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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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Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday to commemorate the birth of Martin Luther King Jr. This year the holiday falls on Monday, January 16th. The holiday is celebrated annually on the third Monday of January and celebrates the life and work of the Civil Rights Era leader. Dr. King's work was instrumental in helping African-Americans secure their rights. In addition to his work in civil rights, Dr. King also spoke up for the disadvantaged and impoverished.

Below are links to some videos you can watch to learn more about the work of Dr. King:

- [Martin Luther King Jr: Risked Life for Civil Rights Movement | Biography](#)
- [How Did Martin Luther King Jr. Get a Holiday? | PBS Originals](#)
- [Martin Luther King - The Fight for Civil Rights | The People Profiles](#)



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: CERT BK (Brooklyn)

01/16 Responding Borough: Queens

Call Scenario: Does your teams have an Emergency Plan?

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

Safety tips from Community Engagement!



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WEBINAR SERIES

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Tips

Join our webinar with FDNY to learn more about lithium-ion batteries, commonly found in rechargeable electronics like cellphones, laptops, e-bikes, and scooters.

Lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy and can catch fire if not treated properly. FDNY will share tips to use and store them safely.

The FDNY will be hosting a webinar detailing concerns and specifics regarding the handling of rechargeable lithium-ion batteries. These types of batteries can pose an assortment of issues if not handled properly. Join us in learning more about this important issue as it affects so many.

[Register Here: Thursday, January 19, 2023 | 1:00 PM](#)

Winter Weather Trivia

A severe snowstorm characterized by strong sustained winds and low visibility. Also known as famous Dairy Queen treat.

PLOWNYC	Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)	Blanket	Polar Vortex	Call 311
Snowmageddon	Utility Company (Con Ed, PSEG, National Grid)	Wind Chill	Winter Weather Advisory	Blizzard

Do you think you got what it takes to ace our Winter Weather Trivia?

[Click Here to Play](#)

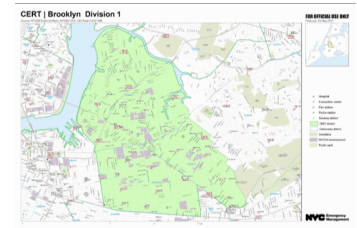
QUIZ OF THE WEEK



We are still hoping to have all of our members complete this volunteer survey. There is no right or wrong answer. NYC CERT volunteers wear many hats in the community. We are interested in what other organizations you also support. [Click Here](#) to participate in this survey.



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](#)



NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S LATEST 'PREP TALK' PODCAST DISCUSSES HOW THE DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION PREPARES FOR WINTER WEATHER

On this episode of "Prep Talk" Christian Hourihan, assistant chief at the Department of Sanitation, also known as the "Snow Chief" discusses how the agency prepares for snowstorms, the challenges of garbage removal during snowstorms, the process of clearing streets of snow and debris, and snow removal safety tips. Hourihan also talks about the department's biggest challenges when facing snowstorms and their role in citywide events such as the New York City Marathon.

"For Sanitation, winter season prep is a year-round thing," said **Christian Hourihan, Assistant Chief at the Department of Sanitation**. "Coming out of winter, the first thing we are doing is reassessing how did we perform and changes to routes that are necessary."

Listen to the latest episode: [SoundCloud](#) | [Apple Podcasts](#) | [Spreaker](#).



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](#).

2022 Volunteer Hours Deadline is January 20th



All volunteers must [submit their volunteer](#) hours for 2022 by **Friday, January 20th**. As a volunteer, you should be receiving credit for the hard work and incredible support you provide in serving your community whether it be at in-person events, during virtual training or on deployment. If you have any difficulty submitting your hours, please contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov.

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 [Android](#).

CERT SPOTLIGHT

Throwback Edition

The NYC Citizen Corps Council held its Seventh Annual Disaster Volunteer Conference: It Takes A City on May 9, 2013 at Pace University in Manhattan.

This following video highlights the importance of community and shows off the efforts put forth by organizations and the volunteers who supported.



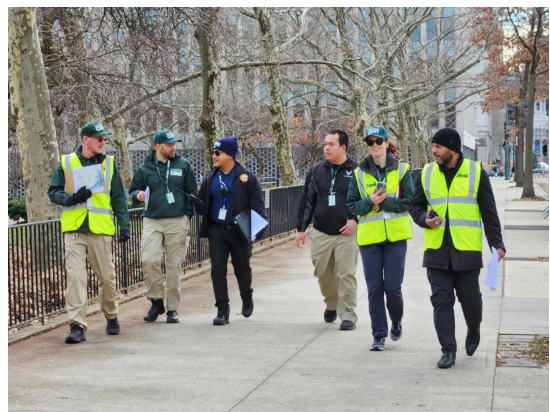
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

CERT Orientation



An orientation session was held on Thursday, January 11th to provide applicants with an overview of the program. We are finding out more and more that applicants are hearing about CERT from other CERT members at events they attended. Thank you for all that you do – it is obviously working! The next two opportunities to attend an orientation session are on Jan. 24th and Jan. 26th, if you would like to share that with potential applicants.

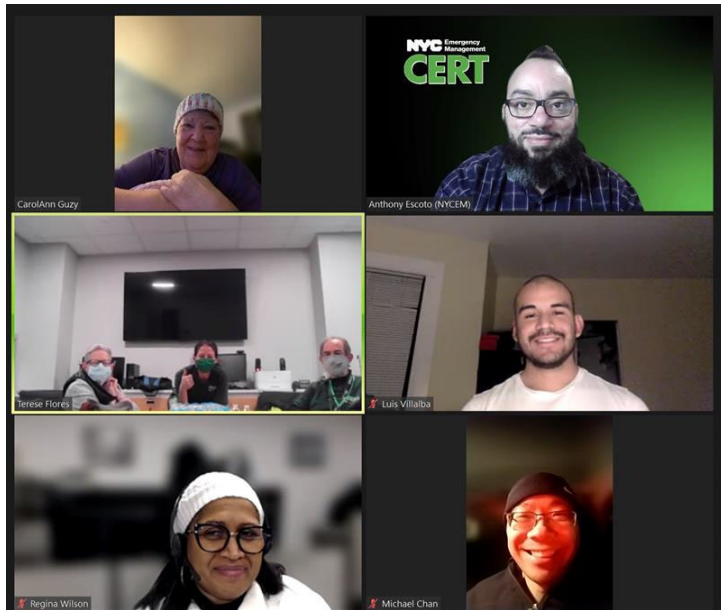
Point-to-Point Radio Training



Last Saturday NYC CERT volunteers participated in an advanced training concerning point-to-point radio communication at NYCEM HQ. During the training members utilized their knowledge from their IS-242b Effective Communications FEMA training to further grasp Local Point to Point Networks, UHF Radios (450 MHZ), Radio Terminology, Call Protocol and Proper Communication Procedures, and Network Control Operators (Citywide trained only). Thank you to all who attended the training!

*Pictured above (top left to bottom right) Radio Committee members supporting and training new NCO; NYC CERT staff member Anthony Escoto addressing participants; Director Joseph Pupello joined the Hotwash to provide feedback and thank all volunteers that came out to train and support the exercise; Members arriving back to HQ following the exercise.

Monthly Meetings

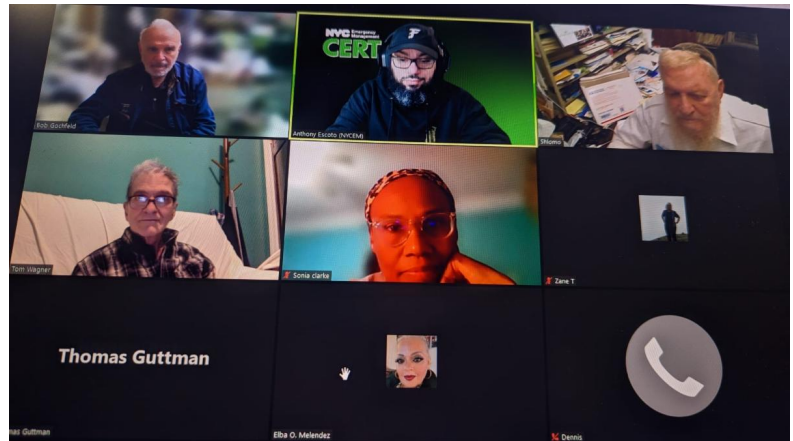


Queens Division 1

During their monthly division meeting, Division Chief Terese Flores walked through reminding volunteers the importance of what they do and why they joined the program while also leading a discussing the various ways that you as a member can serve throughout the year.

Brooklyn Division 6

Division members gathered virtually for their first meeting of the year to participate in heavy planning for upcoming events throughout the division. Looking forward to what this new year brings!



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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Human Trafficking Awareness Presentation



The month of January signifies Human Trafficking Month and serves as a reminder to always be aware of these heinous acts.

On January 23rd, there will be a presentation held to learn how to define and understand the severity and scope of human trafficking, identify red flags of trafficking, the intersections between intimate partner violence and human trafficking, and trauma-informed lens, resources, and tools to increase efficacy in supporting survivors of trafficking.

[Click Here to Register](#)

NOAA Eastern Region Climate Services Webinar

The Northeast Regional Climate Center hosts a monthly webinar with NOAA affiliates to address timely weather and climate concerns.

The topics vary by the day the presentation is given; they are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 31 - Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation Tool

[Webinar time: 9:30am-10:30am]

[Click Here to Register](#)



Preparedness Webinar for People with Loss of Sight, Hearing or Combined Loss



FEMA will be hosting a webinar on January 19th from 12:30pm-1:30pm concerning preparedness for people with hearing or vision or a combined loss and how Emergency Managers should consider this population when making their plans.

This webinar will highlight preparedness for individuals as well as emergency managers for developing plans for their community.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Resolve To Be Ready With: Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN)

FEMA HQ and Region 2 will be hosting a webinar on the Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN) training on January 25th from 2pm-3pm.

Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN) training provides a variety of organizations tools they need to prepare for disasters and sustain operations, in order to provide critical services to those disproportionately impacted by an incident.

[Click Here to Register](#)



Responding to the Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs Community



[Click Here to Register](#)

FEMA will be hosting a webinar on January 24th from 1pm - 2:30pm discussing involving and serving individuals with DAFN in CERT.

By starting at the municipal level, these CERTs help improve and enhance emergency preparedness and response efforts—from helping individuals with DAFN create personal preparedness plans to ensuring accessibility is restored following disasters. Strategies on how to best involve and serve individuals with DAFN in relation to the CERT program will be discussed.

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.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Ready New York Speakers Bureau Refresher

The Ready New York program is looking for trained presenters who are interested in engaging more community members via the Ready NY program. Joining the Speakers Bureau for these events also puts you in the running John D. Solomon Award for Exemplary Service in Emergency Preparedness Education.

If you are interested in learning more or just brushing up on your presentation skills, [sign up for the teach-back event on January 17th!](#)



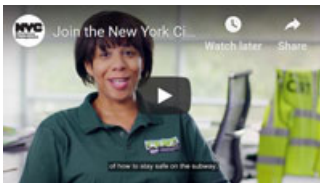
[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

Schedule free training for your Division here : [FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#).

[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalogue](#) includes all recorded webinars.

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



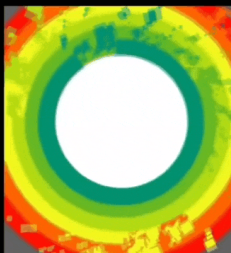
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[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](#).



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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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