



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.

If you're having difficulty viewing the newsletter [click here to view as a webpage.](#)



Photos (left to right): Zachary Iscol, NYCEM Commissioner; Christina Farrell, NYCEM First Deputy Commissioner

Mayor Adams Appoints NYC Emergency Management Leadership Team

On Thursday, February 17th, New York City Mayor Eric Adams announced that Zachary Iscol will serve as commissioner of NYC Emergency Management with Christina Farrell serving as first deputy commissioner, the first woman ever to serve in that role. Congratulations to both Commissioner Iscol and First Deputy Commissioner Farrell. NYC CERT wish you luck in your new roles and are



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

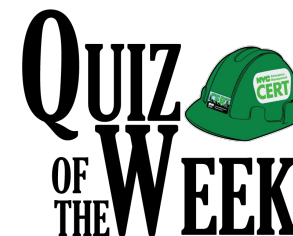
2/21

No Call

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)



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

ready for the call if needed.

[Click Here to read the full press release](#)

[Click Here to view the official announcement on YouTube](#)



Abuwi Waheed

We learned earlier this week that Manhattan Division 5 CERT member, Abuwi Waheed, had passed away in November of last year. Abuwi had been a CERT member since 2016. He was an active member, who was trained as a Ready NY Presenter for Kids, and regularly participated in community meetings and the annual National Night Out event in Harlem. We join with his division members in appreciation of his service and dedication. Abuwi is missed.



Quiz of the Week

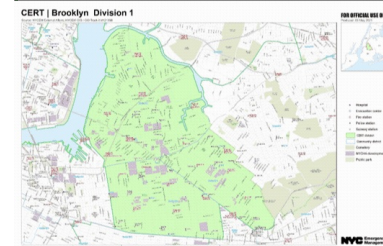
Thank you to all who participated in last week's [Quiz of the Week](#). The correct answer is **B) Two Years (66%)**. There seemed to be a high percentage (26.7%) of members who thought that it was one year. As per Section 2: Membership Roles of the [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures](#), Inactive members

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.

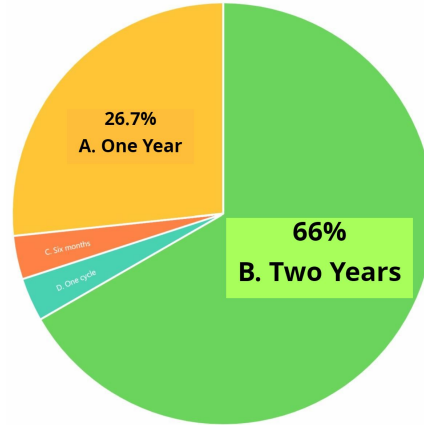


NYC CERT Division maps are available (pdf format) to support recruitment and preparedness planning in your community.

[Brooklyn](#) - [Bronx](#) - [Manhattan](#) - [Queens](#) - [Staten Island](#)

can resume their active status upon consultation with and approval from division leadership. Once NYCCEM is notified, members may be made active again. *Members inactive for more than two years are required to retake basic training.*

You can find this information on page 3 of the [NYC CERT SOPs](#).



Health & Safety Protocol

As NYCCEM's Human Capital Bureau continues to review submissions relating to the Vaccine Mandate, NYCCEM will continue sharing updates including the NYC CERT Newsletter and requests with membership with the understanding there is approval needed prior to any in-person deployments and events.

As of **Tuesday, February 1, 2022**, volunteers who did not submit appropriate documentation to meet the vaccine mandate or request a reasonable accommodation through NYCCEM are considered inactive until they are in compliance.

- To submit vaccination records, please e-mail an approved proof of vaccination to: CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov.
- Please review necessary steps [HERE](#).

All members placed inactive as a result of in-compliance may be re-activated within two years (January 2024) if the proper documentation is submitted as requested and approved by NYC Emergency Management.



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.



Get Notified with New York City's official source for information about emergency alerts and important city services. Download the free [Notify NYC](#)



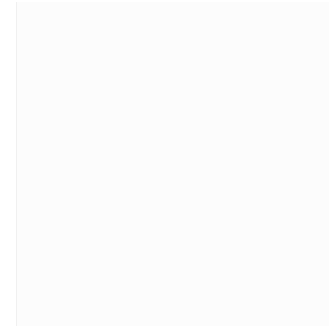
Volunteer Hours

Reporting Hours FAQ/Walkthrough

NYC CERT program staff has been providing walkthroughs during Division meetings. Please view the document link below that includes many frequently asked questions and a step-by-step guide on how to report your volunteer hours.

[View the CERT volunteer hours submission FAQ/Walkthrough here](#)

mobile app, available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



[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



MENTOR PROGRAM

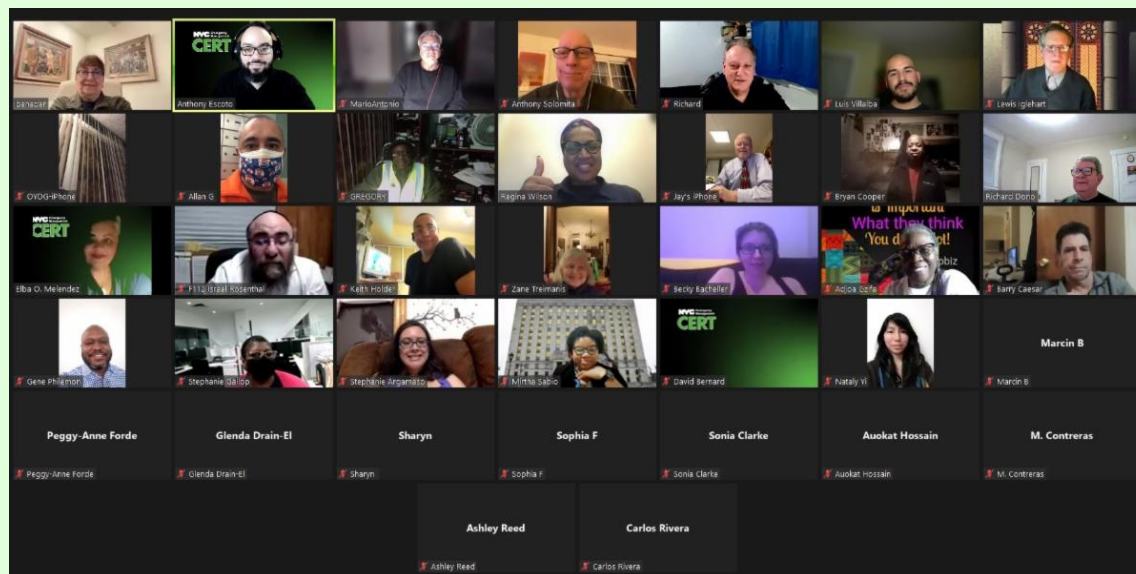
Are you interested in becoming a mentor to new NYC CERT members?

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

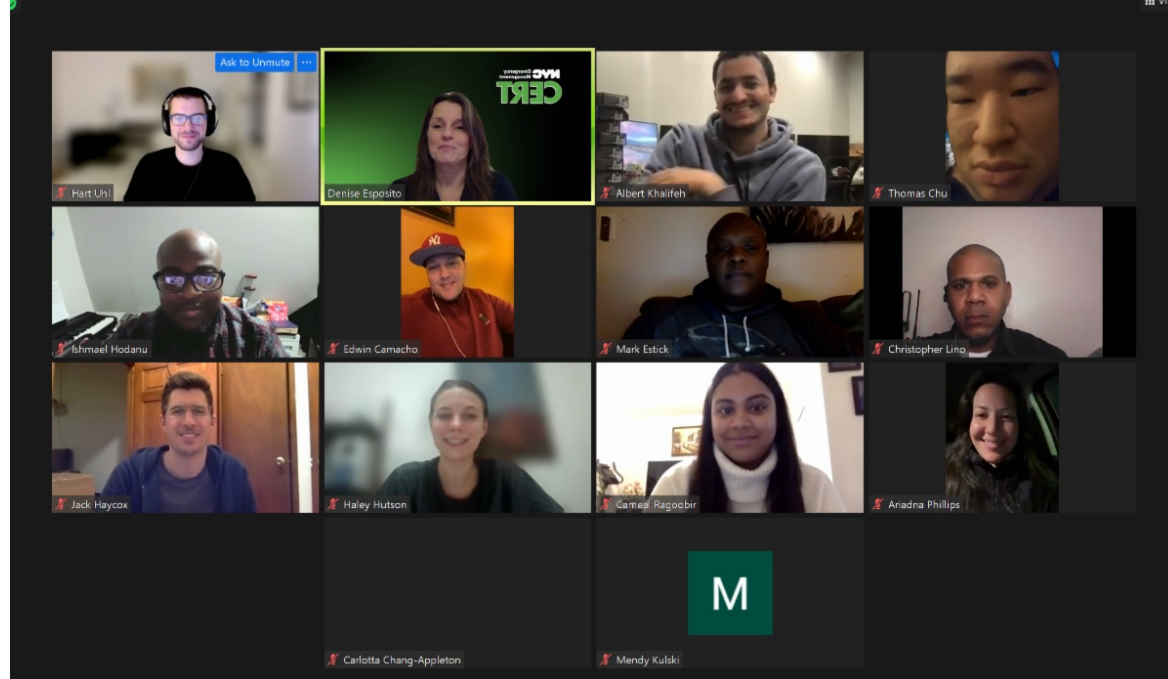
out to participate in the program.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY



Volunteer Engagement Overview

CERT Program staff delivered an overview of the different engagement tools and walkthroughs of the current event calendar, volunteer hours reporting tool, and what hours can and should be reported by all members.



Applicant Orientation

Program staff held an orientation session for current applicants interested in signing up for Basic Training. Here applicants learn more about the role of CERT so that they can consider if it will be a good fit for them. We hope to see some of these interested applicants in upcoming training cycles.

NYC CERT Virtual Meetings



Citywide Leadership Meeting

Program staff invited all borough and division leadership to join a virtual meeting this past week to review recent changes, initiatives and announcements. Volunteer leadership were also given the opportunity to express any concerns and ask questions for clarity so that they may bring the information back to their members.



Manhattan Division 3 Meeting

Division 3 members gathered this past week to discuss their division leadership's interest building a working group to map out Division resources by following steps provided in the [NYCEM Community Planning Toolkit](#). Program staff was also present to provided recent updates as well as upcoming training announcements.

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

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Leadership Development Training

Program staff will be hosting a leadership development training course open to all current and newly appointed leadership, as well as those those interested in becoming future leaders within the NYC CERT program.

CERT Leadership development class Registration, Wed, Feb 23, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite



Each of the FEMA Region II webinars presented in 2021 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 **2021 Webinar Catalog** 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 from Jan-June of 2021.

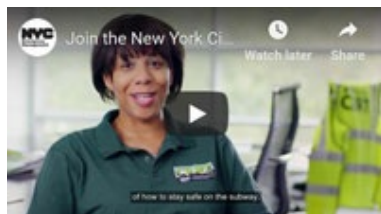


FDNY Smart offers free hands-only CPR classes through the FDNY Mobile CPR Program. The goal of these classes is to equip New Yorkers with the basic skills needed to take action in the event of a cardiac arrest emergency. To sign up for one of our free classes or to schedule a class in your community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

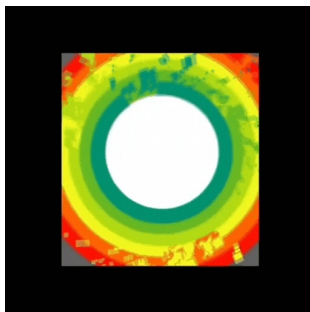


Resolve to Be Ready Calendar

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.



JOSEPH PUPPELLO
DIRECTOR
VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS



ANTHONY ESCOTO
PROGRAM MANAGER
TRAINING & EXERCISES



DENISE ESPOSITO
SPECIALIST
RECRUITMENT & RETENTION



REGINA WILSON
SPECIALIST
CERT



LUIS VILLALBA
CITY CORPS FELLOW
CERT



NYC Emergency Management | [NYC.gov/emergencymanagement](https://nyc.gov/emergencymanagement)
[Click here to view as a webpage](#)

