

ACTIVATION STATUS: NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IS ACTIVATED.
PLEASE NOTE: Program staff will respond to inquiries and requests as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and support.

Resolve To Be Ready



As we step into the new year, it's crucial to ensure that we're always prepared for any emergency. Whether it's a natural disaster, power outage or a medical emergency, being equipped with the right skills and supplies can save lives. Take this opportunity to review your emergency plan and update it with the latest information. Don't forget to check and stock up on your emergency supplies. It's also an excellent time to upgrade your [survival skills and techniques](#). With the right resources and training, you can feel confident and ready to handle any emergency that comes your way. Be resolved and make the necessary preparations to keep you and your loved ones safe this year.

Learn more ways to be [Resolved to be Ready](#).



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel
Bronx

01/29/2024
No responding Borough

Call Scenario
Have you checked on a fellow CERT member?

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



Human Trafficking Awareness

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

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A CRIME



Being forced, coerced with false promises, or threatened into any type of labor or sex is not lawful.

Examples of sex trafficking could include:

- A youth experiencing homelessness who is offered a safe place to stay, then made to have sex with clients.
- A massage parlor worker ordered to provide sexual services at work to pay off a debt.
- Any minor engaging in commercial sex, regardless of being subjected to force, fraud, or coercion.

Examples of labor trafficking could include:

- A worker promised future payment, then threatened with falsely being accused of a crime to keep them working.
- A construction worker compelled to keep working under the threat of physical violence to themselves or their family.
- A domestic worker who has their passport confiscated and is threatened with deportation if they do not work longer hours for free.



Counselors can help make an exit safety plan, including housing, and connect you with free and confidential help.

**National Human Trafficking
Hotline: 1-888-373-7888
OR Text to "BeFree" (233733)**



**Interagency Task Force
on Human Trafficking**

Human trafficking is a grave human rights violation that affects millions of people worldwide. Unlike physical injuries, the wounds inflicted by psychological coercion and misplaced trust are not visible. It is essential to raise awareness of this issue to prevent those who are vulnerable from becoming victims.

There are numerous [organizations and hotlines](#) available to assist and provide more resources.

By becoming aware, we can help protect vulnerable individuals from exploitation.

Understand more and find resources about human trafficking at [NYC Resources](#).



[View and Download the Complete NYC CERT Basic Training Student Manual](#)

QUIZ



Each week we will propose a quiz question that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or from your experience as an active member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter.

Last week's question:

While deployed to clear catch basins, you spot a weapon below the grate. What should you do?

Correct Answer(s): C) Call 911 immediately, to extract the weapon/device, and alert Watch Command/CERT Staff
NEVER try to retrieve a weapon or unidentifiable device! Your safety is top priority. Most likely, NYPD will send a HazMat and/or Bomb squad to remove the weapon/device. It is important for you to follow up with NYCEM to alert them to the situation and confirm you are safe.

You have a trip that will keep you from attending CERT events for one month. What do you do?

A) You can't go – CERT activity has to always come first

B) You can



During Human Trafficking Prevention Month, the US Department of Health & Human Services' theme is to activate connections. [Learn more...](#)

Take It Slow



Winter weather brings icy conditions and less than ideal surfaces for walking. Take it slowly! Be mindful by taking shorter steps to assure sturdy footing on treated or non-icy areas. Be prepared

by wearing the proper, winter footwear that can provide traction to enhance a safe journey. Know before you go—check weather conditions before you leave home and stay sure footed this winter season.

Access the [National Weather Service Forecast](#).

only go if you take a few of your fellow volunteers with you

C) Email your leadership to inform them of your absence and copy cert@oem.nyc.gov

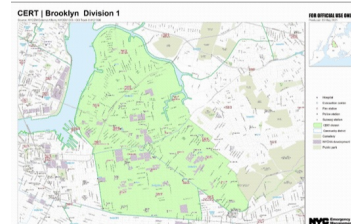
D) Return your CERT ID/gear to NYCEM and inactivate your membership



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](#).





Commissioner For a Day!

NYC EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT



NYC Emergency Management is inviting all high school students to participate in the third annual Commissioner for a Day essay contest. Entrants must submit an original essay and complete the [application](#). All entries must be emailed by **11:59 p.m.** on **Saturday, February 3, 2024**. The NYC Emergency Management Commissioner will

choose and invite the winner to the headquarters to participate in the Commissioner for a Day Award Ceremony.

Read more about the [Contest Rules](#).

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

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

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.



HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN



The NYC Hazard Mitigation Plan shares how NYC is working to reduce the impacts from natural hazards. We want to hear from you before our next report!



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NYHAZARDMITIGATION.COM

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02/05/2024

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natural disasters. Each time we experience one, we learn how to make our city stronger and safer. The

NYC Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), updated every five years, outlines these new strategies, as well as steps we can take to reduce our risk.

In this webinar, NYC Emergency Management will showcase the 2024 NYC HMP, describing the hazards facing NYC and sharing tools to help you understand your risk and ways to prepare and stay safe. We welcome your feedback on all aspects of the plan. Check out the plan and leave your comments at nyczazardmitigation.com. Anyone can give feedback on the HMP during the public comment period, which closes **February 5, 2024**.

Send Us Your Photos!



As 2023 comes to a close and we move into our 21st year, help us to celebrate CERT in New York City by sending us your photos and videos from your event 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!

[Download Photos from the Gracie Mansion Anniversary Event](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



2024 Lunar New Year Celebration Parade in Bensonhurst

NYC CERT will support the 2024 Lunar New Year Celebration Parade alongside the 62nd Precinct.


[Registration | Sun, Feb 11, 2024 9:30AM](#)

Join NYC Emergency Management and ConEdison on February 14, 2024 at 10AM to discuss how you can prepare for power outages. Topics covered will include:

- How to prepare for an outage
- What to do while the power is out
- How to report an outage

- How to file a claim for spoiled food or medication
- How to use the ConEdison outage map
- How to stay informed
- Tips on [tree](#) trimming & water leaks

[Registration | Wed, Feb 14, 2024 10AM](#)



POWER OUTAGE PREP WEBINAR WITH CONED

Learn:

- HOW TO PREPARE FOR A POWER OUTAGE
- WHAT TO DO WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT
- HOW TO REPORT AN OUTAGE
- AND MORE!

February 14 at 10 AM

bit.ly/ConEd_OutagePrep



CERT Basic Training Disaster Simulation Support - Live Victim

CERT volunteers will be playing victims in the disaster simulation, which may include sitting or laying on the ground and acting in distress.

[Registration | Mon, March 18, 2024 6:30PM](#)

[Registration | Tues, March 19, 2024 6:30PM](#)

Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade

CERT volunteers will assist the NYPD 68th precinct community affairs Office with pedestrian and vehicle traffic control.

[Registration | Sun, March 24, 2024 12PM](#)



NYC CERT CALENDAR



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



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 Catalogue](#) includes all recorded webinars.

ADVANCED TRAINING



Radiological/Nuclear WMD Awareness

NY State Homeland Security & Emergency Services provides fundamental knowledge regarding recognition of the threat or incident on Thursday, February 15, 2024.

How to sign up?

1. If you do not have a DHSES account please create one here: [DHSES LMS New Account Request](#)
2. Under DHSES available trainings search for: Introduction to Radiological/Nuclear WMD Operations (AWR-140) (04-20-0140) - 007
3. Fill out the questionnaire to register (No forms needed to attach)
4. Under additional contact information/supervisor information enter: CERTtraining@oem.nyc.gov
5. Submit Request

[Event Registration instructions and more](#)

NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Archdiocese Ready NY Event



CERT Member Miriam Williams and Brooklyn Borough Coordinator Elba Melendez gave a Ready NY Presentation at the Archdiocese of NY DRE/CRE meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024 in the northwest Bronx. Their presentation was met with an engaged audience who noted their passion in relaying the preparedness information. Congrats on a job well done.

CISA Active Shooter Advanced Training



CERT and Community Preparedness Partners Staten Island Urban Center take CISA Active Shooter Advanced Training in NYCEM's EOC.



CISA SME Jose Dossantos, CERT Training and Exercises Program Manager Anthony Escoto, and CERT Leadership Specialist Regina Wilson take a photo op with Community Preparedness Partners Staten Island Urban Center after the Active Shooter Training.

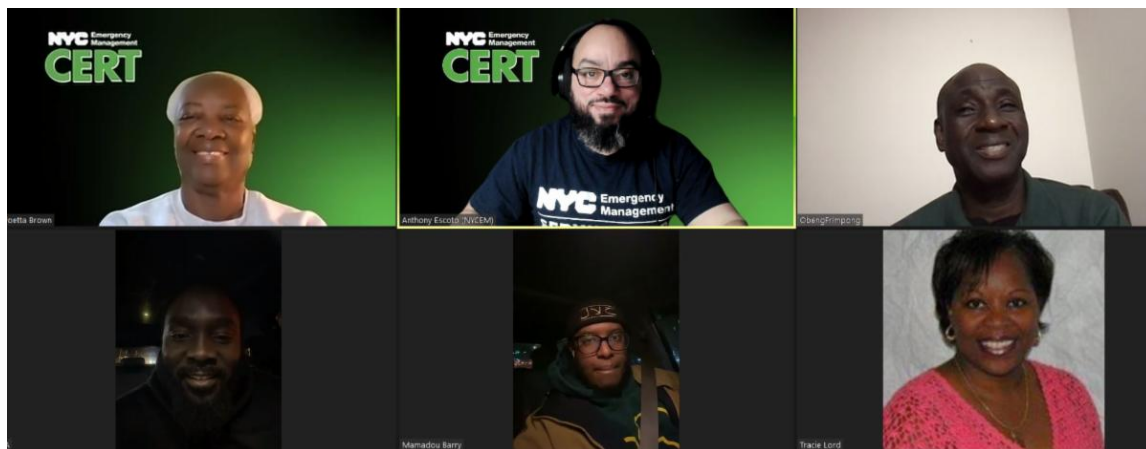
On Wednesday, January 24, 2024, CERT members received advanced training from CISA Subject Matter Expert (SME) Jose Dossantos on Active Shooter best practices. This essential training was attended by NYCEM Community Preparedness Partners Staten Island Urban Center, who joined CERT to enhance their active shooter response skills. The training focused on ways to be situationally aware, recognize a potential active shooter, and the three response tools to practice: run, hide, and fight.

Manhattan Division 5 Monthly Team Meeting



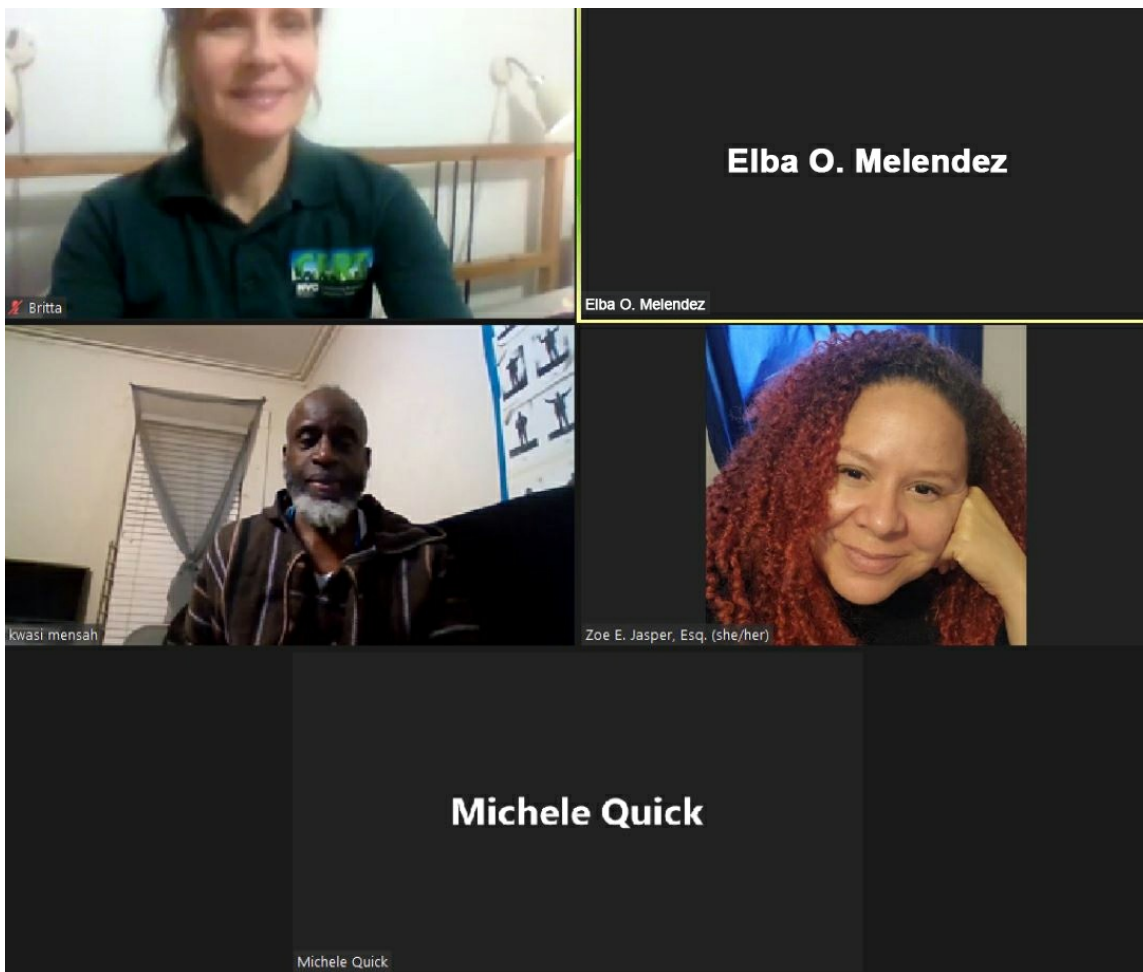
On Monday, January 22, 2024, Manhattan Division held a productive and engaging hybrid meeting where they discussed a range of important topics. One of the key highlights was their discussion around recruitment strategies, which they plan to schedule around the upcoming Basic Training schedule. The team also discussed their partnership with Harlem hospitals for upcoming tabling and outreach in September. Additionally, the Division will be holding go-bag presentations. Way to stay ready, Team.

Bronx Division 1 Monthly Team Meeting



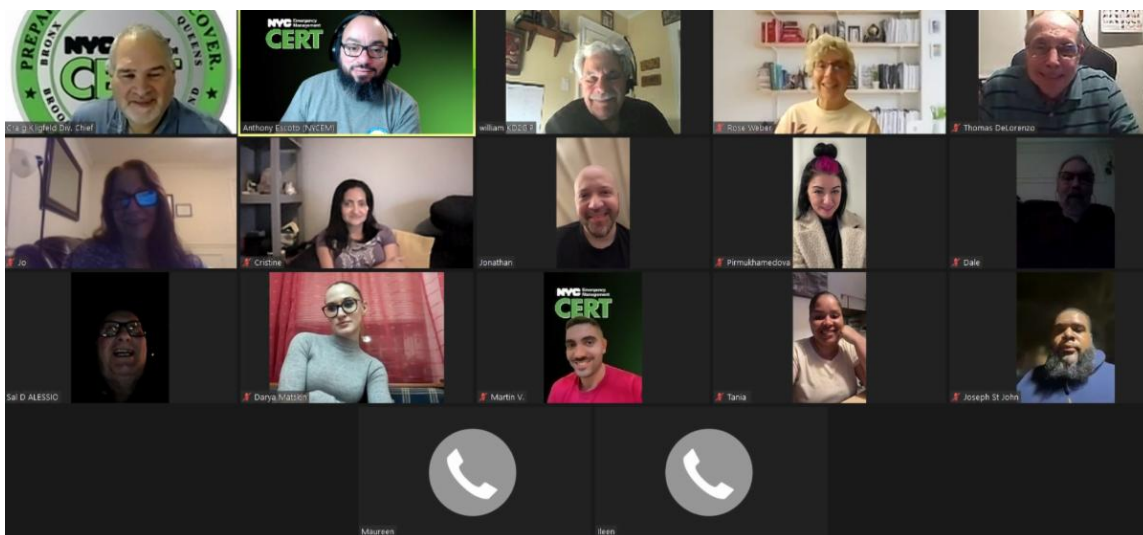
On Monday, January 22, 2023, Bronx Division 1 held their monthly team meeting, where they welcomed two new members to the division. CERT member Joetta Brown provided valuable insights by reviewing resources and answering questions on the newsletter. The team also discussed plans for the upcoming Disasterville Exercise for the Bronx/SBEN, and more information will be shared soon.

Brooklyn Division 4 Monthly Meeting



Brooklyn Division 4 held their monthly team meeting Monday, January 22, 2024. Division Chief Kwasi Mensah gave a hot wash of January deployments. The team also discussed possible upcoming events.

Brooklyn Division 5 Monthly Meeting



The Brooklyn Division 5 held their monthly team meeting, virtually, on Thursday, January 25, 2024. Division Chief Craig Kligfeld kicked off the meeting by recapping the successful Holiday event. The team then discussed the potential of supporting the FBBT. They also announced a new Division Secretary/Recorder, Tania Melenciano. We congratulate Tania on her new role and thank her for stepping up for the team.

Queens Division 1 Monthly Meeting



Queens Division 1 held their monthly team meeting to discuss their plans for the Spring. The hybrid meeting was well attended which allowed for great planning in the months ahead.

Queens Division 5 Monthly Meeting



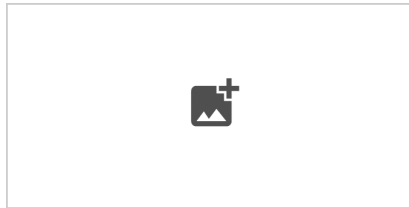
Queens 5 held their monthly team meeting to discuss activities the team has participated in to share with the team. They also discussed plans for spring recruitment and events.

Brooklyn Division 7 Monthly Meeting



Brooklyn Division 7 held their monthly meeting to discuss all of the Christmas participation of the team members in Brooklyn. Plans for the next Brooklyn event was discussed and participants were identified. Plans for Spring events are in the works.

Manhattan Division 2 Monthly Meeting



Manhattan Division 2 held their monthly meeting. They discussed leadership and training opportunities for the membership. A hybrid meeting/ celebration is planned for January.

Brooklyn Division 3 Monthly Team Meeting



Brooklyn Division 3 held their monthly meeting and discussed ways to build up the team and regain their relationship with the community. The team will focus on events and gaining ideas on community engagement as a team. The team was encouraged to bring ideas for the next meeting.

[Download the NYC CERT Background](#) 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 [NYC CERT External Request Form](#).
- 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 [Event Request form](#)



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 NYCCEM staff: [NYC CERT Volunteer Support](#)



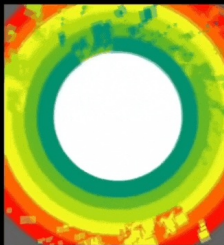
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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



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

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