

## National Night Out



We want to express our sincere gratitude to all NYC CERT members who were prepared to participate in this year's National Night Out. Your dedication to serving your communities is truly commendable.

All NYC CERT Divisions were scheduled to participate, supporting 46 NNO events covering 50 NYPD precincts. While it was disappointing to cancel our participation due to hazardous conditions, the safety of our members is always our top priority. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in following our guidance.

We understand that some NYPD Precincts may be rescheduling their community events. Please reach out to your local precinct for more information.

Thank you again for your commitment to NYCEM and our city.



### MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

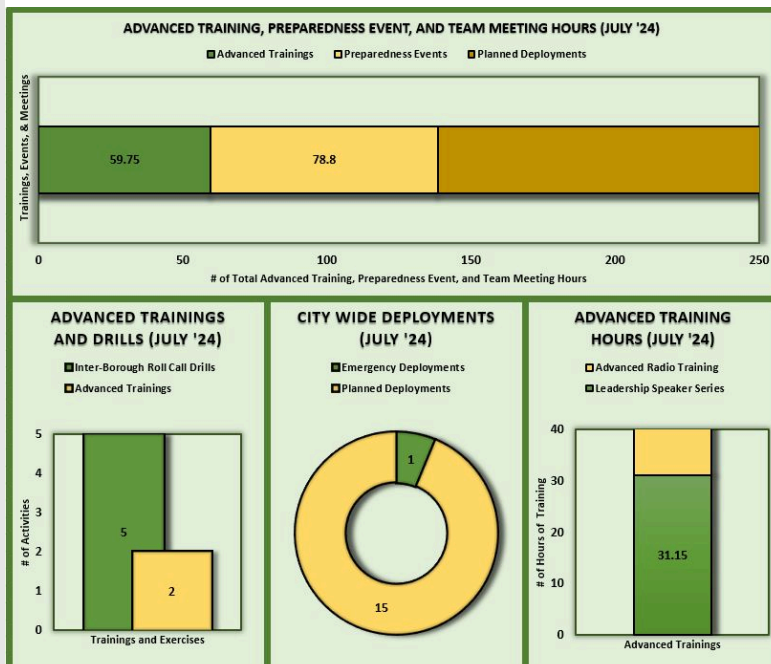
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Manhattan

**08/12/2024**  
Responding Borough:  
Bronx

**Scenario:** Is your Division supporting any events for National Preparedness Month?

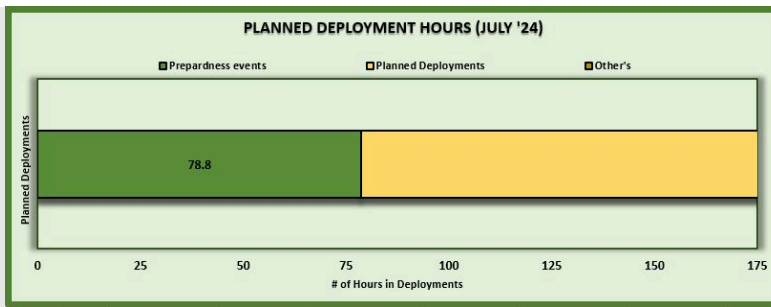
Documents to Review:  
[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)  
[Call signs per Radio](#)

## After Action Review: July 2024



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

**UPDATE COMING SOON!**



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

This past month, our program truly hit the ground running when it came to preparedness education, with an astounding array of events that were as plentiful as they were purposeful! We've been busy bees buzzing through the month engaging communities with one-on-one relationships fostered by our dedicated CERT Divisions and agency initiatives. From Beat the Heat Canvassing to the elegant Gracie Mansion Receptions, and not to forget the vital Flood Preparedness events, we've been making waves! And let's not overlook the grand finale—a monumental 8-hour overnight, full scale exercise at Grand Central Terminal, where an incredible fifty-one volunteers rallied together to support our City, State, and Federal responders during an Active Shooter exercise. Talk about a month packed with action and community spirit! We're not just preparing; we're paving the way for a safer tomorrow, one event at a time!



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](#).



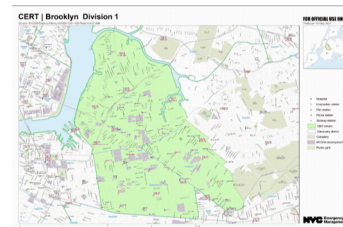
**FEMA**

## Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricanes are dangerous and can cause major damage from storm surge, wind damage, rip currents and flooding. They can happen along any U.S. coast or in any territory in the Atlantic or Pacific oceans. Storm surge historically is the leading cause of hurricane-related deaths in the United States.



**Know Your Hurricane Risk**



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

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

**READY  
NEW YORK**

Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Find out how rain, wind, water and even tornadoes could happen far inland from where a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall.

### **Start preparing now!**

#### **Make an Emergency Plan**

Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands your hurricane plans. Include the office, kids' day care, and anywhere else you frequent in your hurricane plans. Ensure your business has a continuity plan to continue operating when disaster strikes.

#### **Know your Evacuation Zone**

You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane if you live in an evacuation zone. Learn your evacuation routes, practice with your household and pets, and identify where you will stay. Follow the instructions from local emergency managers, who work closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies and partners. They will provide the latest recommendations based on the threat to your community and appropriate safety measures. Recognize Warnings and Alerts

#### **Have several ways to receive alerts**

Download the FEMA app and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide.

Sign up for community alerts in your area and be aware of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), which require no sign up.

**Atlantic Hurricane Season: June 1-November 30**

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## **NYCEM on What's App!**



NYC Emergency Management is now on WhatsApp! Join our community to learn more about NYCEM's work, get preparedness tips for emergencies, and other helpful information to help you stay informed.

Join us: <https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Vaephkj0AgWAyeol9h0F>

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## **Cybersecurity Awareness Training for CERT Volunteers Now Available**

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available. Volunteers who participate in CERT training have a

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.



#### **Update on Material requests**

All requests will contain the following:

- My Emergency Plan - 50
- Hurricane Map - 50
- Notify NYC card - 50
- NYC CERT card - 50
- Give-a-ways will depend on availability

*Note: Ready New York plastic bags and tablecloths are no longer available.*

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All Divisions 1, 3, and 5 IDs are Ready



**Leadership:** All Division 7 member credentials are ready.

Also, if you have any members that graduated in November 2023, 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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better understanding of potential threats to the community, along with actionable steps they can take to mitigate risk and improve outcomes. To provide additional support to CERT volunteers and the important role they play in their communities, FEMA partnered with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) to provide a list of cybersecurity awareness training courses CERT volunteers can take to improve their ability to prepare for and respond to cybersecurity threats. The courses are self-paced and publicly available at no cost from the Federal Virtual Training Environment and the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium (NCPC). Course topics range from cyber essentials and fundamentals of cyber risk management to cyber ethics and mobile device security. To access these courses, visit the [Cybersecurity Awareness Training website](#). [Read more . . .](#)



Download the free [Notify NYC](#) mobile app, available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

## REMINDER: NYC CERT Uniform



**We are a Team!** To ensure we all represent NYC Emergency Management with professionalism, this message serves as a friendly reminder about our uniform policy. Whether it's a preparedness event or an emergency response, being in proper uniform allows us to be easily identified by the public and first responders. It signifies our commitment to safety and fosters a sense of unity

Here's a quick rundown of the NYC CERT uniform:

- Green NYC CERT polo shirt (mandatory)
- Khaki pants (mandatory)
- NYC CERT reflective vest (always most visible outer layer)
- NYC CERT credential on lanyard, visible at all times (mandatory)
- Optional items: NYC CERT baseball hat, windbreaker, green helmet (for emergency responses), green CERT response bag (for emergency responses), NYC CERT branded sweaters/jackets (produced with NYCEM approval)



**We need your help!** We're calling on all NYC CERT members to double-check their uniform supplies and ensure they're ready to deploy. The assigned CERT lead will be responsible for ensuring that all deployed members comply.

Consider dressing down or covering your NYC Emergency Management CERT gear while travelling for a deployment where there is the possibility of protests/press involvement. This precaution can help maintain a low profile and reduce the risk of drawing unnecessary or unwanted attention to yourself. Remain vigilant and if at any time you feel unsafe while volunteering, please exercise caution and remove yourself from that situation. You should notify the CERT lead and call 9-1-1 if in immediate danger. **Your safety is always our top priority.**

**Not sure about an item?** Don't hesitate to reach out! Contact us at [cert@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov) and we'll be happy to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.

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## 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

### NYC Emergency Management Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Full Scale Exercise



#### DETAILS:

DATE: Tuesday, October 1st (October 8th alt date)

Arrival Time: 8:00 AM

Exercise Start Time: 10:00 AM

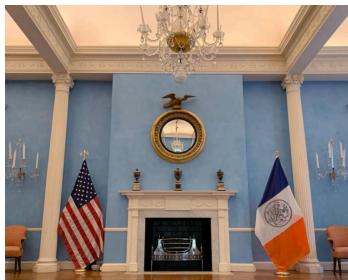
Expected End Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Seaview Sanitarium/ Fox Beach

Muster Point: TBD

This exercise will unite all NYC capabilities when it comes to Drone/ Robotics response with all of our city partner agencies.

An exercise orientation will be scheduled ahead of the exercise with final details and scenarios for all who register.  
[Registration: UAS Full-Scale Exercise Role Player](#)



## Gracie Mansion City Recognition and Cultural Receptions

Mayor's Office of Special Projects and Community Events has requested CERT volunteers to continue supporting the city recognition and cultural receptions being held at Gracie Mansion. For individual details and event registration please see below:



[Haitian Heritage Reception](#)  
[Tue, Aug 13, at 5:30 PM](#)



[Professional Networking Reception](#)  
[Thu, Aug 15, at 6:00 PM](#)



[Eastern European Heritage Reception](#)  
[Thu, Aug 22, at 5:30 PM](#)



[Uzbekistan Heritage Reception](#)  
[Thu, Aug 29, at 5:30 PM](#)



## Brooklyn Cyclones Preparedness Events

The Brooklyn Cyclones have invited CERT, Ready NY and Notify NYC to table at Maimonides Park during several upcoming games. CERTs are being requested to join NYCEM staff to distribute NYC CERT recruitment materials with park visitors. Check out the dates below and register through the links provided.  
Game times vary by date.

[Registration | Fri, August 9, 2024, 6:30PM](#)

[Registration | Sun, August 25, 2024, 1:30PM](#)

[Registration | Wed, Sept 4, 2024, 6:30PM](#)

## DEP Flooding Preparedness Events



### Environmental Protection

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has requested the support of NYC CERT volunteers at their upcoming Flooding Preparedness Events. During the events, DEP will be providing presentations to the public throughout the City.

NYC CERT volunteers are expected to support with sign-in and the distribution of preparedness materials.

Please register for any of the following dates and locations:

**9/17** — Rockaways @ Beach Channel HS, 100-00 Beach Channel Drive (QNS)

**9/19** — Staten Island @ Susan E. Wagner School HS, 1200 Manor Road (SI)

**9/24** — East Harlem @ PS 146 Anna M. Short School, E. 106th St. and 1st Ave. (MAN)

[Click Here to register for one of the dates/locations](#)

## 47th Annual Brighton Jubilee



On August 25th NYC CERT members will be supporting the 47th Annual Brighton Jubilee! NYC CERT volunteers are being requested to support in the following roles:

1. Setup (6:30 am - 9:30 am): Direct vehicles, manage pedestrian safety, and ensure smooth unloading.
2. Event (9:30 am - 4:30 pm): Monitor safety along the Jubilee route, report issues, and staff the Ready NY table on Brighton Beach Ave to provide emergency preparedness information and promote CERT membership. Volunteers may alternate between these duties.

Shifts:

- Shift 1: 6:30 am - 11:30 am (Vehicle & Pedestrian Safety)
- Shift 2: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm (Route & Table)
- Shift 3: 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm (Route & Table)

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# NYC CERT CALENDAR



### What is a Buddy Check?

A simple check-in can mean the world. Reach out to family and friends, especially those who might be isolated. Your call, text, or visit could brighten their day and provide essential support. Don't underestimate the power of human connection. Be a good neighbor, be a good friend. Check in today!

[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 ADVANCED TRAINING

### CISA: De-Escalation Series Training



#### Description

The De-Escalation Series follows the [Employee Vigilance Through the Power of Hello](#) to help identify and navigate suspicious activity or potentially escalating situations to safely dis-engage and report to local law enforcement or their organization's multi-disciplinary threat management team.

#### Learning Objectives

- [Observe](#)
- [Initiate a Hello](#)
- [Navigate the Risk](#)
- [Obtain Help](#)
- [Resources](#)

[Registration](#) | [Tue, Aug 13, 2024 6:30PM](#)

## NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

NYC Department of Environmental Protection Town Hall: Bronx

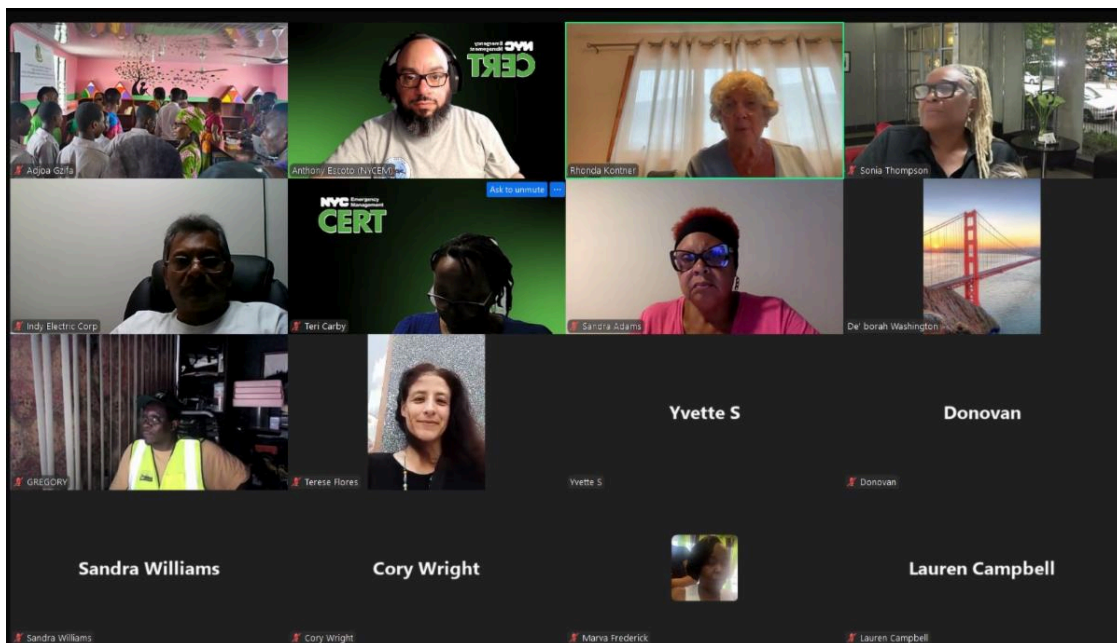




NYC DEP continues to host Town Hall Flooding Preparedness events (as mentioned above) kits to mitigate potentially hazardous conditions caused to homes throughout the City. Our NYC CERT volunteers continue to answer the call providing support distributing Ready New York preparedness material to all in attendance. Great Job everyone!

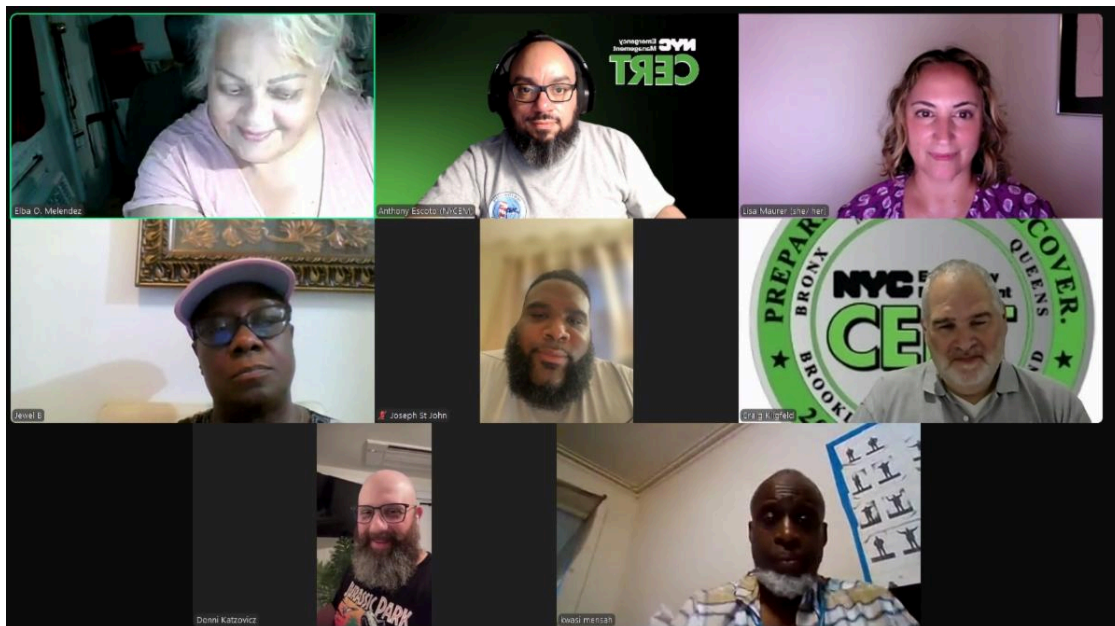
## Meetings

### Queens Division 5



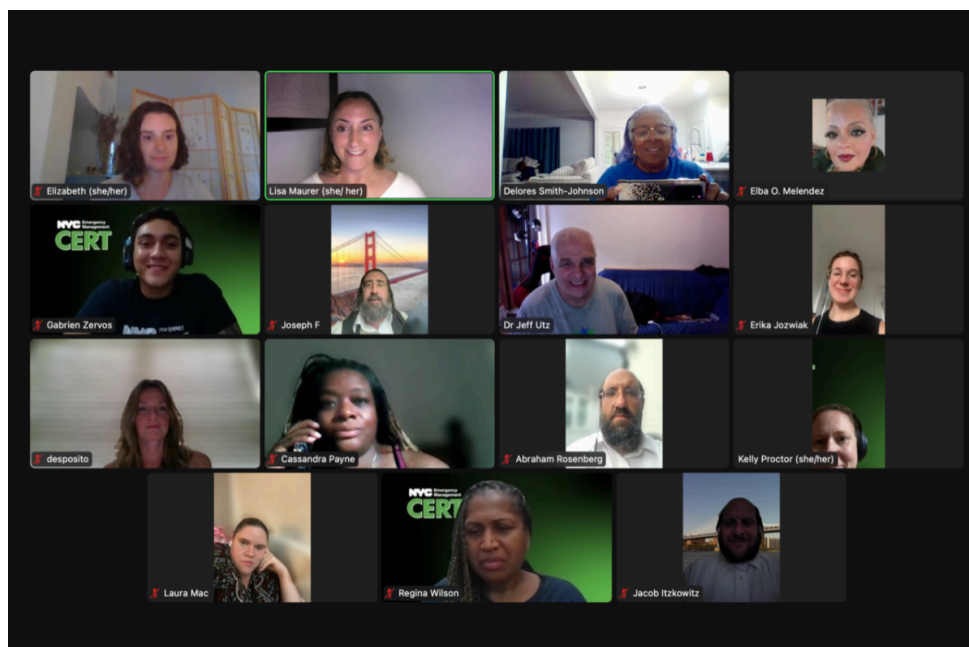
Queens Division 5 held their monthly meeting on Monday, August 6th. Members received support from their Cabinet and the Borough Coordinator. The meeting focused on upcoming events requiring member support, both logistical and volunteer based. Planning for National Preparedness Month was also initiated. Thank you to all for your excellent coordination!

### Brooklyn Leadership



The Brooklyn Borough Coordinator convened a leadership meeting on Monday, August 6th. Division leaders presented reports outlining their needs and collaborative efforts. Program staff were present to provide updates and address critical issues.

## Brooklyn Division 1



On July 31, 2024, Brooklyn Division 1 conducted a virtual team meeting. The session covered recent member activities, upcoming training and deployment opportunities, and emphasized the importance of member contributions to the division calendar. Following updates from CERT program staff, members discussed upcoming leadership changes, including potential roles and meeting schedules for the transition in December.

## Brooklyn Division 7



Brooklyn Division 7 held its monthly meeting on August 1st in Marine Park's Bocci Ball section. Members received updated NYC CERT ID cards and discussed upcoming preparedness activities and deployment opportunities. The meeting also encouraged members to consider leadership roles and attend future training sessions.

[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.

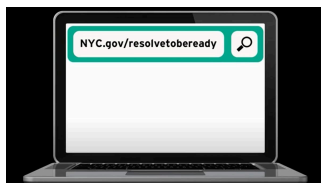
NYC CERT External Request Form: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTrequest>



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



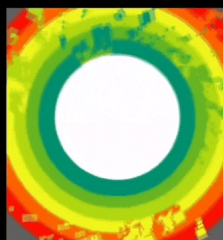
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)  
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)  
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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

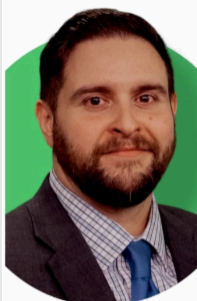


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[KNOW YOUR ZONE](#) is your destination for everything you need to know about hurricanes in New York City.

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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