

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.

GRADUATION EDITION



Earlier this week we celebrated our new graduates and welcomed them into our New York City CERT family!

Geoffroy Bablon, Brooklyn Division 1
Teri Carby, Queens Division 6
Jaime Cho, Queens Division 2
Dinyasia Crum-Nelson, Brooklyn Division 5
Margarita Cruz, Bronx Division 2
Jerome David, Queens Division 1
Galios Yerania Diaz Corredor, Queens Division 1
Mohammed Forkan, Brooklyn Division 6
Marquise M. Gales-Love, Queens Division 5
Arkadiusz Golak, Queens Division 3
Zhi Keng He, Queens Division 4
Sherry D. Henderson, Bronx Division 4
Zoe Jasper, Brooklyn Division 4
Amy Jeffrey, Manhattan Division 2
Frederica Lewis, Brooklyn Division 4
Carlos Lopez, Brooklyn Division 5
Jerry Lung, Manhattan Division 3
Tania Melenciano, Brooklyn Division 5
Wayne Miller, Queens Division 5
Sister Karriemah Muqet, Brooklyn Division 3
Jean Neftin, Brooklyn Division 7
Shyam Ramballi, Brooklyn Division 6



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Brough Channel: CERT SI

07/24 Responding Borough: No
Response

Call Scenario: Have you participated in
your district or division virtual meetings?

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

QUIZ OF THE WEEK



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](#)**

Ayreen Rangel, Manhattan Division 4
Ileana Rosario, Brooklyn Division 1
Oswald Torres, Queens Division 3
Denise Walker, Queens Division 6
Laura Watiker, Manhattan Division 2

NYC CERT Graduation Press Release

Photos from Graduation Ceremony



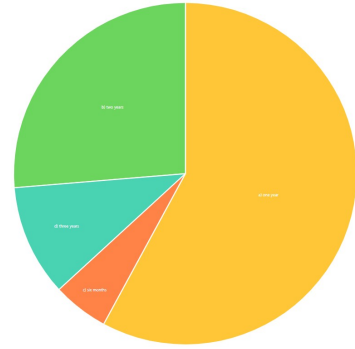
During the graduation, NYC CERT members from around the city were awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award for volunteering over 100 hours in 2022. The award was presented by **NYC Emergency Management Deputy Commissioner for Community Engagement, Herman Schaffer**.



Award Recipients:

Khalil Abdul-Wahhab, Bronx Division 4
Christopher Lino Queens Division 5
David Bernard, Brooklyn Division 6
Marcin Bolesta, Brooklyn Division 5
Christopher Castillo, Manhattan Division 1
JoAnn D'Alessio, Manhattan Division 5
Sal D'Alessio, Brooklyn Division 5
Richard Dono, Queens Division 5
Christine Doyle, Brooklyn Division 2
Sheldon Fine, Manhattan Division 2
Susan Flaschenberg, Brooklyn Division 5
Britta Husack, Brooklyn Division 4
Lewis Iglehart, Brooklyn Division 6
Elliot Inz, Brooklyn Division 2
Albert Khalifeh, Brooklyn Division 7
Craig Kligfeld, Brooklyn Division 5
Darya Matskin, Brooklyn Division 5
Elba Melendez, Brooklyn Division 7
Michael Pabon, Queens Division 5

Last week's question: When joining NYC CERT, members commit to a minimum of _____ of volunteer service with their local division and the program.

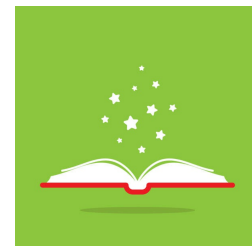


The correct answer is: **a) one year.**

Interested applicants are provided with a full overview of the NYC CERT program and all policies and responsibilities of members during orientation, including the commitment to serve for at least one year as a CERT volunteer in return for their training. Not a bad deal!

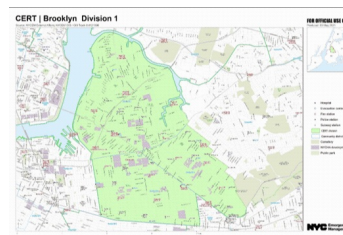


The [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#) provides guidance and outlines policies and procedures for you and your team to follow.



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

Dilletta Piña, Bronx Division 2
Beth Rowan, Manhattan Division 3
Sobner Saint Dic Brooklyn Division 7
Patricia Sallin, Manhattan Division 3
Jay Schofield, Manhattan Division 3
Delores Smith-Johnson, Brooklyn Division 1
Anthony Solomita, Manhattan Division 3
Joseph St John, Brooklyn Division 7
Urie Stern, Bronx Division 3
Alan Stoddart, Brooklyn Division 5
Angela Thompson, Brooklyn Division 2
William Vitale, Brooklyn Division 5
Tom Wagner, Brooklyn Division 6
Nancy Walby, Brooklyn Division 7



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

[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](#).

National Night Out Against Crime



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.

For our new graduates, this may be the first large event they will have the opportunity to participate in - **National Night Out**. This is the

largest annual citywide event that the NYC CERT program participates in, is coming up on Tuesday, August 1st. Thank you to all who have already submitted their event and material requests.

If you have not yet connected with your leadership to discuss which NYPD precinct events you will be supporting this year, please reach out ASAP. It is best to work in pairs to cover as many precincts in your division as possible. We need your help to spread the word about the importance of being prepared for emergencies and this citywide event is the perfect opportunity to reach the greatest amount of New Yorkers!

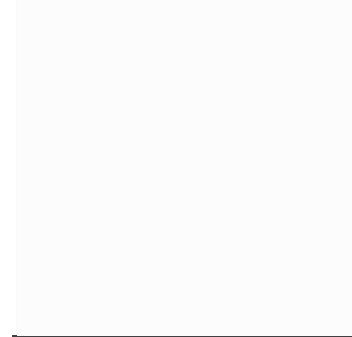
Please check in with your team to also determine who will be submitting the event and material requests to avoid duplicates. We have compiled the Coordinator Contact list and NYPD Precinct contacts, in the link below for your reference.

[NYPD Aux Coordinator Contact list](#)
[Find your Precinct - Contact](#)



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](#).



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

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. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Brooklyn Leader's Interacting with elected officials



CERT Brooklyn Leaders just participated in a fantastic tabling event - Holy Family Day and guess what? Several local elected officials stopped by to show their support! That's right, our CERT Brooklyn Leaders are building bridges and forging relationships with their elected officials. We're so proud of the hard work they're doing to keep our communities safe and resilient. Keep it up, CERT Brooklyn Leaders! You guys rock!



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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



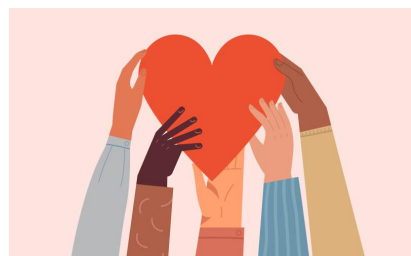
Gracie Mansion Cultural Receptions

The Mayor's office asked for Special Projects and Community events; CERT will help with pedestrian and line traffic management.

Please see below for each registration page:

Eastern European Cultural Heritage Celebration

[Registration: Tue, Jul 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)



Dominican Republic Heritage Reception
[Registration: Tue, Aug 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)



Haitian Heritage Reception

[Registration, Thu, Aug 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)



Arab Heritage Reception

[Registration, Thu, Aug 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)

German American Heritage Reception

[Registration, Thu, Aug 31, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)



3rd Avenue Summer Stroll/Open Streets in Bay Ridge

CERT volunteers will be joining forces with the 3rd Avenue Merchants Association to help keep things moving and grooving at Bay Ridge's 3rd Avenue Stroll and Open Streets event! That's right, you heard it here first! Our CERT team will be on hand to lend a helping hand with vehicle traffic management and crowd control. So don't miss out on the fun! Come on down and join us for an awesome day of strolling and rolling!

[Several Dates](#)

[3rd Ave Summer Stroll Registration at 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM](#)

46th Annual Brighton Jubilee

Get your gear ready and join us for a day of fun, excitement, and community service at the 46TH Brighton Beach Jubilee. We need your help with vehicle and pedestrian control, and to distribute RNY preparedness material to the attendees. Let's show our community how much we care and make this event a huge success! So put on your superhero capes, grab your walkie-talkies and join us for a day filled with adventure and service! Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference and be a part of something amazing!



[Registration, Sun, Aug 27, 2023 at 7:30 AM](#)

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.

THINGS TO KNOW

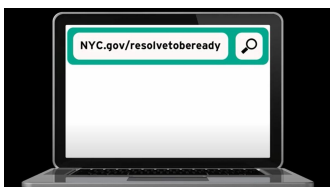
CERT Self-Deployment

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](#)

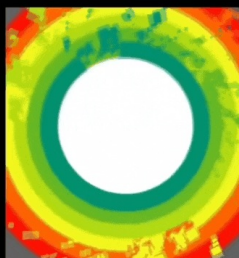
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)

[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](#).



[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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