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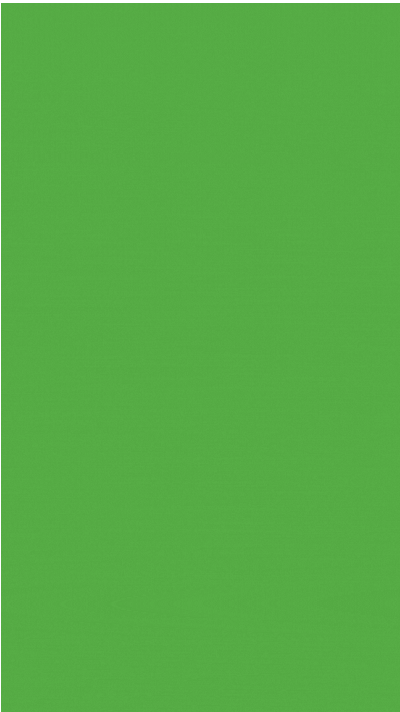


NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

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


[Click here to view as a webpage](#)

20 Years of CERT!



As you know, this year marks the 20th Anniversary of the NYC CERT program!

We are working on a few different ways to celebrate and highlight this milestone with our members and showcase them for the public. One of the things that we would like to do is collect photos from past years. To help with collection, we have created a link where you can easily upload your submissions. We would like to standardize how the photos are labeled in order to better organize the collages. You can upload several photos per event, but only a



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL
Borough Channel: CERT BK (Brooklyn)

01/30 Responding Borough: Brooklyn

Call Scenario: Does your teams have an Emergency Plan?

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

maximum of three events per submission. If you have more than three events, just submit three at a time and go back into the link to do another three, etc.


Scan the QR code or use this link:
on.nyc.gov/CERTupload

Please label the photos in the following way: **Date, including year, Borough, Division or team, Event, members pictured.**

If you have any questions, please contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov. Thank you!
We look forward to seeing all of your submissions!



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.

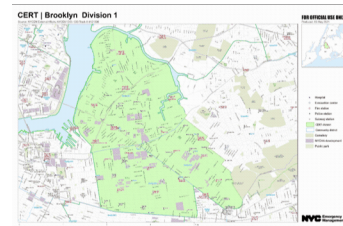


Domestic Preparedness - A Mental Health Perspective



Responders face numerous obstacles and must make difficult choices during a disaster. During a crisis, accepting a sufficient level of care may be the most challenging for medical professionals. Prior to the next crisis, this mental health perspective offers some essential considerations. [Please click here to learn more.](#)

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](#)

NYCDCAS Podcast with NYCEM Commissioner



The Inside Citywide podcast, hosted by NYCDCAS Citywide Administrative Services, featured our commissioner Zach Iscol. His time as a marine and how it affected his leadership style were themes covered throughout the podcast, along with other subjects including how Notify NYC continues to benefit all New Yorkers.

This episode will be released

soon. In the meantime catch up on previous episodes of the [Inside Citywide podcast](#).

Available on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), [Google Podcasts](#), [Amazon Music](#), [Stitcher](#), and [BuzzSprout](#).



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.

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 New York City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainee's must complete a disaster simulation exercise, in order to test their classroom knowledge and practical skills, before graduating from the 11-session training program that they undergo.

The now 7-year-old video below showcases a glimpse into what the disaster simulation looks like from an outside perspective.



VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY



Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) Survey

On the night of this past Tuesday, going into Wednesday morning, DSS, HRA, and DHS conducted its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) Survey. The survey was a point-in-time survey that is undertaken each winter that aims to help the city estimate the number of unsheltered New Yorkers living on the streets.

The results gathered through this survey provided the city with valuable information that helped determine how to allocate resources to best serve New Yorkers in need with care and compassion. Volunteers assisted from approximately 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. on the night of January 24th.

Thank you to all who came and assisted with the survey!



DEP Catch Basin Support

In Response to possible weather conditions, The National Weather Service has indicated the potential for wet snow, heavy rain, and coastal flooding last Wednesday January 26th. Snow was expected to appear early that day, along with rain expected to mix with snow around noon. NYCEM's Watch Command, along with CERT staff, issued an emergency deployment concerning the support of the Department of Environmental Protection by cleaning catch basins either before the weather conditions come into fruition or after is has transpired.

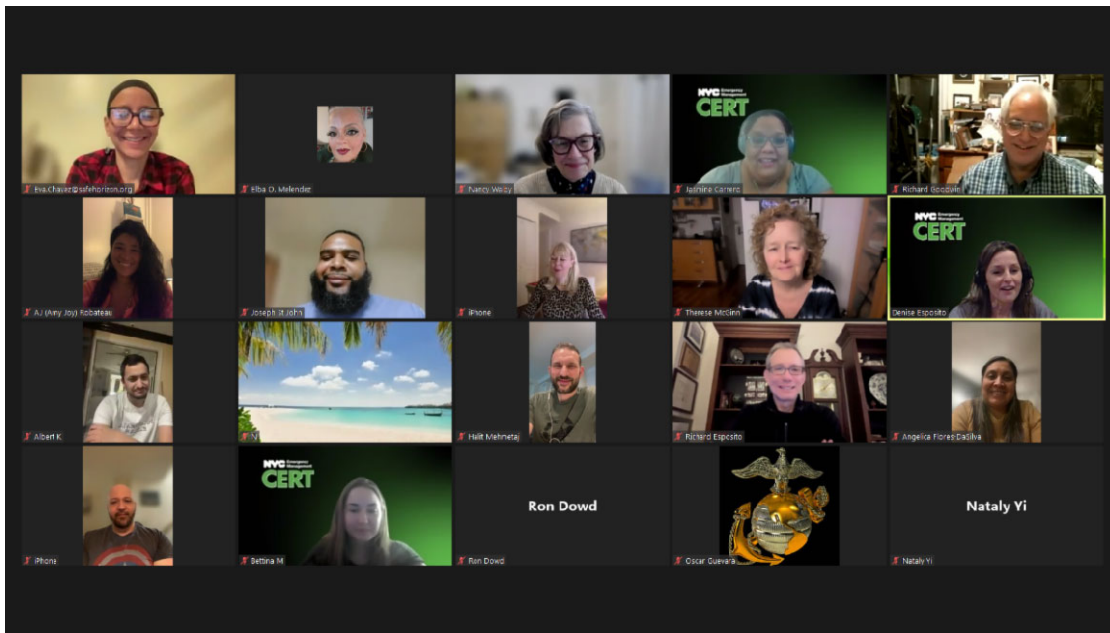
Thank you to all who cleaned their neighborhood's catch basin's and helping our city's communities!

*Pictured to the right is Bronx Division 3 CERT memeber Dilleta Pina



Monthly Meetings

Human Trafficking Awareness



Earlier this week NYC CERT hosted a webinar on Human Trafficking to bring awareness to the community. Details were provided for a number of topics including the scope of human trafficking, identify red flags and more. Participants were also informed of available resources and tools to support survivors of trafficking.

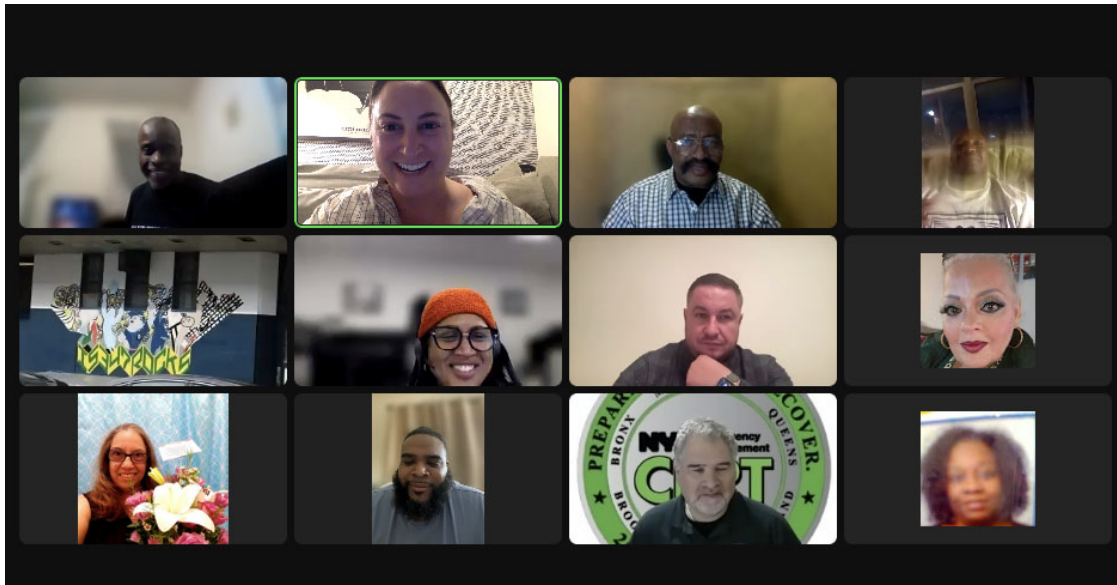


Bronx Division 3 Monthly Meeting

Bronx Division 3 held their monthly team meeting this past Wednesday. The team was full of ideas for team retention along with new ideas concerning community preparedness. They are setting their goals for the new year and are eager to start community planning.

Great job Division 3!

CERT Recruitment Meeting



The CERT recruitment group discussed plans for the 2023 season. The team is looking forward to meeting the Division leadership to provide support and guidance on recruitment efforts for their teams. The team discussion was filled with ideas and vision for the future of recruiting for CERT.

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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](#)

FEMA Needs Young Leaders!

Spread the news! FEMA wants to hear from teens ready to lead in emergency management by applying to the Youth Preparedness Council (YPC)! The Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) encourages teens to bring their unique skills and experiences to help their community. The application period is open January 23 through March 6.

If you or anyone you know that might be interested want to apply, [please click here](#)

Young Leaders – Apply to FEMA’s Youth Preparedness Council Today!

Represent Your Community

Learn & Grow

Create Change Now!

Applications Due
March 6, 2023

FEMA

FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program Webinar



[Register Here](#)

On Monday Jan. 30th from 2pm-3pm, FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division will be hosting a webinar on the Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program (AFGP), which funds critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel and support community resilience.

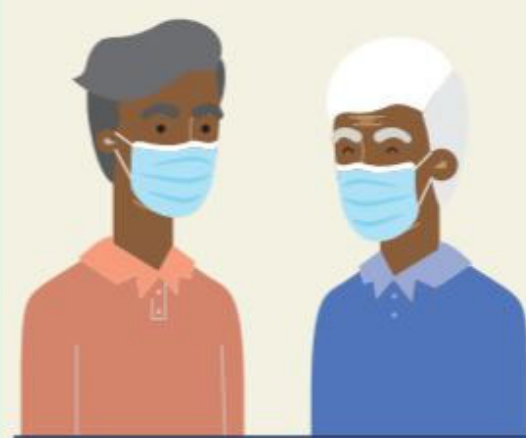
FEMA Region 2 Fire Program Specialist, Brian S. Thomas, along with Rita Varano-Beck, Grants Management Specialist, will provide a training webinar focused on the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program (AFG). They will provide a brief overview of AFG grants, grant management, and grant writing. In addition, he will provide tips on how to develop a successful grant application.

[Monday, January 30 | 2:00PM - 3:00PM](#)

Tips to Avoid Scams Targeting Older Americans

On Wednesday Feb. 1st from 12:30pm-1pm, FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division will be hosting a webinar highlighting The Federal Trade Commission's tips to help avoid scams targeting older Americans.

This Lunch & Learn will discuss how to recognize and avoid becoming a victim of identity theft and fraud. We will focus on scams that impact older adults, including imposter scams like family emergency, tech support, and romance scams. Seniors and anyone who regularly interacts with seniors are encouraged to attend.



[Register Here | Wednesday, February 1 | 12:30PM - 1:00PM](#)

Be Prepared... To Improvise



[Register Here](#)
[Tuesday, February 7 | 1:00PM - 2:30PM](#)

On Tuesday Feb. 7th from 1pm-2:30pm, FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division will be hosting a webinar with the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and the National CERT Association (NCA) to host a webinar about CERT training practices that include improvisation.

It is anticipated that members of CERT team's and others who are required to take action after natural disasters and other unusual situations will be required to render assistance and carry out life-saving interventions without commercially available resources and supplies, despite the fact that providers of the Emergency Medical Service have specific resources to respond to daily emergencies.

In this presentation, you'll get hands-on opportunities to learn about improvised strategies for successful life-saving interventions and patient stabilization, as well as examples of these strategies.

Drones As a Tool for Damage Assessment & Flood Mitigation Webinar

On Tuesday Feb. 21st from 1pm-2:30pm, FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division will be hosting a webinar partnering with the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and the National CERT Association (NCA) to host a webinar highlighting a case study about Drone use for Flood Mitigation.

This presentation will detail how drones were used during spring flooding in Eastern Nebraska for 2 years as a tool to conduct reconnaissance of rivers identifying ice jams and potential high-risk areas. This information was used by FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers to develop strategies for flood mitigation. The drones were also used to conduct damage assessment in areas that were difficult to reach safely on the ground and to map potential hazardous materials.



[Register Here Tuesday, February 21 | 1:00PM - 2:30PM](#)

Americares: Self Care for Responders



On Wednesday Feb. 22nd from 12pm-1pm, FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division will be hosting a webinar in partnership with Americares for a webinar focusing on selfcare for disaster responders and healthcare workers.

Responders to the COVID-19 pandemic and healthcare professionals who treat and test COVID 19 patients were and are still more likely than the general public to contract the virus. A lot of stress and anxiety comes from the possibility of spreading the disease and even bringing it home with you.

In the face of major disasters, we bear the double burden of stress from work and home. Health professionals run the risk of suffering from compassion fatigue, burnout, and indirect trauma if they are forced to deal with the difficult situation of caring for themselves and others during an emergency. The specific stressors that first responders, mental and psychosocial health professionals, and healthcare providers face, including secondary traumatic stress, will be discussed in this webinar. Additionally, the Americares team will provide resources for self-care and self-evaluation.

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

Citizen Preparedness Training

Another Citizen Preparedness Training has been scheduled in the Bronx at the following location:

[PS 111 Seton Falls Elementary School Gym - 3740 Baychester Ave, Bronx, NY 10466 on Thursday, February 16, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.](#)

[Register Here](#)
[Thursday, February 16 | 4:00PM](#)



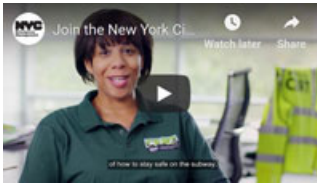
[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

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



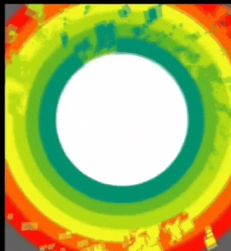
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[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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