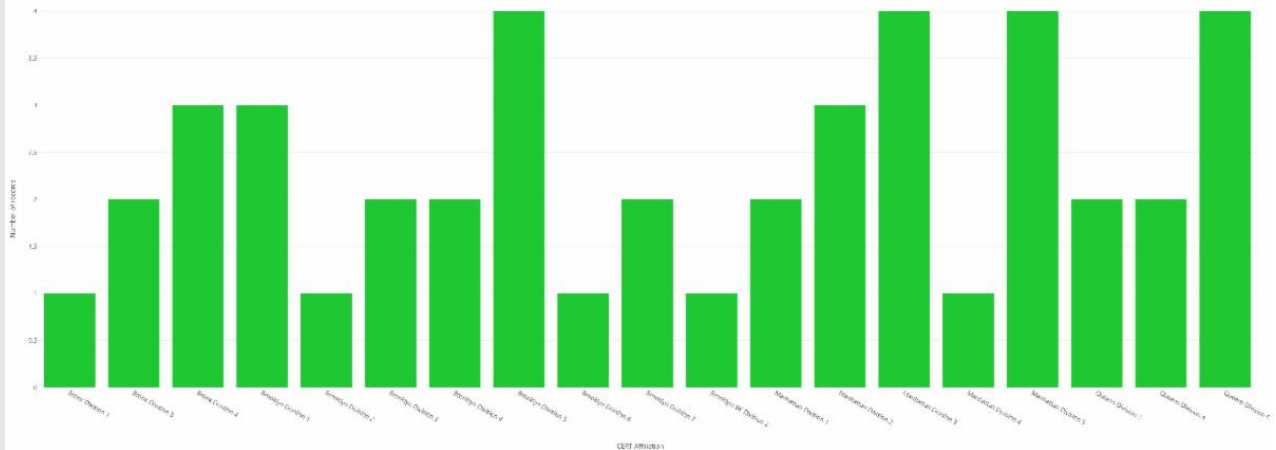


MEMBER SUPPORT

Wednesday, November 17, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

A quarterly Member Support Meeting will be held for all members in need of additional assistance next week. Members who would like help with an issue or concern, technical support, or any other question for CERT Staff should consider taking advantage of this opportunity. [**Register Here**](#)

CERT Recruitment Group Meeting



On **Monday, November 15th**, CERT Recruitment Group members will join their monthly virtual meeting. Members meet each month to discuss past events, share upcoming recruitment opportunities and ideas for recruiting for the NYC CERT program.

NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR

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



MENTOR PROGRAM

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.

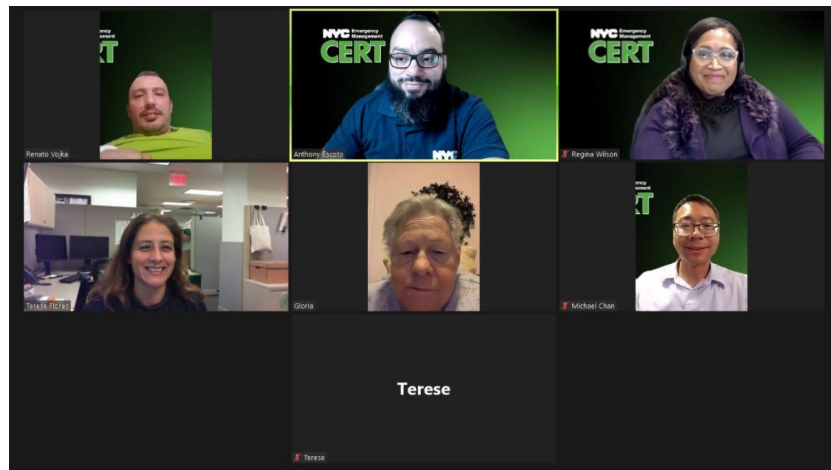
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Members of the **NYC CERT Radio Committee** provided a training session to a number of members who have been asking for an in-person basic radio training. Thanks to our committee members for their continued support of the radio program.



Queens Division 5 held their monthly meeting earlier this week. Both leadership and program staff discussed member's questions regarding upcoming planned events.

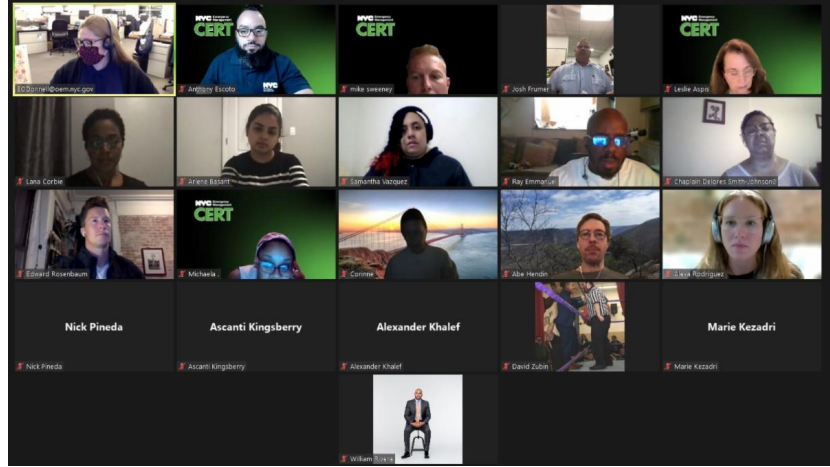
Queens Division 1 held their monthly meeting earlier this week. The meeting was conducted by the district leader, who reviewed planning for the upcoming weather and expected DEP Deployment request issued.



Brooklyn Borough Coordinators regularly bi-weekly check in with CERT program staff. Here is where concerns or needs are addressed and worked through. During these check-ins, program staff also review what needs to be amplified program-wide.

Basic Training is in full swing as NYC CERT Liaisons were presenting this

weeks Urban Environment III, which reviews the basic aspects of Human Services through the duration of all members.



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

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

CERT Radio Training

November Radio Training is Full!

The CERT Radio Committee has added another in-person **Point-to-Point Radio training** at NYC Emergency Management headquarters in Brooklyn. This training is open to all members interested.

At the same time, members already citywide radio trained will have the opportunity to train towards becoming a **Network Control Operator (NCO)** and will support the point-to-point exercise portion of the class.

Sunday, December 12, 2021

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

You must register for one of the three options: Student registration, Radio Committee Member Only, or NCO training (for Citywide trained volunteers)

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.



Skywarn Training

NYC CERT volunteers will have an opportunity to help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service (including Snow measuring).

[Register Here](#)

[Wednesday, December 1st, 2021, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM](#)

[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](#)

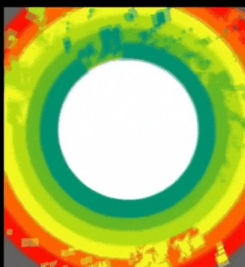


[Resolve to Be Ready Calendar](#)

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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