

**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.

## DEP Support Request

NYC Emergency Management is requesting that NYC CERT members check catch basins in their area. Use [NYCDEP Citywide Catch Basins Map](#) to find the catch basins by entering your home address or using your current location. NYC CERT members can assist the Department of Environmental Protection to help avoid flooding and backups.



### Operational Role:

- Safely clearing catch basins in your area using a broom or rake
- If the basin is clogged below the grate, file a report by calling 311
- DO NOT attempt to lift or remove the grate

Report any actions taken by completing the form found in the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/Uk76ezbH6hMGQNZ3>

Remember always to follow the NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures](#) when deploying (including contacting NYCEM Watch Command to deploy and stand down).

Be sure to submit your volunteer hours by [clicking here](#). Use the *DEP Support* shift to report hours for this request. Don't forget your camera or smartphone! We'd like you to send any photos to us to share on social media. Send all photos to [cert@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov)

This DEP Request can be shared with members of the community as it is good practice to clear catch basins prior to a weather event like this.

## EMERGENCY DEPLOYMENT: Asylum Seeker Respite Center Support

MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

**Borough Channel:** CERT QNS (Queens)

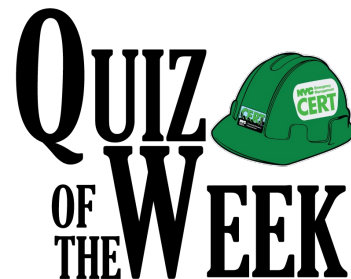
**05/22 Call Scenario:** What Evacuation Zone are you in (if any)? Where is the nearest Evacuation Center?

Be prepared and visit the [Know Your Zone website](#).

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 FOR THIS WEEK'S QUESTION](#)**

NYC CERT volunteers are currently supporting the management of Respite Centers across the city for Asylum Seekers.

Please click on the site below for more details and site(s) and days/times you wish to support.

Volunteer shifts are being updated weekly.

[Respite Center Bronx:](#)

**Bathgate** 4006 3rd Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457

[Respite Center: Manhattan.](#)

**Police Academy** 235 E 20th Street, New York, NY 10003

[Respite Center Manhattan,](#)

**Touro College** 320 West 31st Street, New York, NY 10001

[Respite Center: Queens.](#)

**St. Margaret Mary** 9-16 27th Avenue, Astoria, NY 11102

[Respite Center Queens:](#)

**35th Avenue** 37-11 35th Avenue, Queens, NY 11106

[Respite Center Staten Island.](#)

**Tompkins** 155 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10304

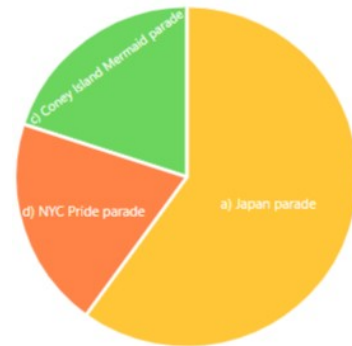
**IF YOU DO NOT REGISTER YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY.**

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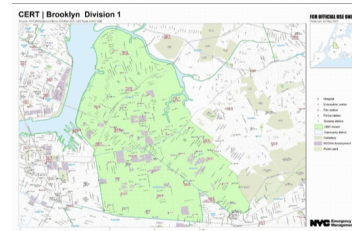
## NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HOSTS GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR JOHN D. SOLOMON FELLOWSHIP FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Last week's question: CERT members support several parades throughout the year by assisting with pedestrian and vehicular traffic management, crowd control, etc. This Saturday, May 13th, CERTs will be supporting the \_\_\_\_\_.

The correct answer is: **a) Japan parade.** The St. Patrick's day parade was in March and the other two parades are in June. The Japan parade is celebrated in NYC and it is an opportunity to experience the wonders of traditional and modern Japanese culture.



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.



New York City Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol and First Deputy Commissioner Christina Farrell presided over a graduation ceremony for the ten graduate students who completed the 2022-2023 John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service.

“For the last 11 years, the John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service has prepared the next generation of public servants. Fellows learn first-hand from experts in the field while gaining invaluable experience from their respective agencies,” said **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol**. “We are extremely proud to work alongside the Solomon family to ensure the public sector has the best and brightest talent.”

To view the full press release, [please click here](#).  
For more information on this year’s ten graduates, [click here](#).

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## FEMA Region 2 Shout Out!



FEMA Region 2 highlighted Community Preparedness Officer Debbie Costa, Training Officer Devin Kerins, and participants from the NJ CERT Workshop on May 6th and 7th in Burlington County, NJ in their most recent Preparedness and Resilience Bulletin.

The FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division is also currently seeking to provide a forum to CERT groups to share information about their activities and best practices. Please let us know if you are interested in sharing stories with Region 2 by emailing us at [cert@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov).

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## National Wildfire Awareness Month: Are you Ready?

May is National Wildfire Awareness Month, a time when everyone can take precautions at home and in our community to lessen the likelihood of

[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!](#)

For more questions on how to submit your service hours you can view the [Hours Submission FAQs](#).



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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fires occurring throughout the year and their effects. Planning a vacation means keeping in mind things like camping, family get-togethers, grilling, and the Fourth of July.

These dangerous fires spread rapidly and can crush not only wildlife and natural areas, but also communities.

Because almost 90% of wildland fires are caused by people, we all have a responsibility to protect our homes, properties, communities, and nature from wildfires.

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## Disaster Awareness for People with Disabilities



We invite you all to attend a workshop on Emergency Preparedness Disaster Awareness for People with Disabilities. The workshop will be offered by the Region 2 National Preparedness Division in conjunction with the Region 2 and JRO Disability Integration Advisors.

The purpose of this workshop is to educate individuals with disabilities, their families, caregivers, and the general public about the importance of preparing for emergency situations brought on by an event. In addition, it provides advice on how to identify the kind of risks in your community and special considerations.

In order to effectively prepare for emergencies and disasters, it is essential to take into consideration each individual's circumstances for people with disabilities and their families. Additionally, Emergency Managers will learn how to better interact, and the necessary etiquette to support people with disabilities during emergencies.

Please click the link below to register.

[Disaster Awareness for People with Disabilities](#)

[Wednesday, May 24, 2023 | 1PM - 2PM](#)

## Help us Celebrate 20 Years of NYC CERT



### **Send us your CERT photos or videos!**

We have created a link for you to easily upload your collection of CERT related photos and videos from your time in the program.

You may upload several items per event/deployment, but only a maximum of three per submission. After submitting, there will be an option to submit three more!

You can scan the accompanying QR code or use this link: [on.nyc.gov/CERTupload](https://on.nyc.gov/CERTupload)

Please label the files in the following manner: **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](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov). Thank you!

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

### **Asylum Seeker Respite Center Support**

At the request of New York City Emergency Management, CERT volunteers were requested to support Asylum Seeker Respite Centers. While at these centers, they are assisting NYCEM staff with managing the center as well as some pedestrian management, loading and off-loading supplies, commodity distribution and registration.

Thank you everyone who has been assisting with the staffing of Respite Centers during these ongoing operations.



Manhattan Division 2 CERT member Cynthia Esposito assisting at the NYPD Police Academy Respite Center

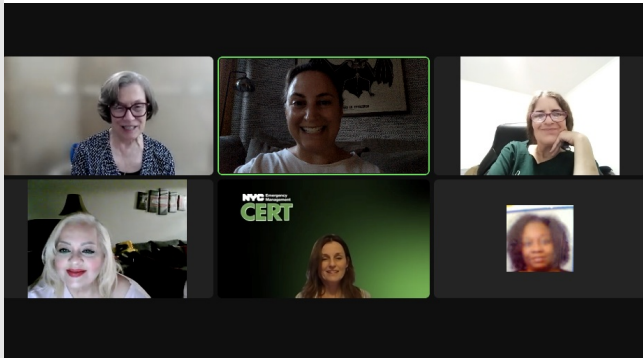
### **NYC CERT Preparedness**

Our NYC CERT Brooklyn Borough Coordinator was joined by volunteers from Brooklyn Division 1, 4, and 7 for the Haitian Flag Day event hosted by Councilmember Mercedes Narcisse at the Brooklyn Children's Museum this past Thursday, May 18th. They distributed Ready New York preparedness material including the Ready Girl comics to those in attendance. Great work!



## CERT Recruitment Group Meeting

The CERT Recruitment Group held their monthly meeting on Monday, May 15th. Although many members were unavailable due to other obligations, including covering staffing needs for various Asylum Seeker Respite Centers, the discussion was lively and many suggestions were shared on how to enhance our recruitment methods. Thank you for your suggestions! We are always looking for more recruitment and outreach ideas, so please feel free to share at [cert@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov)!



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



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## The Fabulous 5th Ave Fair

The NYPD 78th Pct., Community Affairs Division is looking for twenty (20) CERT volunteers with supporting the Fabulous Fifth Avenue taking place at 5th Ave between 3rd & 4th St Brooklyn, NY 11215 on 05/21/23 from 9:30AM to 4pm. CERT volunteers who sign up for this deployment will assist with pedestrian

and vehicle traffic management. For more details, [please click here](#).



## Bay Ridge Memorial Day Parade

On May 29th, volunteers will assist Brooklyn's 156th Memorial Day Parade in Bay Ridge. NYC CERT will support crowd and traffic management along the parade route, direct parade participants to parade vehicles/floats, and help veterans on to floats at the parade assembly area.

[Register Now: Monday, May 29th | 9:30AM - 4:00 PM](#)

## SSG Michael Ollis 5k Run & 2-Mile Walk

The 7th Annual SSG Michael Ollis 5k Run & 2-Mile event will be taking place on June 11th from 7am-1pm. NYC CERT has been requested to assist with event preparation along pedestrian traffic management and various other roles.

[Register Now: Sunday June 11 | 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM](#)



## 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





# 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.

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

### CPR, Narcan and Stop The Bleed

NY Presbyterian’s Community Affairs Department will provide advanced training in Hands-Only CPR, Narcan administration and best practices for effective administration of Stop the Bleed techniques on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 6:30 pm, at 3700 Henry Hudson Pkwy, The Bronx, NY 10463.



[CPR/Narcan/Stop the Bleed Registration, Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 6:30 PM](#)

[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.

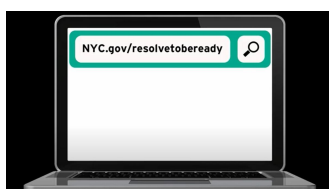
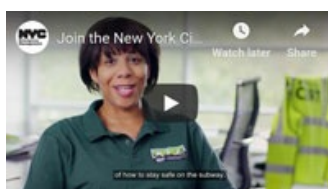
## THINGS TO KNOW

### CERT Self-Deployment

We at NYCEM appreciate NYC CERT volunteer's service and dedication to public safety and want to support members in any way possible. However, as your instructors, volunteer leadership, and NYCEM staff have told all CERT members from day one of basic training: NYC CERT **NEVER** self-deploy.

We encourage all CERT to listen to their Division leadership and ask any questions that may come to mind. We also want to encourage all members to review the NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures, Section 5: Operations, Deployment protocol.

Find the NYC CERT Protocols here: [NYC CERT SOPs](#)  
Schedule a meeting with NYCEM staff: [NYC CERT Volunteer Support](#)

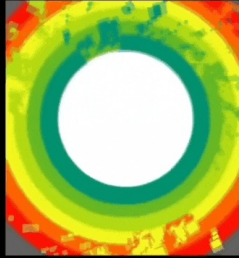




[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)  
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)  
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)

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

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



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