



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.](#)

We need your support!



The vaccine mandate for NYC CERT membership is now in effect as of February 1, 2022.

If you are aware of any members having trouble sending in their vaccine information, please ask them to reach out to us by email. We will assist with any issues they are experiencing and work with the NYC Emergency Management Human Capital Bureau to resolve.

Starting next week, **only** members in compliance 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 the appropriate documentation.

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

Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's **Quiz of the Week**. The correct answer is **A) True (81.5%)**. This can be found in Section 3: Program Organization in the **NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures**.

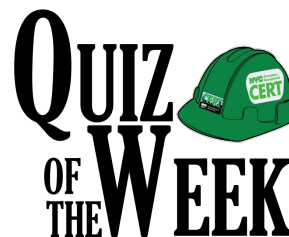
The leadership positions mentioned in the quiz (Borough



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

No call until further notice

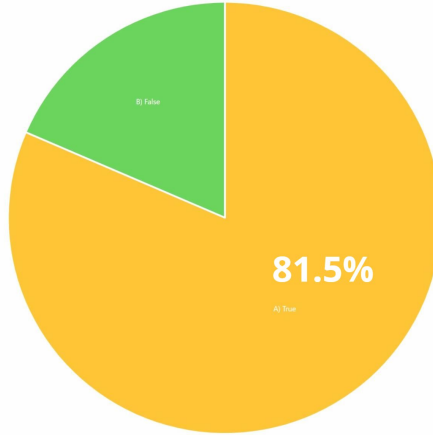
Documents to Review:
[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)
[Call signs per Radio](#)



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 following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[CLICK HERE](#)

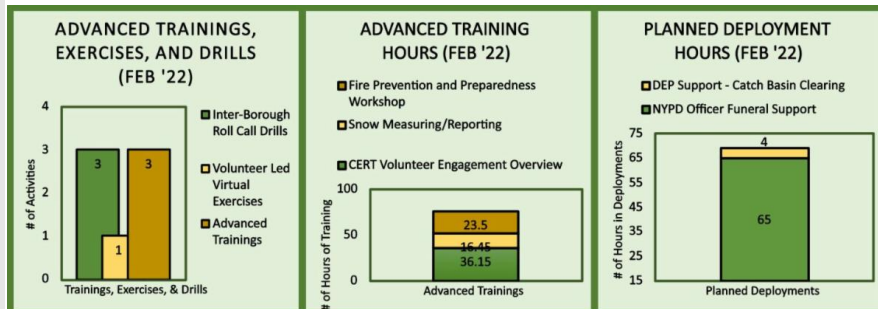
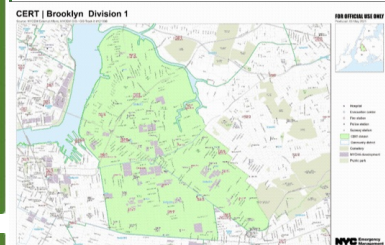
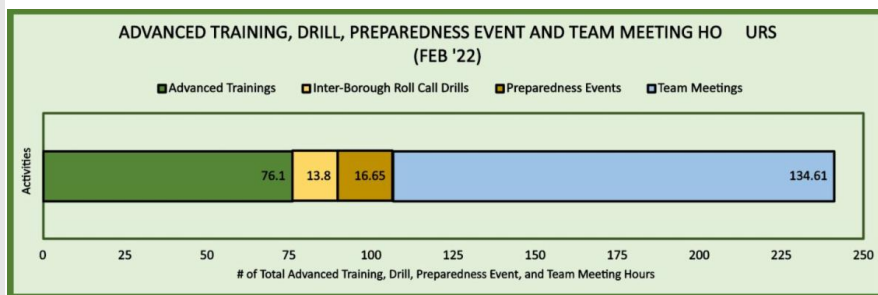
Coordinator, Division Chief and District Leader) are all appointed by program staff for a two-year term. Prior to the end of a leadership term, leaders in these positions should begin to find exceptional division members who have expressed interest in leadership and communicate this up the communication chain to NYCEM program staff in order to make an informed decision with the input from current leadership.



You can find information on leadership roles beginning on page 13 of the [NYC CERT SOPs](#).

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

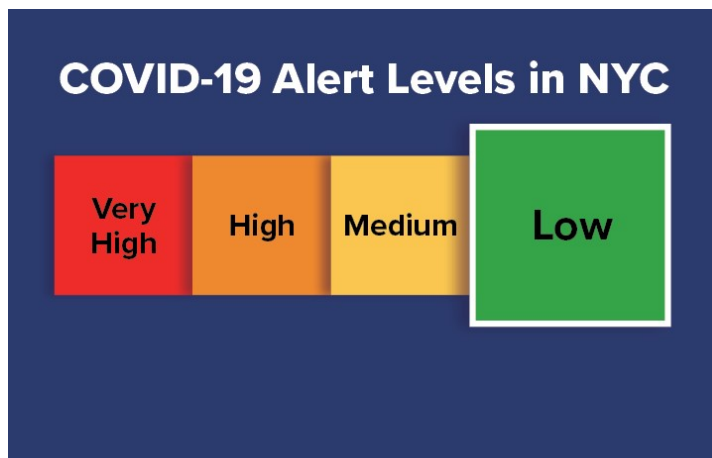
February Report



The above volunteer statistics for February demonstrate how much more time was dedicated to preparedness. This includes planning, training, and educational activities for events that cannot be mitigated. As restrictions continue to evolve with the current pandemic we will continue to provide updates.

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.

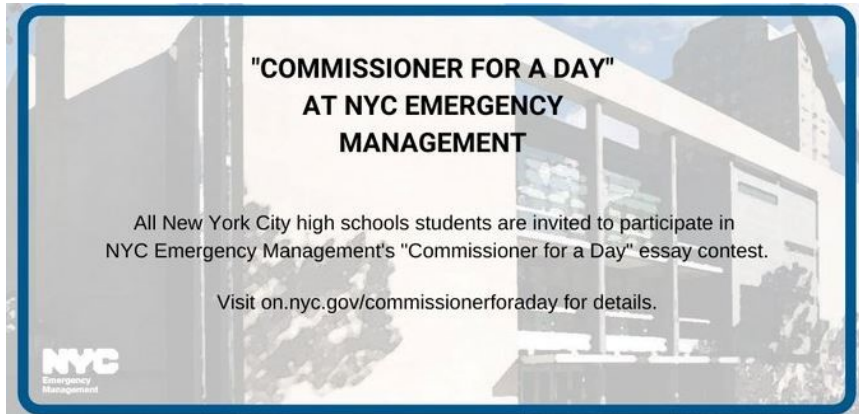
After you participate, be sure to [Submit Your Volunteer Hours](#)!

Mayor Adams released a new color-coded system that tracks COVID-19 alerts and keeps New York City residents apprised of the risks they face in New York City. This new system will better help New Yorkers understand the current level

of COVID-19 risk and how they can best protect themselves and others. The system consists of four alert levels that outline precautions and recommended actions for individuals and government based on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Community Burden Indicator.

View more details here: [covid-19-alert-levels \(nyc.gov\)](#)

NYC Emergency Management Commissioner for a Day



New York City high school students are invited to participate in the NYC Emergency Management "Commissioner for a Day" essay contest. One winner will be selected to visit the agency headquarters to participate in the Commissioner for a Day Award ceremony. Submissions must be made by April 1, 2022.

[VIEW HOW TO APPLY HERE](#)



NYC Emergency Management invites New York City high school students to participate in the inaugural HERricane NYC program, designed to encourage young women in grades 9 through 12 to pursue careers and leadership roles in emergency management. The program consists of a weeklong session from April 18, 2022 through April 22, 2022 that will be hosted at NYC Emergency Management's headquarters in Brooklyn. NYC Emergency Management intends to select up to 20 students to participate in the 2022 program.



As NYCEM's Human Capital Bureau continues to review submissions relating to the Vaccine Mandate, NYCEM 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 NYCEM 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.
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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

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

NYC CERT Virtual Meetings

Bronx Division 1

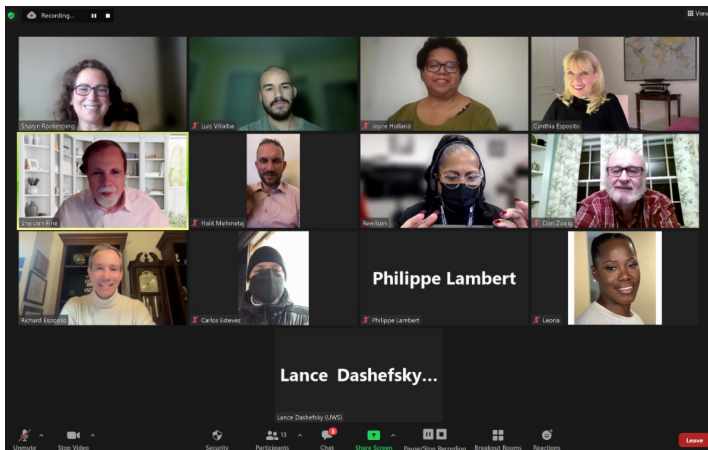
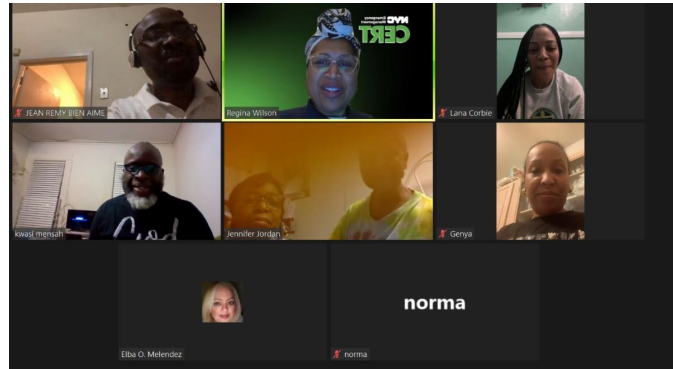
Members welcomed a guest from Metropolitan College of New York (MCNY). A discussion was held evaluating a survey with the purpose of helping the community with



internet speed disparities in the Bronx. Also invited to join the meeting were volunteer leaders from Bronx Division 3, who were observing the way Bronx Division 1 host their meetings and develop partnerships with organizations in the community.

Brooklyn Division 4

Division members gathered to discuss volunteer leadership positions, including how to build out their leadership cabinet within the division. Outside of the District Leader position, the leadership cabinet positions are elected by membership.



Manhattan Division 2

Led by their Division Chief and Manhattan Borough leadership, members discussed future Ready New York presentation locations and how to do more neighborhood outreach and build partnerships in the community. They are planning an in-person meeting to distribute IDs and catch up.

Brooklyn Division 7

During this month's meeting, membership discussed a number of engagement opportunities that members are looking forward to participating in. There was also a review of the last time the division participated in a Communication Tree Exercise. It's always great to review and make improvements for next time.



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



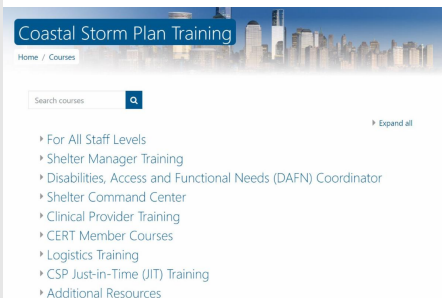


Leadership Development Training

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.

[Register here Tuesday 3/8/2022 6:30 pm](#)

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 a 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.

<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](#)**.

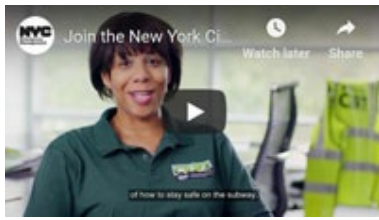
FEMA Region 2 (R2) Webinar Catalog includes all recorded webinars.



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).



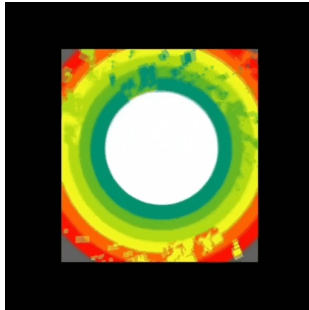
[NYCEM's Youtube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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.

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