

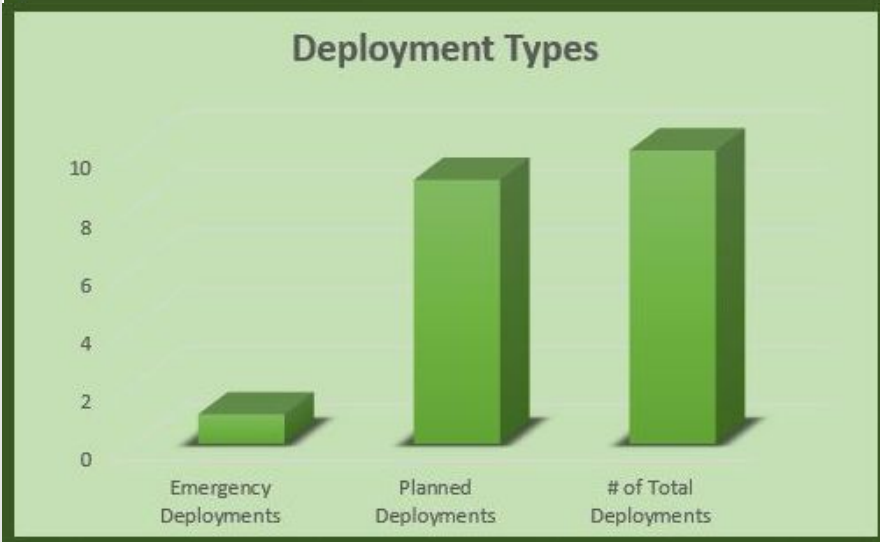
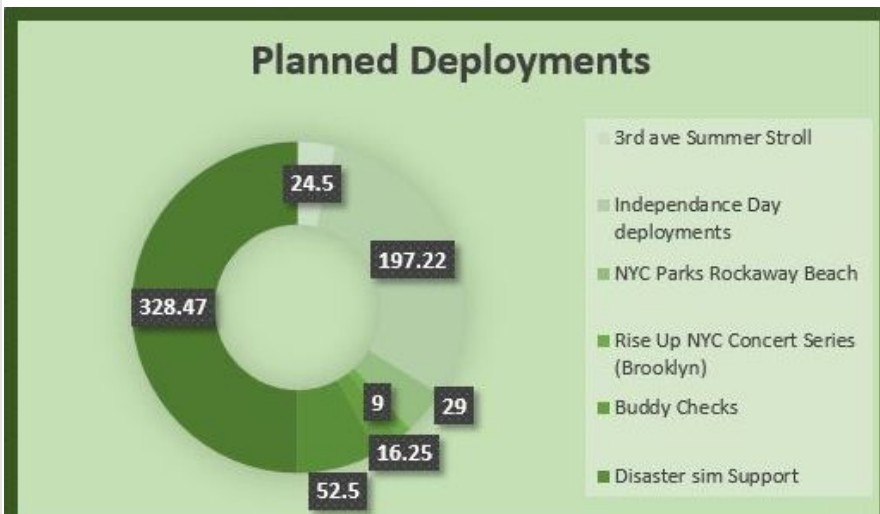
NYC Emergency Management
CERT NEWSLETTER

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.

If you're having difficulty viewing the newsletter [click here to view as a webpage.](#)

After Action Review for July



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

8/1: No Call

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

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

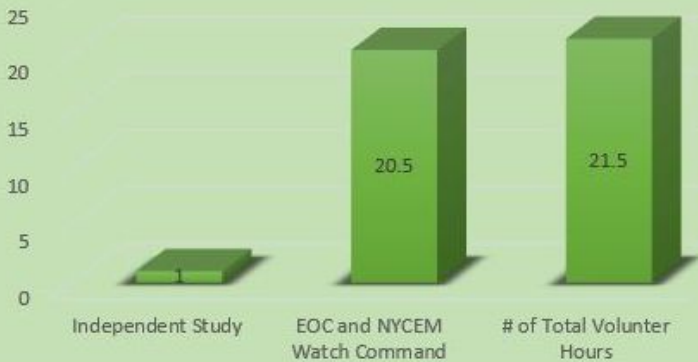
Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[CLICK HERE](#)

ADVANCED TRAINING MONTHLY MEETINGS & PREPARDNESS EVENTS



Advanced Trainings



July has been a very busy month that started with two deployments. We want to give a big shout-out to Queens Division 1 for their work in re-establishing a relationship with the 108th Precinct following the pandemic, leading to NYC CERT being invited to support the Long Island City Fireworks show. Other planned deployments include Rockaway Beach support with NYC Parks and an emergency deployment in the Bronx where we had 4 volunteers able to come out and support us with little notice. Special thanks to Brooklyn Division 5 members Craig Kligfeld and Darya Matskin, Manhattan Division 5 member Kellon Pascall and Edmond Suluku of Bronx Division 5.

Great work NYC CERT!

NYC CERT Deployment

NYC CERT volunteers were requested to support the Rise Up NYC concert series in Wingate Park in Brooklyn.

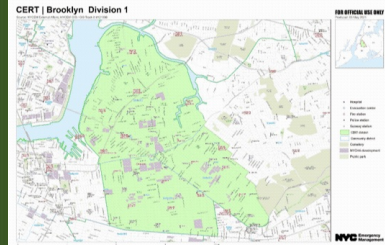
Volunteers assisted the Mayor's Office of Special Events with line management for the duration of the event.

Great Job, Elliot!

Elliot Inz of Brooklyn Division 2 CERT was Deployment Lead for the duration of the three-day concert series in Brooklyn. Going forward, we would really like to see more participation at these events as CERT's support is a great way to show the



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



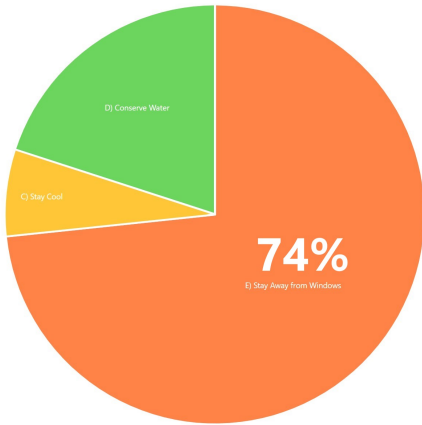
View the **NYC CERT Event Calendar** to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

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**.



Quiz of the Week



Thank you to all who participated in last week's **Quiz of the Week**. The correct answer is: **E) Stay Away From Windows**. While keeping your distance from windows during a hurricane is a great tip, NYC Emergency Management does not promote the same for extreme heat. There are a number of resources available for how you can Beat the Heat!

Resources:

- [Beat the Heat | NYC Emergency Management](#)
- [Emergencies: Extreme Weather Heat - NYC Health](#)
- [Cooling Center Finder \(nyc.gov\)](#)
- [Report an Outage | Con Edison](#)

For information on how to prepare for all types of emergencies in New York City, please refer to the [Ready New York: My Emergency Plan](#).

National Night Out: On Scene Protocol and Reporting hours



Only CERT members in compliance with the vaccine mandate will continue receiving messaging from NYCEM CERT Program staff.

Volunteers who did **not** submit appropriate documentation to meet the vaccine mandate, or request a reasonable accommodation through NYCEM, will be considered inactive until they submit following the below steps.

To submit vaccination records, please email an approved proof of vaccination to: CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov.

If you have not heard back in regard to your request, please follow up with the NYCEM Human Capital Bureau at CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov.

Please review the necessary steps [HERE](#)

Do NOT send vaccination info to CERT leadership or NYC CERT staff. All correspondence should be with NYCEM Human Capital.

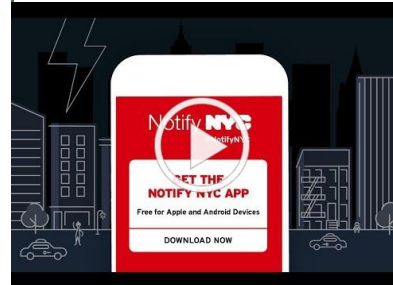
READY NEW YORK

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](#).

The site lead should develop a relief plan working with their team.

- When leaving the event site, the Volunteer Lead should check in with Watch Command by calling (718)-422-8700 / Using your 700 MHz Radio on the CW Channel
- Your name
- CERT Division
- Location
- Standing down
- Confirming how many volunteers are with you
- Submit [Deployment Form](#)

The event calendar will include all National Night Out sites that are being covered by NYC CERT this year. To help assist you, we've created a document to walk you through:

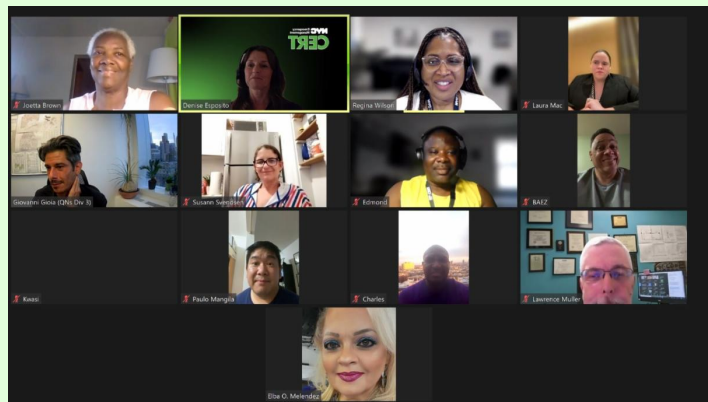
National Night Out Reporting Hours Guide

Please remember to report your travel time to and from an event, the time spent at the event and any planning time you dedicated as well.

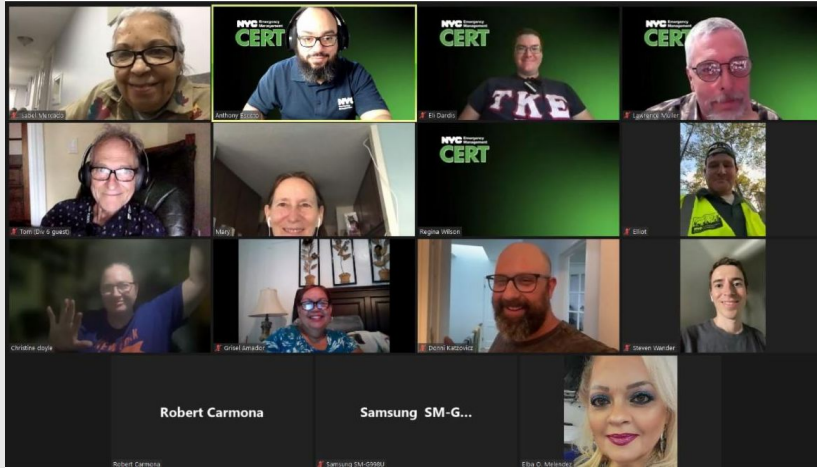
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

CERT Recruitment Group Info Session

This past Thursday, NYC CERT Staff hosted an info session for members interested in joining the CERT Recruitment Group. During the session, members were told of the duties and expectations of all Recruitment Group members and walked through an exercise to help sharpen their recruitment skills, by providing tips and tricks on how to work with different personalities when recruiting. If you're interested in joining, please contact us by email at CERT@oem.nyc.gov.



Division Meetings

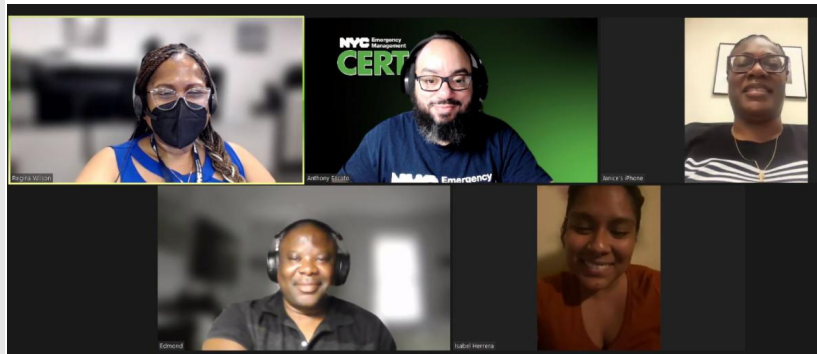
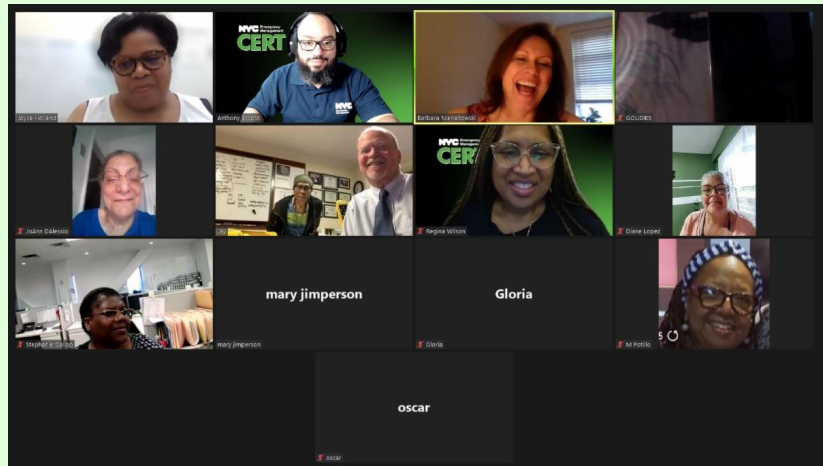


Brooklyn Division 2

Led by District Leader Robert Carmona this past Monday, July 25th, members gathered virtually for their monthly meeting. Topics discussed include Logistical planning for National Night Out and available training.

Manhattan Division 5

Manhattan Division 5 held their monthly meeting earlier this week. As Division Chief, Barbara Nienaltowski walked through all the National Night Out assignments for the Division in preparation for this coming Tuesday. NYC CERT program staff provided a few program updates and detailed citywide activities in recent weeks.



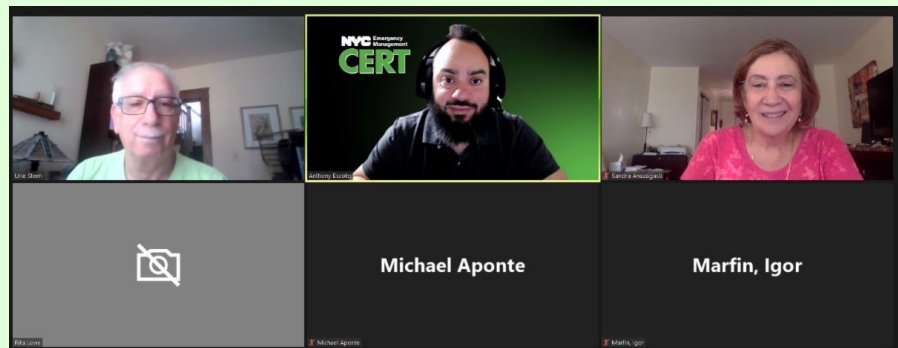
Bronx Division 5

Bronx Division 5 members gathered for their monthly meeting on the evening of Tuesday, July 26th. During the meeting, members discussed their success during recent deployments and also reviewed details for their upcoming participation in National Night Out. The Division is on a role with their participation at local events!

Bronx Division 3

Bronx Division 3 members also discussed National Night Out during this month's meeting as they put the finishing touches on their logistic and staffing plan. This meeting was hosted by District Leader Urie Stern.

Nice work!





This past Tuesday, July 26th, Program staff had their regular check-in with the Brooklyn Borough Coordinators. These meetings are where the coordinators provide staff with the most pressing requests, updates and member concerns from divisions, many of which start with general membership noting or voicing their opinions during monthly division meetings.

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NYC CERT Event Calendar



NYC Parks: Rockaway Beach Support

CERT volunteers are expected to be posted on the boardwalk assisting visitors to the open beach areas together with NYC Parks staff.

****New Shifts Added****

[NYC Parks Support Rockaway Beach Registration, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

VR Simulation: Hurricanes and Rip Currents

August 16,
2022



11 AM to
2 PM

Come and experience this VR simulation!

Virtual Reality Simulation: Hurricanes and Rip Currents

Please join us on August 16 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 AM for an immersive experience using a virtual reality simulator showing you the effects of Hurricanes and Rip Currents.

This will be an in-person event at NYC Emergency Management headquarters in Brooklyn, NY.

**[VR Simulation: Hurricane and Rip Currents Registration](#)
[Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)**

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.

1. Complete the **NYC CERT Mentor Program form** to let us know if you'd like to be a mentor or mentee.
2. Complete the **Matching Questionnaire** to help pair the mentor to a mentee. Both forms must be filled out to participate in the program.

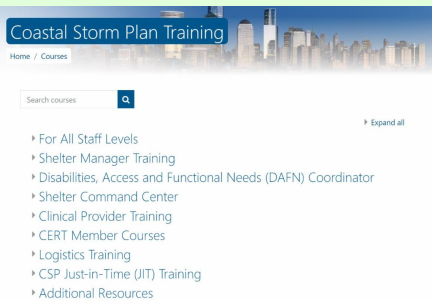
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

READY NEW YORK

Ready NY Presenter Training

The Ready NY Presenter Training is an advanced training course designed for CERT members interested in becoming a Ready NY presenter.

Ready NY Presenter Training (In-Person) Registration, Wed, Aug 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite



Coastal Storm Plan Training

The NYC Coastal Storm season is from August through the end of October. NYC CERT members have access to the Coastal Storm Plan Training Learning Management System 24/7 to be done as either Just In Time training or a self-paced training. This is the new training for shelter management and all Coastal Storm Plan staff levels.

If you have not created an account you can easily do so on the home page of the site. These credentials are independent of any other credentials you have created in the past for NYC CERT.

Register for Coastal Storm Training here: <https://csptraining.org>

Once on the site (pictured above) you can scroll down the page, or select "All Positions/Courses" to view a list of recommended and optional courses by Coastal Storm Plan position. To take a course or view a resource, click the link. Some courses are videos and can be viewed by clicking the play button. Other courses are interactive and may require you to click buttons to advance or complete activities.

Each of the FEMA Region II webinars presented in 2022 has been recorded and archived. If you wish to revisit a webinar you attended or would like to listen to one you missed, or even share with a friend or co-worker, you can



find the links on the document linked here [2022 webinar recordings](#) which includes the webinar description and recording link for each webinar by category.

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

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

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

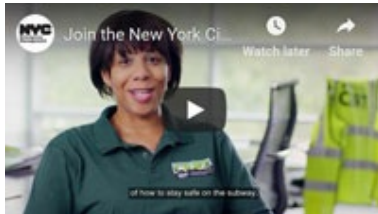


FDNY Smart offers [free](#) hands-only CPR classes through the FDNY Mobile CPR Program. The goal of these classes is to equip New Yorkers with the basic skills needed to take action in the event of a cardiac arrest emergency. To sign up for one of our free classes or to schedule a class in your community visit www.fdnysmart.org/cpr/.

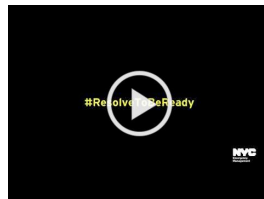
COVID-19 Community Conversations: Mental Health, Equity and Resilience

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



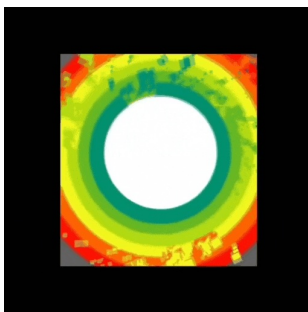
[NYCEM's Youtube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[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 *iPrepárate!* 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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