

## Celebrate Good Samaritan Involvement Day



As CERT volunteers, you understand the importance of stepping up and making a difference when it matters most. Good Samaritan Involvement Day, observed every March 13th, serves as a reminder of the impact each of us can have on the safety and well-being of those around us.

This day holds special significance as we honor the memory of Catherine Genovese, whose tragic murder in 1964 could have been prevented if someone had intervened. It serves as a powerful reminder for situational awareness and compassion.

Remember, being the help before help arrives doesn't always mean putting yourself in danger or the need to employ life saving skills. Sometimes, it's as simple as calling 911. Your actions can make all the difference.

On this Good Samaritan Involvement Day, we celebrate the incredible generosity and compassion exhibited by our CERT members. For over 20 years, you have exemplified the true spirit of service through your dedication to preparedness education, planned deployments, and team engagement.

Thank you. Let's continue to lead by example!



### MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

#### BOROUGH CHANNEL

Queens

03/18/2024

Queens

#### Call Scenario:

Report how many team members are radio trained.

#### Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

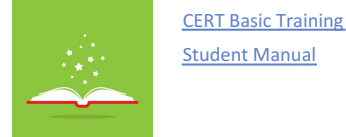


The [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#) provides guidance and outlines policies and procedures for you and your team to follow.

[View and Download the Complete NYC](#)

Learn five simple steps that may save a life from this FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division webinar: [You Are the Help Until Help Arrives](#).

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## Ramadan Kareem! Happy Ramadan!



As the Muslim community embarks on a season of reverence, reflection and celebration, we can appreciate the diversity that we encounter as CERT members. Here are a few ways to wish someone a celebratory season:

1. Have a happy Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr ahead!
2. May your iftar be filled with great food, family, and friends!
3. I hope you find all that you seek this Ramadan.
4. Have a restorative Ramadan!
5. May all your duas come to fruition!
6. Peace, joy and love. Ramadan Mubarak.
7. Ramadan Kareem.

Learn more about the significance and traditions of [Ramadan](#).

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## Time For Change – Replace Smoke/CO Alarms' Batteries Today

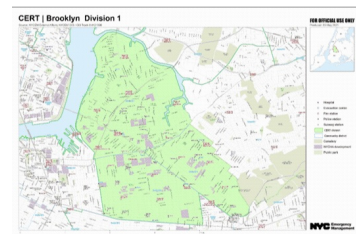


View the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

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](#).

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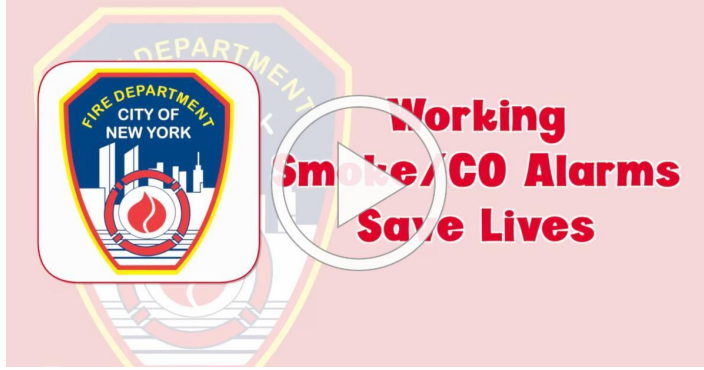
NYC CERT Division maps are available (pdf format) to support recruitment and preparedness planning in your community.

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

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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.



**FDNY Smart** Spring is here, and with it comes the reminder to prioritize safety in our homes. As the clocks sprung forward, signaling the arrival of a new season, it's essential to ensure that our emergency warning systems are in top-notch condition. Take a moment to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors. By doing so, you can rest easy knowing that these crucial devices will function effectively if the need arises. Early warnings are key to safeguarding yourself and your loved ones, so let's make safety a top priority this spring!

Learn more and get [FDNY Smart Safety Tips and Resources](#).

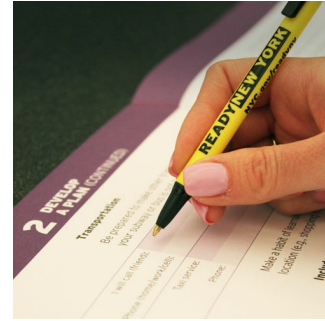
## Spring Refresh Your Go-Bag



Spring is a time for fresh growth. Don't just change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, take an extra minute to refresh and update your Go-Bag! Replace expired items and seasonal gear. Re-evaluate your family's needs and add the items to meet them. Maintain your ready-for-any-situation Go-Bag to keep safety a priority.

Learn more about [Go Bag - Kit List](#).

Your NYC CERT Ready New York Liaison can submit a [Ready New York Material Request](#) for upcoming events.



**Leadership:** Division 1 members' credentials are ready for pick-up! Also, if you have any members that graduated in July 2023 (cycle 44), please remember to schedule a pick-up, or permit them to schedule a pick-up for their permanent ID using this link: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTpickup>

If the pick-up options do not work with your schedule, please reach out to: [desposito@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:desposito@oem.nyc.gov).



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# NYC Emergency Management

## COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

### Climate Strong Communities

## Soundview, The Bronx Public Workshop #2



Thursday, March 21 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community Center, 1000 Rosedale Avenue

The Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice is working to reduce risks from extreme weather like heat waves and flooding in Soundview. Please join us to share your opinions on:

- **Heatwaves:** How can we make public spaces and streets cooler in the summer?
- **Heavy Rainfall:** How can we reduce flooding in the neighborhood?
- **Clean Energy:** What kinds of opportunities are available with renewable energy?
- **Greening:** How can trees and gardens help cool the neighborhood and reduce flooding?

Food and drinks will be provided. Children and teens are welcome.

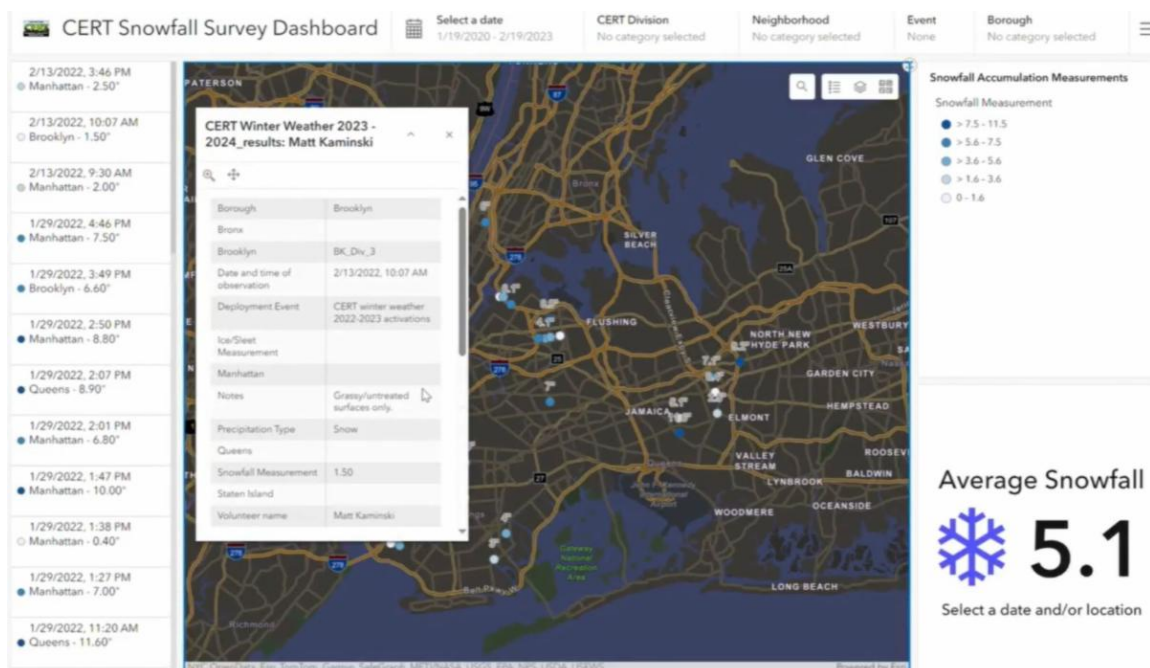
**Registration:** To RSVP, please scan the QR code or visit: <https://bit.ly/3UHDS0p>

**Accessibility:** To request accessibility accommodations or translation services, please complete the RSVP form or contact [ClimateStrongCommunities@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:ClimateStrongCommunities@cityhall.nyc.gov) by Thursday, March 14.



[Registration | Thurs, March 21, 2024 6PM](#)

## NYC CERT Winter Weather Webinar





Join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division and NYC Emergency Management for a special webinar on training, exercising and engaging CERT in winter weather.

Hail, snow, freezing rain and ice-cold temperatures present challenges for volunteers assisting in their community. Learn how NYC Emergency Management trains, exercises and utilizes CERT volunteers to assist EM and provide support to the citizens of New York City.

Watch the [NYC CERT Winter Weather Webinar](#).

## Send Us Your Photos!



*Please continue to share an and all photos and videos from your NYC CERT events at [on.nyc.gov/CERTupload](https://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](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov). Thank you!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Bronx Division1 invites all CERT to come and meet your fellow borough members as we gather and network with each other and NYC Emergency Management staff. NYC CERT will join forces with a reliable NYC Emergency Management community partner to simulate tackling a hazard training exercise.

**Please Note:** No prior training or knowledge other than what your veteran or new graduate brings to the table.

### Activity Learning Objectives:

- Individual Preparedness/Awareness
- CERT Deployment Protocols
- Have fun!

**Gear:** Please Wear your CERT polo and ID!

[Registration | Wed, April 10, 2024 6:00PM](#)

## 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](#)

### **Good Friday Procession in Bensonhurst**

The 62nd Precinct Community Affairs Division has requested CERT assistance with vehicle and crowd safety control.

[Registration | Fri, March 29, 2024 6PM](#)



### **Gerritsen Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade**

CERT volunteers will assist the Gerritsen Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade with traffic and crowd control.

[Registration | Sun, March 30, 2024 10AM](#)

# **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.

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

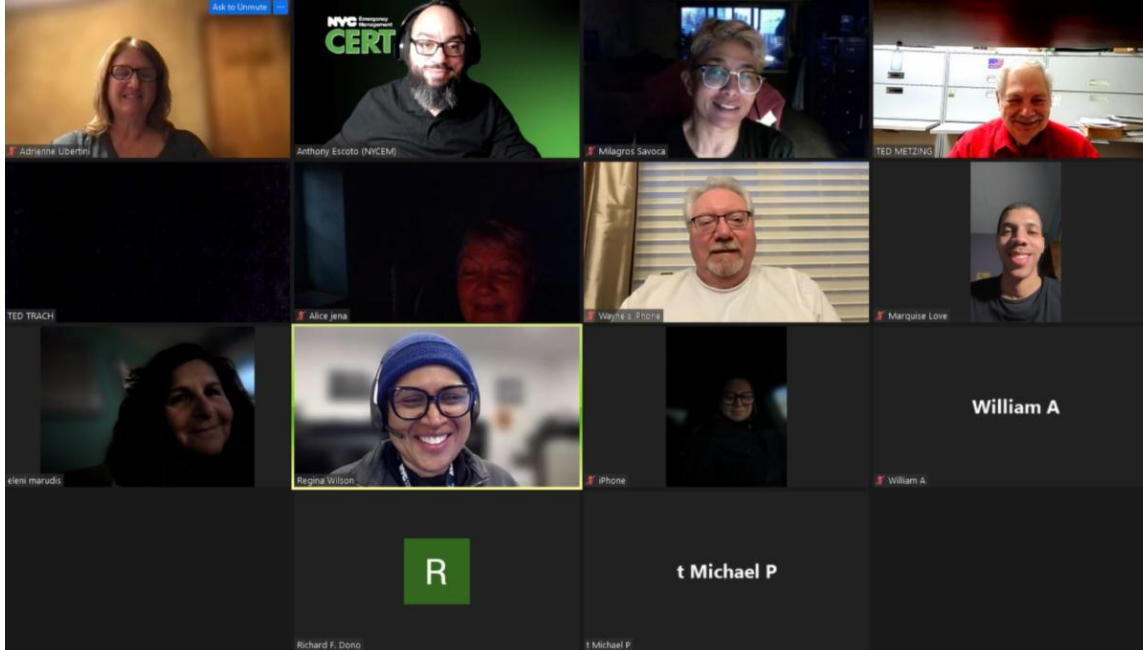
Schedule free training for your Division here : [FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#).

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

## NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

### Queens Division 5 Monthly Team Meeting

Queens Division 5 had a robust meeting on March 11, 2024. They were joined by CERT Programming Staff, who was able to clarify the mentor/mentee roles. The team planned an in-person meeting, discussed local upcoming trainings, and the potential engagement with the Far Rockaway community.



## CERT Recruitment Event at Bronx Library Center

NYCEM staff and CERT volunteers hosted a CERT Recruitment event this past Wednesday, March 13th at the Bronx Library Center. This beautiful library falls in one of the focus areas for 2024 recruitment development. It was a perfect setting for visitors to peruse the vast collection of books and resources available and meander over to our table to receive some information on how to join the NYC CERT program and pick up some Ready NY emergency preparedness guides. Thank you to Angel Perez, from Ready NY, and all of our wonderful CERT volunteers for their support at this event. We filled up our CERT sign-up sheets and handed out plenty of CERT palm cards and fliers! Stay tuned for more recruitment events coming up!

*\*Focus area: Bronx district 5*



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



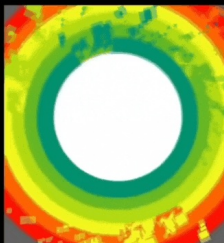
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)  
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)  
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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

*Choose a Topic:*

CERT Pick-up  
(In-Person)

NYC CERT  
Operations

Advanced  
Training

Exercises  
& Tabletops

General  
Questions

CERT ID  
Questions

Leadership  
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