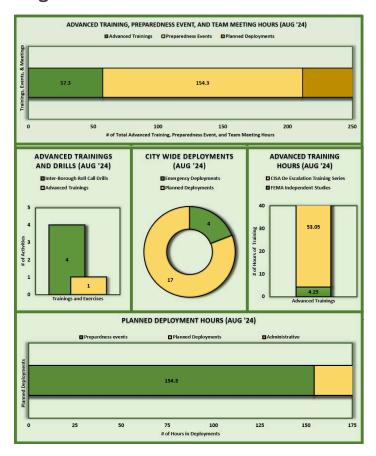
August After Action Review



In the face of summer's unpredictable weather, our volunteers' dedication shone brighter than ever. Despite the setbacks, including the cancellation and in some cases rescheduling of National Night Out, CERT members rallied together to expand their community outreach efforts. Traveling beyond their usual boundaries, they embraced opportunities to make a difference wherever they could.

As we enter National Preparedness Month, CERT's unwavering commitment is evident in the unprecedented number of events they've organized. Joining forces with NYC Emergency Management's Community Engagement staff, they're leading the way in building a more resilient community. Their passion and perseverance are a true testament to the power of community spirit.



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

09/02/2024

NO CALL

Documents to Review:

<u>Citywide Radio Drill Refresher</u>

<u>Call signs per Radio</u>



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

UPDATE COMING SOON!



View and Download the Complete NYC CERT Basic Training Student Manual

National Preparedness Month



Wednesday, September 4th, 2024 12:00_{PM} - 1:00_{PM}

National Preparedness Week 1 NYCEM Webinars

Kickoff Webinar

Sept 4 Link: https://on.nyc.gov/3T0VVNz

This session provides New Yorkers the opportunity to learn about NYC Emergency Management's Community Engagement programming. Participants will also learn about National Preparedness Month and learn how they can engage in programming with NYC Emergency Management.

Preparing Families and Communities for Coastal Storms Sept 5 link: https://on.nyc.gov/4dWYVm7

The webinar will provide community and faith leaders with best practices, resources and outline what the City's actions are along with what the City needs from community during coastal storm and flooding emergencies.

Check out NYC Emergency Management website for a list of complete events: https://www.nyc.gov/npm



View the <u>NYC CERT Event Calendar</u> to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

After you participate, be sure to <u>Submit</u> <u>Your Volunteer Hours!</u>

For more questions on how to submit your service hours you can view the <u>Hours Submission FAQs</u>.



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

<u>Brooklyn</u> - <u>Bronx</u> - <u>Manhattan</u> - <u>Queens</u> - Staten Island





The Emergency Management Institute is growing as the National Disaster & Emergency Management University to meet the changing needs of the emergency management field and the security of our homeland

Elevating Emergency Management

Our nation faces an ever-changing homeland security risk environment, and the profession of emergency management must evolve to meet it. The nation needs well-trained emergency management personnel,



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

strategic leadership, and innovation. FEMA's National Disaster & Emergency Management University ensures we continue to build a diverse pipeline of talent and depth of knowledge to proactively face current and future threats and hazards.

Since its founding as the <u>Civil Defense Staff College in 1951</u>, FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) has evolved to meet the needs of a changing world. Today, in response to a global pandemic, more frequent severe weather emergencies, climate change, and domestic threats, EMI is transforming into the National Disaster & Emergency Management University (NDEMU). This transformation reflects our commitment to meet the changing needs of the emergency management field and the security of our homeland.

Get Started

Start on the path to a more secure and resilient Nation

The path we choose for training starts with a desire to prepare, and continues on from the same starting foundation. Though our paths may diverge as we specialize, we get started in same direction. If you are a professional, volunteer, or a private citizen, we can all start with the same 3 steps.

Enroll with FEMA SID

- Almost everything we do at NDEMU requires the use of a Student Identification (SID) number. Follow the guide below to enroll with FEMA SID.
 - What is FEMA SID
 - How to get a FEMA SID
 - FEMA SID for Login.gov

Fore more information Click here



Labor Day Weekend Safety Tips

Request for upcoming events.



Update on Material requests

All requests will contain the following:

- My Emergency Plan 50
- Hurricane Map 50
- Notify NYC card 50
- NYC CERT card 50
- Give-a-ways will depend on availability

Note: Ready New York plastic bags and tablecloths are no longer available.

All Divisions 1, 3, and 5 IDs are Ready



Leadership: All Division 7 member credentials are ready. Also, if you have any members that graduated in November 2023, please remember to schedule a pick-up, or permit them to schedule a pick-up for their permanent ID using this link: https://on.nyc.gov/CERTpickup

If the pick-up options do not work with your schedule, please reach out to: desposito@oem.nyc.gov

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.



Never go in after someone who is in trouble in the water. Instead, reach out to them or throw them something that floats, such as a ring buoy.

<u>Click here</u> for American Red Cross' five safety steps to take before the summer ends!

- Food Safety
- Swim Safely
- Beat the Heat
- Vehicle Emergency Kit
- Download Safety Apps

Send Us Your Photos!



Please continue to share an and all photos and videos from your NYC CERT events at on.nyc.gov/CERTupload

Please note **Date** (including year), Borough, Division (or team), Event, members included (if available).

If you have any questions, please contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

National Preparedness Month Events



Ready NY requested CERT staffing for a few events during National Preparedness Month. CERT members will assist with CERT recruitment and

Notify NYC app registration at these events. National Preparedness Month is a great opportunity to build up membership for the program. Please check out the dates and locations below and consider registering to support this effort - even if it is outside your division. Stay tuned for more events to come!

Tabling (Outreach)

Ready NY Fair - Staten Island Children's Museum | Sun, Sep 8, | 11:00 AM

Ready NY Fair - Union Square Park North Plaza | Thu, Sep 12 | 11:00 AM

Ready NY Fair - Lieutenant Frank McConnell Park | Sat, Sep 21 | 12:00 PM

Ready NY Fair - 34th Avenue Open Streets (Jackson Heights) | Sun, Sep 22 | 12:00 PM

Recruitment

To continue our efforts of building up recruitment in our focus areas this year, we have scheduled a few events for September in each borough. We also encourage each division to think about high-traffic locations in their neighborhoods where membership may be low and consider setting up an outdoor event where a few members can distribute CERT recruitment materials and actively recruit for the program. Our greatest resource for recruitment is YOU!

Bronx: Ready NY Fair - Banknote - September 7th, 11am - 3pm

Manhattan: Ready NY Fair - Paws for a Cause - September 7th, 9:30am - 2pm

Staten Island: Ready NY Fair - Staten Island Children's Museum - September 8th, 11am - 3pm

Queens: <u>DEP Flooding Preparedness Event - Rockaways - September 17th, 5:30pm - 9pm</u>

Brooklyn: Ready NY Fair - Medgar Evers College - September 26th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Deployments

(CERT Support) Ready NY Fair - Staten Island Children's Museum Sun, Sep 8 | 11:00 AM

(CERT Support) Ready NY Fair - Medgar Evers College Thu, Sep 26 | 6:30 PM

Tunnel to Towers





CERT members are needed to assist with directing runners and managing pedestrian control for the 23rd Annual Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk NYC on September 29, 2024. This event honors those who lost their lives on 9/11 or from related illnesses. In addition to supporting the event, CERT members are also invited to volunteer and participate in the walk or run, offering a meaningful way to support the cause while engaging in the event.

The link to register for the 5k walk and run is here: https://volunteernyc.t2t.org/

NYC Emergency Management Unmanned Arial System (UAS) Full Scale Exercise



DETAILS:

DATE: Tuesday, October 1st (October 8th alt date)

Arrival Time: 8:00 AM Exercise Start Time: 10:00 AM

Expected End Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Seaview Sanitarium/ Fox Beach

Muster Point: TBD

This exercise will unite all NYC capabilities when it comes to Drone/ Robotics response with all of our city partner agencies.

An exercise orientation will be scheduled ahead of the exercise with final details and scenarios for all who register. Registration: UAS Full-Scale Exercise Role Player



Gracie Mansion City Recognition and Cultural Receptions

Mayor's Office of Special Projects and Community Events has requested CERT volunteers to continue supporting the city recognition and cultural receptions being held at Gracie Mansion. For individual details and event registration please see below:



Mid-Autumn Moon Festival:
Thur, Sep 12, 2024 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



New Date
Eastern European Heritage Reception
Tue, Sep 17, 2024 | 5:30 PM

Manhattan Borough Meeting



The Manhattan volunteer leadership cordially invites you to an engaging evening dedicated to socializing and networking, featuring distinguished guests and a selection of exciting surprises. This event promises to be an excellent opportunity for you to connect with like-minded volunteers, share ideas, and foster collaborative relationships within the NYC CERT program. We encourage you to sign up and join us for what promises to be an enriching experience. Your participation will not only enhance your network but also contribute to the spirit of camaraderie and support among volunteers.

Register Here | Thur, Sep 12th | 6:30 PM



Brooklyn Cyclones Preparedness Events

The Brooklyn Cyclones have invited CERT, Ready NY and Notify NYC to table at Maimonides Park during several upcoming games. CERTs are being requested to join NYCEM staff to distribute NYC CERT recruitment materials with park visitors. Check out the dates below and register through the links provided.

Game times vary by date.

Registration | Wed, Sep 4, 2024 | 6:30PM

DEP Flooding Preparedness Events



The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has requested the support of NYC CERT volunteers at their upcoming Flooding Preparedness Events. During the events, DEP will be providing presentations to the public throughout the City.

NYC CERT volunteers are expected to support with sign-in and the distribution of preparedness materials.

Please register for any of the following dates and locations:

9/17 — Rockaways @ Beach Channel HS, 100-00 Beach Channel Drive (QNS)

9/19 — Staten Island @ Susan E. Wagner School HS, 1200 Manor Road (SI)

9/24 — East Harlem @ PS 146 Anna M. Short School, E. 106th St. and 1st Ave. (MAN)

Click Here to register for one of the dates/locations

NYC CERT CALENDAR



What is a Buddy Check?

A simple check-in can mean the world. Reach out to family and friends, especially those who might be isolated. Your call, text, or visit could brighten their day and provide essential support. Don't underestimate the power of human connection. Be a good neighbor, be a good friend. Check in today!

Report your Volunteer Hours Search for Buddy Check Event



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.

NYC CERT online platform includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

Schedule free training for your Division here : FDNY Smart Fire Safety.

FEMA Region 2 (R2) Webinar

<u>Catalogue</u> includes all recorded
webinars

NYC CERT ADVANCED TRAINING

NARCAN Training



The goal of this training is to provide the neccesary skills to non-medical responders to recognize a suspected opioid overdose and to take appropriate action to prevent negative consequences and possibly death.

Pre-requisite:

Please fill out the Narcan recipient form and send it to CERTtraining@oem.nyc.gov by Friday, September 13th. If needed, we will have physical copies available for you to complete the day of training.

Learning Objectives:

- List four risk factors for overdose
- Recognize three signs of an overdose
- Perform techniques to stimulate someone who appears to have overdosed
- · Correctly perform rescue breathing
- Correctly administer naloxone

Registration | Mon, Sep 16 | 6:30 PM

Cybersecurity Awareness Training for CERT Volunteers Now Available

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available. Volunteers who participate in CERT training have a better understanding of potential threats to the community, along with actionable steps they can take to mitigate risk and improve outcomes.

To provide additional support to CERT volunteers and the important role they play in their communities, FEMA partnered with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) to provide a list of cybersecurity awareness training courses CERT volunteers can take to improve their ability to prepare for and respond to cybersecurity

threats. The courses are self-paced and publicly available at no cost from the Federal Virtual Training Environment and the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium (NCPC). Course topics range from cyber essentials and fundamentals of cyber risk management to cyber ethics and mobile device security. To access these courses, visit the Cybersecurity Awareness Training website.

Read more . . .



NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

47th Annual Brighton Jubliee









his past Sunday, August 25, 2024, CERT played a key role in the 47th Annual Brighton Jubilee. Volunteers assisted with event setup by managing vehicle and pedestrian traffic, and supported the 60th Precinct throughout the day by patrolling the festival route for safety issues. They also staffed the Ready NY table, providing emergency preparedness information and promoting CERT membership. Great Job all!

Back to School & Health Fair





On August 17th, Brooklyn Division 6 supported the Back to School & Health Fair! Their Division members distributed preparedness materials and discussed the CERT program with attendees.

Congressman Hakeem Jeffries Annual Senior Picnic



On Tuesday, August 27th, over 250 Emergency Plan Guides, hurricane maps, Ready Girl comics, hand sanitizers, key chains, and the biggest hit, the Beat the Heat fans, were greatly appreciated. It was hot, but the seniors had fun, as did Brooklyn Division 4 Cert member Zoe Jasper, who took advantage of one of the activities.

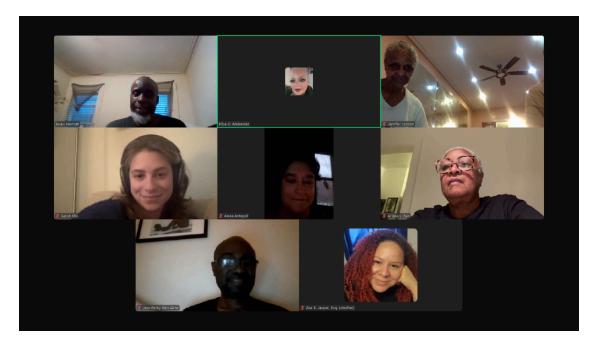
Meetings

Queens Division 4



On Monday August 26th, Division Chief Wendy Hom gathered all Division members to recap some of the recent large events current members have supported in the past few weeks. Not only that but a great partnership coming up for National Preparedness Month is coming... As various members are now providing input and ideas for engagement opportunities for the Division. Looking forward to what's coming next.

Manhattan Division 3



This past Monday, Brooklyn Division 4 held their monthly meeting. Throughout the meeting the Division' Chief updated the team on recent activities, including limited participation in National Night Out and the subsequent standing down of CERT. Key topics included checking ID card expirations and upcoming leadership positions that will end December 31. Members were encouraged to attend upcoming leadership training, log hours for events members have recently attended, and to contribute/participate in any events being hosted throughout National Preparedness Month.

<u>Download the New NYC CERT Backgrounds</u> for use during CERT meetings and training in a virtual environment (e.g. Microsoft Teams, Zoom, etc.)



THINGS TO KNOW



How To Request NYC CERT

If approached to support an event in your community, the following steps must be taken:

- Event organizer submits an official request using the <u>NYC CERT External Request Form</u>.
- NYC CERT Leadership *should not* submit form on behalf of the event organizer.
- For events lead by a NYC CERT Division, volunteer leadership (Ready New York Liaison, if a preparedness event) should submit this <u>Event Request form</u>.

NYC CERT program staff will review all requests. If approved, program staff will add the volunteer opportunity to the NYC CERT Event Calendar with a

registration link. If more details are required for approval, program staff will use the contact information provided in the request form to connect with the organizer.

NYC CERT External Request Form: https://on.nyc.gov/CERTrequest

Find the NYC CERT Protocols here: NYC CERT SOPs

Schedule a meeting with NYCEM staff: NYC CERT Volunteer Support

What is the NYC CERT Uniform?

While the NYCEM agency logo has changed, there will not be an immediate change in NYC CERT uniforms. More information on the NYCEM/NYC CERT logo and its usage will be provided in the coming months.

We are a Team! To ensure we all represent NYC Emergency Management with professionalism, this message serves as a friendly reminder about our uniform policy. Whether it's a preparedness event or an emergency response, being in proper uniform allows us to be easily identified by the public and first responders. It signifies our commitment to safety and fosters a sense of unity.

Here's a quick rundown of the NYC CERT uniform:

- Green NYC CERT polo shirt (mandatory)
- Khaki pants (mandatory)
- NYC CERT reflective vest (always most visible outer layer)
- NYC CERT credential on lanyard, visible at all times (mandatory)
- Optional items: NYC CERT baseball hat, windbreaker, green helmet (for emergency responses), green CERT response bag (for emergency responses), NYC CERT branded sweaters/jackets (produced with NYCEM approval)

Not sure about an item? Don't hesitate to reach out! Contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov and we'll be happy to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.





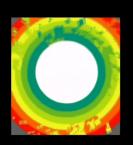
NYCEM's YouTube page NYC CERT recruitment video 2021 National Volunteer Week video



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



Listen to all episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, Prep Talk (SoundCloud, <u>iTunes</u> & <u>Spreaker</u>) and <u>iPrepárate!</u> on <u>SoundCloud</u>.



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Schedule a meeting with NYC CERT Staff: https://on.nyc.gov/bookCERT



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