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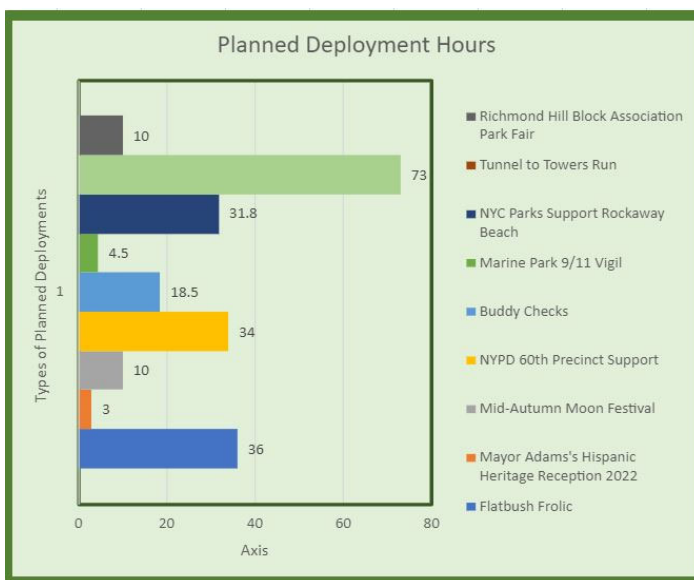
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This weekly newsletter should provide you with helpful information that you can share and discuss with your community members.

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National Preparedness Month After Action Review



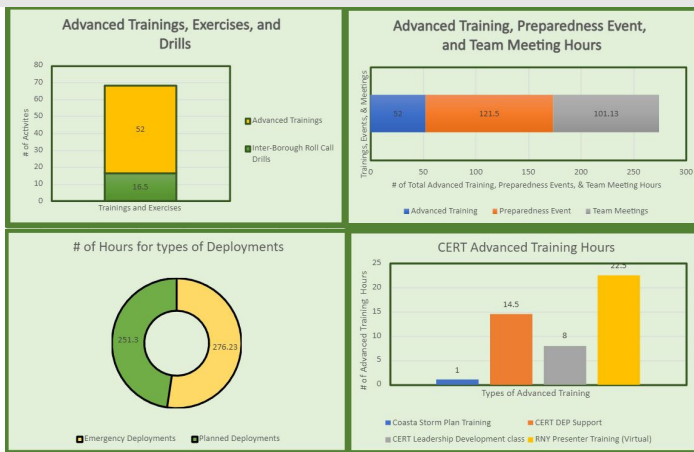
MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: **Brooklyn (CERT BK)**

Call Scenario: **Report how many of your division members submit snow measurements during the winter months.**

10/24 No Responding Borough

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

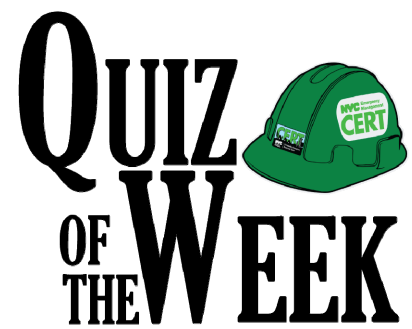


This year National Preparedness Month was busy yet different from previous years, as CERT volunteers answered the call to both an Asylum Seeker Stand-by deployment and an Emergency Water Distribution at Riis houses. That same week volunteers gathered to learn more about the DEP infrastructure and how CERT volunteers support the Citywide Flash Flood Plan when activated. And last but not least, volunteers participated in a Ready New York presenter training that expanded the group of potential members providing preparedness education through the city. This was all in just a 2 week span Thank you, CERT members!

Quiz of the Week

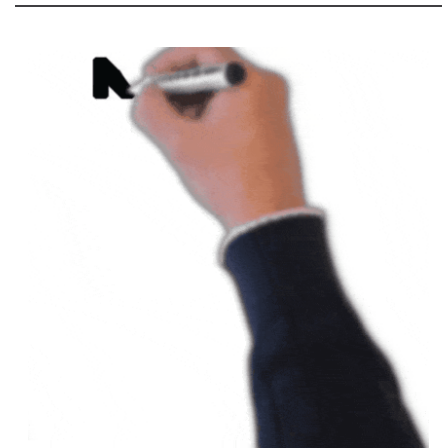
Thank you to all who participated in last week's Quiz of the Week. The correct answer is: **d) All of the above**. October is a big month for drawing awareness to many different health challenges. In addition to the above, October is also *National ADHD Awareness Month, Bullying Prevention Month, Crime Prevention Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Down Syndrome Awareness Month, Liver Awareness Month, Healthy Lung Month, Dysautonomia Awareness Month, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, Relt Syndrome Awareness Month, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month, Spina Bifida Awareness Month and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month*.

NYC CERT Leadership Positions

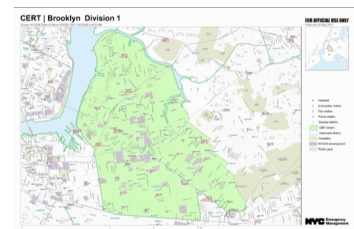


Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[Click Here!](#)



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](#)



Calling all CERT leaders!

The transition of volunteer leadership for is upon us. We are looking for potential new leadership for the roles of Borough Coordinator, Deputy Borough Coordinator, Division Chief and District Leader. We are encouraged by the amount of interest in leadership expressed by many of the members and we look forward to hearing from more of you.

Click the link below to find the roles and responsibilities for both leadership positions. Please note that the Division Chief and District Leader positions are all appointed by CERT program staff and have a term limit of two years. The term limits exist to offer other members the opportunity to lead and bring new and exciting thoughts, ideas, and leadership skills to the NYC CERT program.



[Click here for Division Leadership Roles Description](#)

Please contact **Regina Wilson, CERT Specialist**, to express your interest or inquiries for the available positions of Division Chief and District Leader. She can be reached at Rewilson@oem.nyc.gov or at 347-203-3614. Thank you again for your consideration



Space Heater Safety



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](#).

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.

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Combustible materials such as blankets, curtains, and newspapers can easily catch on fire. Be sure to keep these types of materials at least three feet away from space heaters.

- Turn off space heaters when you leave the room, house, or go to bed.
- Do not leave space heaters unattended.
- Only use equipment that has the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) mark which shows that the product has been safety tested.
- Turn off the space heater if the cord becomes hot.
- Plug space heaters directly into the socket instead of into an extension cord.
- Place the heater on the floor and never on a countertop or on furniture.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

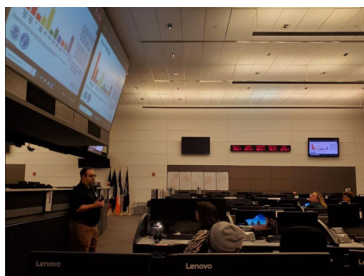
2022 National 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb



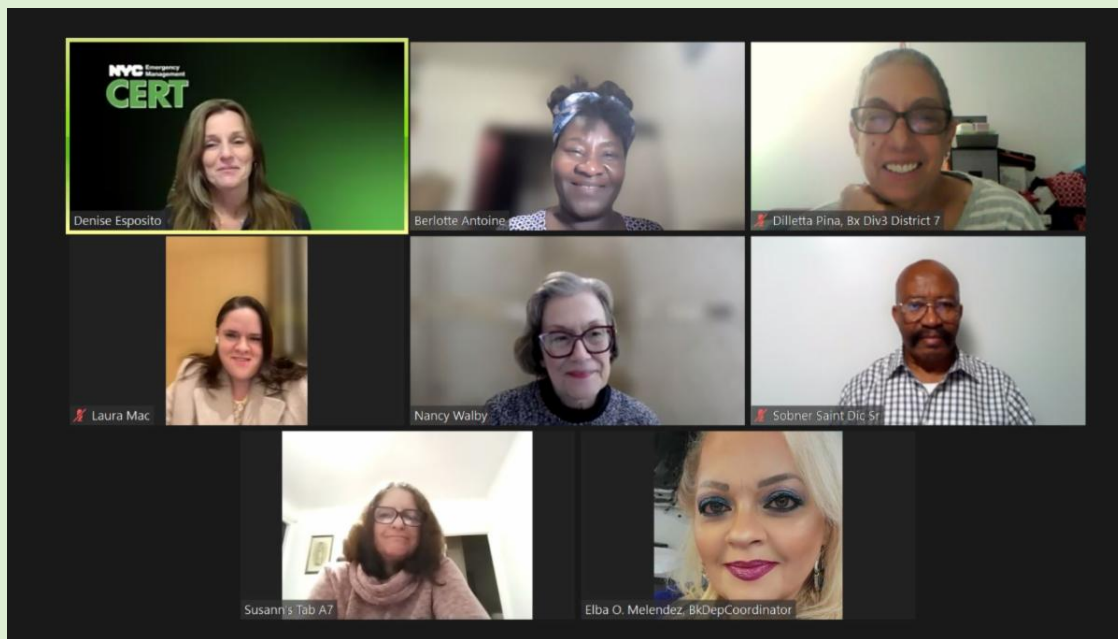
NYC CERT members participated in the 2022 National 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb as requested by our FDNY partners. Great turnout in short notice request!



CISA Active Shooter Training



NYC CERT Leadership and Community Preparedness Partners were invited to join the first ~~ST=@N@>PMOTKI? #TAM-NOP>CPM@4@>PMOT!~~ ~~"B@I>T"~~ (CISA) in-person Active Shooter training on October 19th at NYC Emergency Management EOC.



CERT Recruitment Group Meeting and Info Session

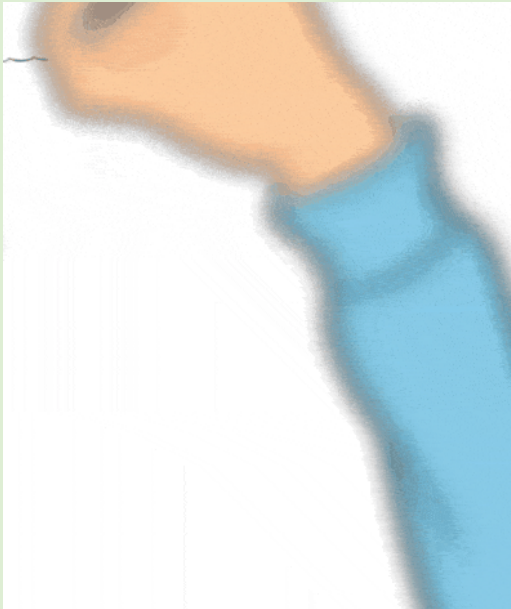
The CERT Recruitment Group members met on Monday night to discuss recruitment activities from National Preparedness Month and new events coming up. An info session was offered before the meeting for any active members that wanted to learn more about the group and possibly join the recruitment task force. Thank you to new member, Christine Doyle, for joining and participating in a recruitment exercise. Hope to see more members join the next info session, which was moved up to Monday, Nov. 14th!



[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



Are you interested in joining the NYC CERT Recruitment Group? NYCEM is trying to expand 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](#)



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.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

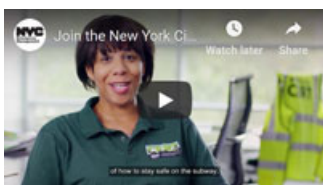
[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

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.

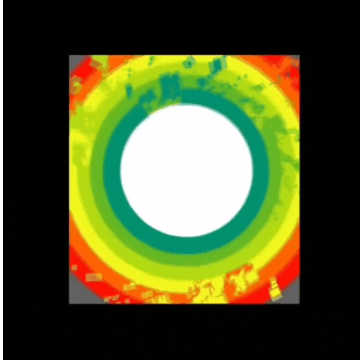


Listen to the NEW episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, Prep Talk ([SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#) & [Spreker](#)) and ¡Prepárate! on [SoundCloud](#).

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

For regularly updated information on Monkeypox please visit: 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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