

# 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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## NYC CERT Spotlight

# CERT SPOTLIGHT



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: **Bronx (CERT BX)**

Call Scenario: **How many events are you planning to participate in for National Preparedness Month?**

09/26 Responding Borough:  
**Manhattan & Staten Island**

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)


This month, we would like to spotlight a fairly new CERT member from Brooklyn Division 1 CERT. **Henry Baez**, who graduated last Fall, has been keeping pretty busy since he joined his division. Besides regularly attending his monthly division meetings and several advanced training classes, like Human Trafficking 101, Narcan, FDNY CPR and the CERT Leadership Development class, he has participated in a few parade deployments, like the Bay Ridge St Patrick's Day Parade and the Knickerbocker Avenue Puerto Rican Day Parade deployments.



Henry is pictured to the left with fellow NYC CERT members on deployment alongside members of the NYPD's 68th Precinct.

Henry is also an artist. Pictured to the right is a painting that Henry crafted after the Puerto Rican Day parade deployment, in June. Very impressive! Thank you, Henry for your service and

# 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!](#)

for sharing your talents with the NYC CERT program!



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## National Preparedness Month: Plan for Hazards

# National Preparedness Month

This National Preparedness Month, we are reminding you to plan for all hazards. Prepare to protect yourself and your family by planning for hazards that may affect you and your community.

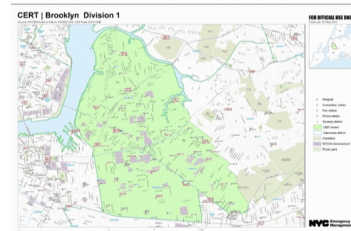
New York City is no stranger to natural and man-made hazards. Find out how you can be ready for emergencies from building collapses and winter weather by visiting [NYC.gov/hazards](https://nyc.gov/hazards), and check out the **NYC Hazard Mitigation website** for information on how City agencies are taking to reduce the impacts of hazards on New York City.

Visit [NYC.gov/npm](https://nyc.gov/npm) for upcoming National Preparedness Month events!

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## Quiz of the Week

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



NYC CERT Division maps 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!](#)

For more questions on how to submit your service hours you can view the [Hours Submission FAQs](#).

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Thank you to all who participated in last week's Quiz of the Week. The correct answer is The correct answer is: **B) 311**.

For any issues like illegal parking, noisy neighbors, apartment maintenance or catch basin back-ups, residents should dial 311 or go to <https://portal.311.nyc.gov> to report the issue.

NYC 311 tracks complaints/issues and forwards to the correct agency. For emergencies where police, fire or ambulance services are needed, 911 should be called. 411 is used for information on phone numbers and addresses for people or businesses. Please note that calling 411 is not a free service like 311 and 911.

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# 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.

Get Notified with New York City's official source for information about emergency alerts and important city services.

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

## NYC Stands with Puerto Rico and the Caribbean

On Sunday, September 18, 2022, Hurricane Fiona made landfall in Puerto Rico.

The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, in partnership with The City of New York, is directing people to donate cash to the following relief organizations:

- **Hispanic Federation**
- **International Medical Corps**
- **AmeriCares**
- **Direct Relief**

For up-to-date information, please visit [NYC Stands with Puerto Rico and the Caribbean](#)

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

### NYC Emergency Management Pet Preparedness



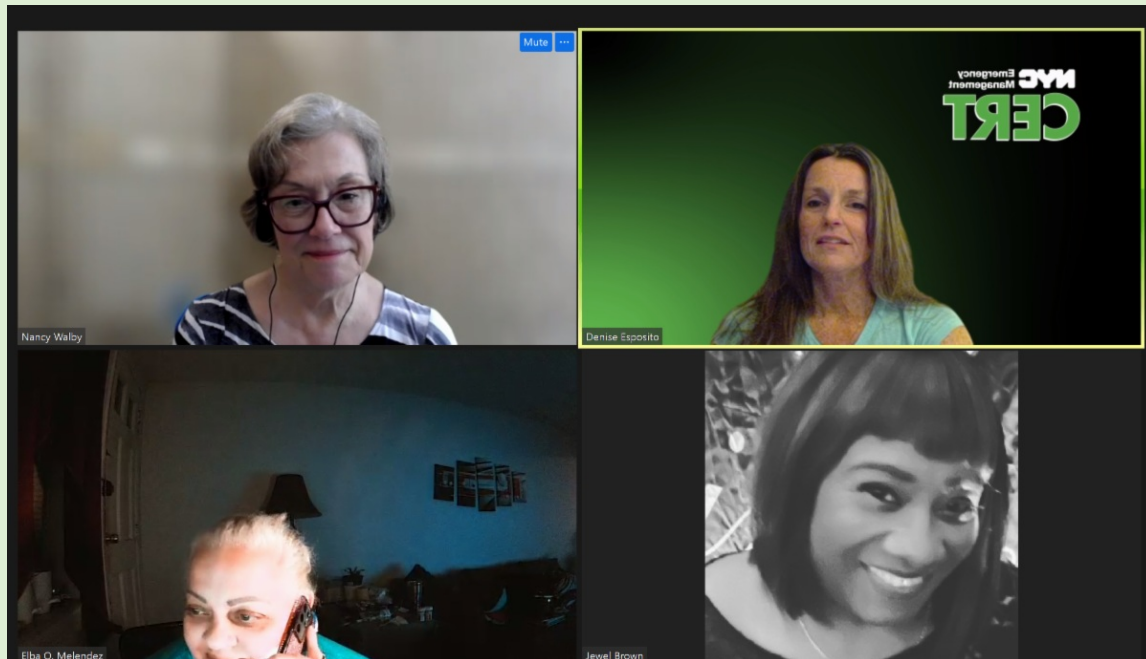




NYC CERT volunteers came out to Union Square in Manhattan this week to participate in the annual Ready New York Pet Preparedness fair. Thank you for all the support!

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### Recruitment Group Meeting



A few members of the CERT Recruitment Group met this week to discuss National Preparedness Month events and expansion of the group, to better assist all boroughs with recruitment. Recruitment group info sessions will be offered at the start of the monthly meeting, going forward, to enable interested CERT members the opportunity to hear more about this task force and meet current members of the group. This is a great opportunity to be a part of the effort to grow membership in the program. Consider joining us for an info session this year! Dates and registration links below:

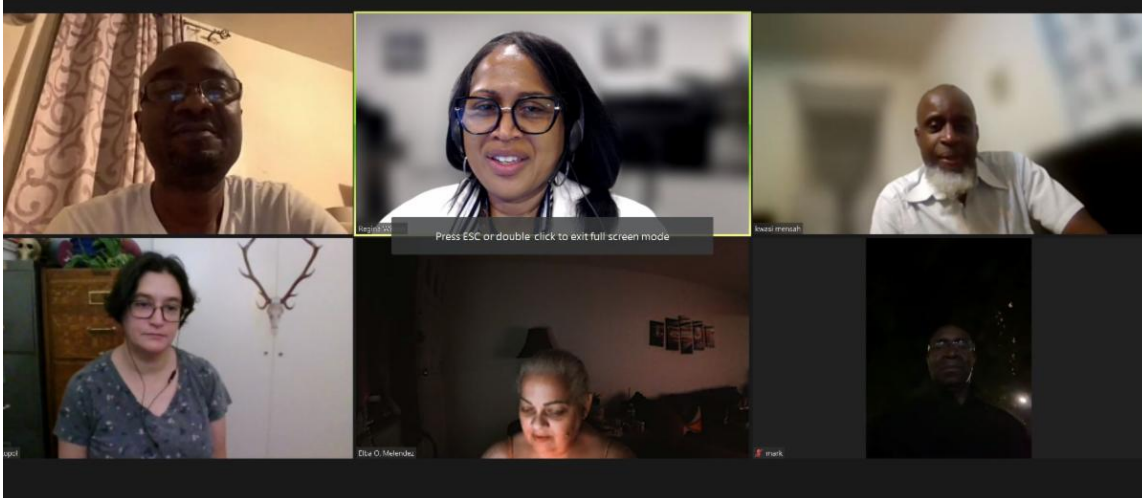
[Monday, Oct. 17th at 6:30PM](#)

[Monday, Nov. 21st at 6:30PM](#)

[Monday, Dec. 19th at 6:30PM](#)

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### Bronx Division 4 CERT Meeting



Brooklyn Division 4 had their monthly team meeting on September 20, 2022. The team discussed plans for their first hybrid meeting for next month. They reviewed their activities as a team for the previous month and are building upon their plan for the remainder of the year.



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

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### NYC CERT CALENDAR



CERT volunteers are being requested to support Manhattan's Asylum Seeker Welcome center. Much like a Service Center, volunteers are to serve as flow monitors as busses arrive at the Port Authority Bus Terminal. *More Shifts added*

**If you already signed up, this confirms your shift.**  
[EMERGENCY DEPLOYMENT: Asylum Seeker Welcome Center Support Registration, Multiple Dates](#)

### 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 Emergency Management CERT 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.

Complete the [NYC CERT Mentor Program form](#) to let us know if you'd like to be a mentor or mentee. Complete the [Matching Questionnaire](#) to help pair the mentor to a mentee. Both forms must be filled out to participate in the program.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

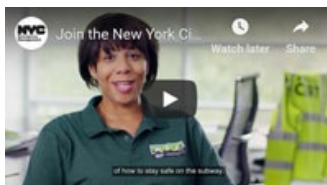
[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

Schedule free training for your Division at [FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#).

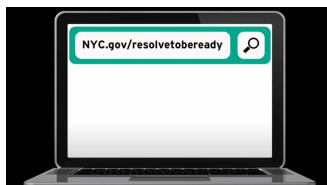
[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalog](#) includes all recorded webinars.

COVID-19 Community Conversations: Mental Health, Equity and Resilience *\*Updated Links*  
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](#)



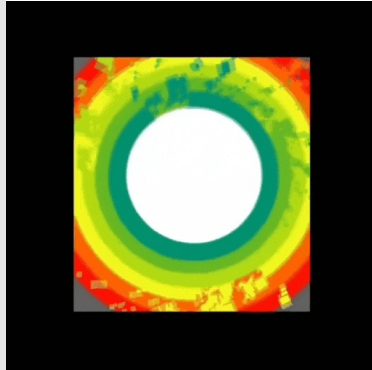
[Resolve to Be Ready Calendar](#)  
Regular reminders in simple steps that can help you work preparedness into your busy schedule.



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

New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasana have recently declared a public health emergency due to the Monkeypox outbreak.

For regularly updated information on Monkeypox please visit: [nyc.gov/monkeypox](https://nyc.gov/monkeypox)



[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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