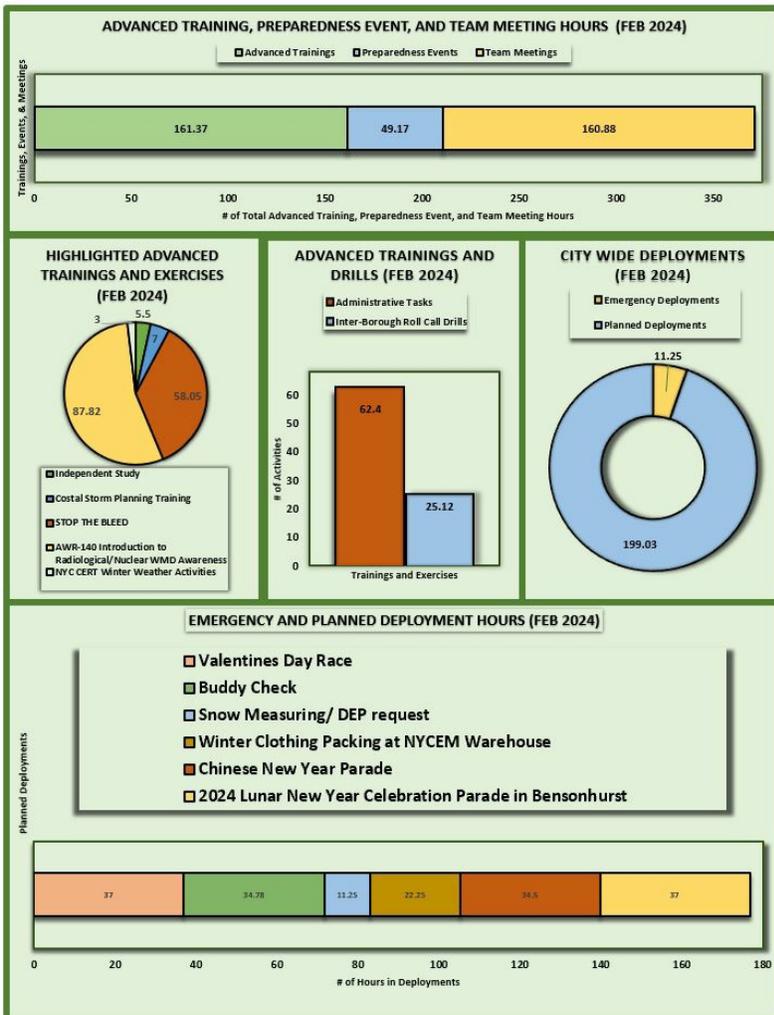


ACTIVATION STATUS: NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IS ACTIVATED.
PLEASE NOTE: Program staff will respond to inquiries and requests as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and support.

February 2024 After-Action Report (AAR)



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

BOROUGH CHANNEL

Queens

03/04/2024

Brooklyn

Call Scenario:

Report how many team members are radio trained.

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)



February may be the shortest month of the year, but NYC CERT members were able to pack in close to 700 hours of activity and support. With nearly 200 hours of boots on the ground, CERT members celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander community and marched along side NYC Emergency Management staff at the Chinese Lunar New Year Parade in Chinatown, including giving over 70 hours of support to the Bensonhurst 2024 Lunar New Year Celebration Parade. They supported the Valentines Day Run, in Staten Island, with over 37 hours logged. They logged more than 11 hours of emergency deployments – measuring snow levels and clearing catch basins.

In an urgent effort to support the asylum seekers, NYC CERT deployed

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

for a 2-day mission to pack and assemble winter weather kits at the Emergency Support Center (ESC) warehouse. These kits include essential items such as scarves, hats, gloves, socks and shawls. Building on the success of last week's assembly, a total of 855 kits were meticulously prepared for distribution to two respite sites. The team's dedication has ensured that on-site asylum seeker clients will receive the much-needed winter gear early next week!

CERT members also found the time to keep their skills sharp with over 160 hours of advanced training. They logged 88 hours being introduced to Radiological/Nuclear Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Awareness, and 58+ hours of STOP THE BLEED training. They kept keen with 16+ hours in Coastal Storm Planning training, FEMA Region 2—NYC CERT Winter Weather Activity webinar training and Independent Study.

Monthly team meetings logged over 160 hours this month. Division Chiefs and District Leaders gave 62+ hours of administrative preparation for team meetings and planned community engagements. The team was out in the community and provided close to 50 hours of essential preparedness events. They also stayed in touch with each other and their personal circles with 35 hours of Buddy Checks and 25 hours of Radio Drills.

Keep up the energy, Team! You make it possible. Thank you for your enduring dedication and enthusiasm to keep NYC informed, prepared and safe!

Are you a Caregiver? Here is your best tool for preparedness.



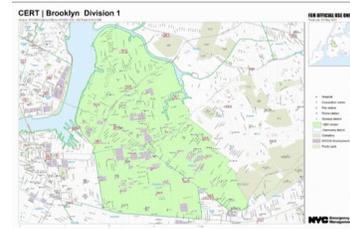
[View and Download the Complete NYC CERT Basic Training Student Manual](#)



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](#).

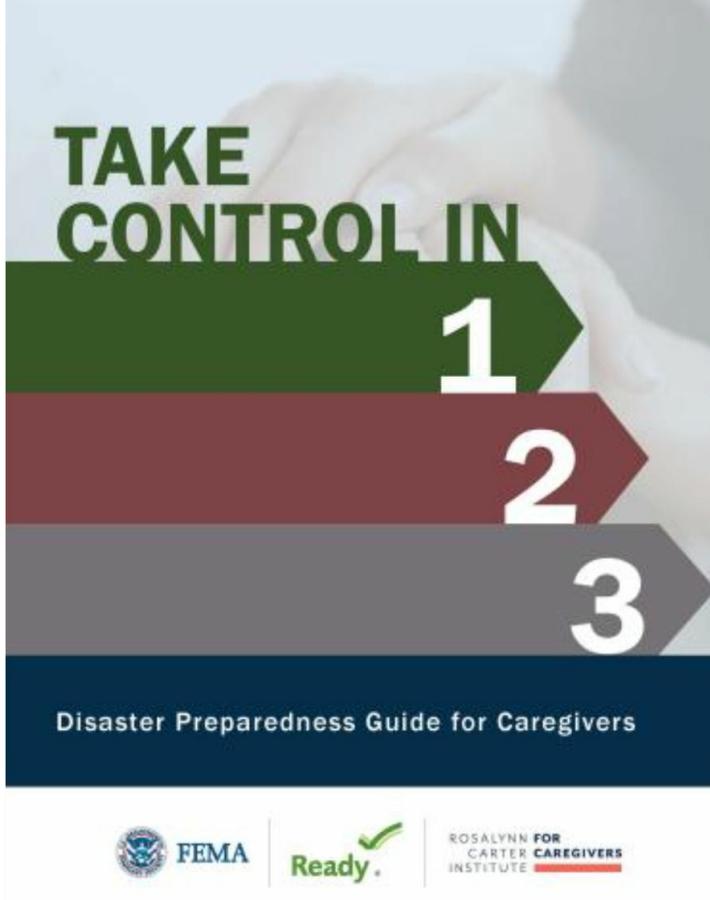


NYC CERT Division maps are available (pdf format) to support recruitment and preparedness planning in your community.

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

**READY
NEW YORK**

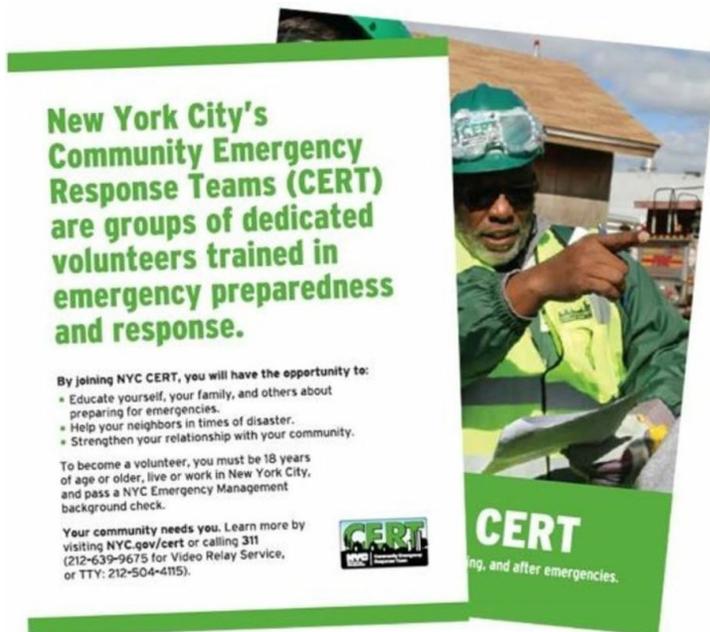
If your division is hosting or participating in an upcoming event, please complete the [Event Request form](#) to have your opportunity published through



In recognition of caregivers' dedication and commitment to those in their care, FEMA and the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers (RCI) have created the Disaster Preparedness Guide for Caregivers to help them navigate unique challenges that may arise during disasters. While caregiving can be overwhelming, [read more...](#)

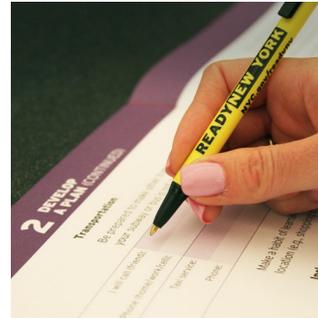
Get your [Disaster Preparedness Guide for Caregivers](#).

New York Public Library and NYC CERT Recruitment



Eventbrite.com for members to register.

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.



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](#).



We are working with NYPL to coordinate recruitment events at local libraries in the following focus areas in each borough:

- BX districts 2 & 5
- BK district 9
- MN district 9
- QN districts 2 & 14
- SI district 2

Stay tuned for updates on scheduled events and how you can support!

Last Chance to Register for the Community Preparedness Symposium



JOIN US AT THE



12th Annual Community Preparedness Symposium **Path to Preparedness: Empowering Community Action**

Baruch College, New York, NY
Wednesday, March 6th, 2024 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

<https://bit.ly/2024CPSymposium>

For help registering or requests regarding accessibility

Email: communityprep@oem.nyc.gov

or Call: (718) 422-4654 by February 21st



Scan here to RSVP

[Registration | Wed, March 6, 2024 9AM - 3PM](#)



Keep safety a priority as you travel this winter season. Check [weather conditions](#) before you go.



The NYC Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD) invites you to join us in honoring Moms and Dads this June by nominating a "Community Mom" or "Community Dad" for our award (See attached flyer).

Our **#DYCDCommunityMomsnDads** campaign celebrates Moms and Dads as well as caregivers who provide inspiration and support to families and communities. These community moms and dads—whether volunteers, mentors, teachers, community leaders, healthcare staff, essential workers, caregivers, aunts, uncles, sisters, or brothers — dedicate their time and energy to the physical, social, and emotional well-being of our City!

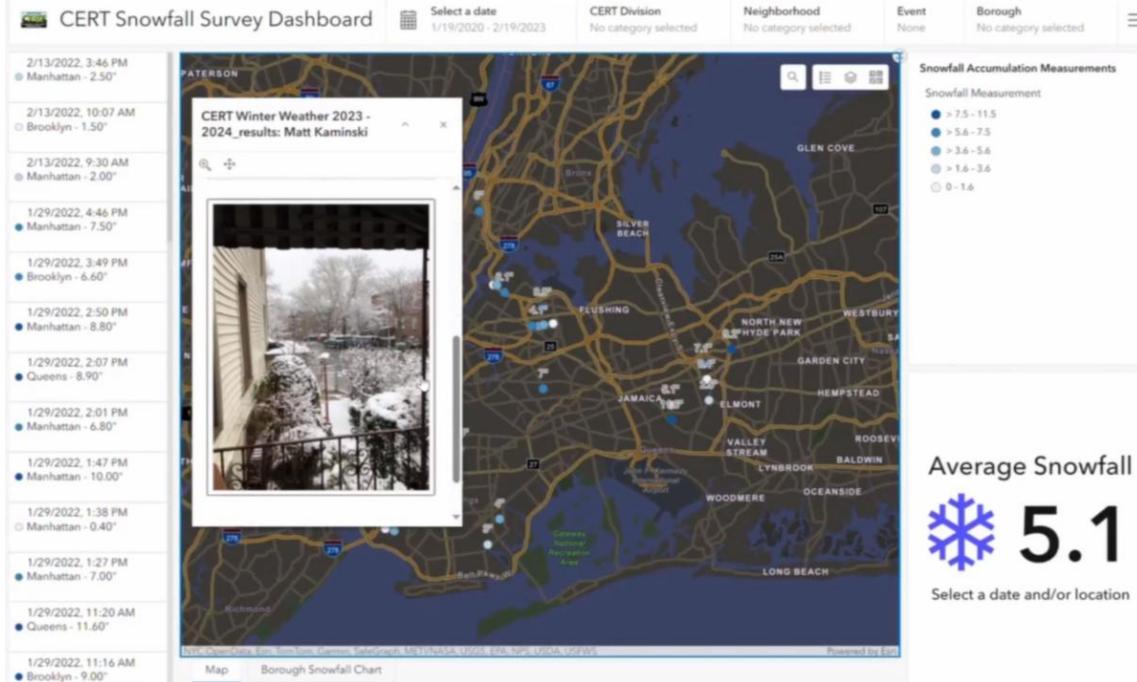
Let the nominations commence:

<https://bit.ly/CommunityMomsandDads2024>

[View Flyer](#)

Feel free to submit as many nominations as you wish, the deadline for submission is **March 13, 2023**.

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

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. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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](#)

FEMA Region 2 Webinar Series

How to Keep CERT Training Fun & Engaging

Please join the Region 2 and Region 8 National Preparedness Division for a webinar on how to Keep CERT Training Fun & Engaging.

[Registration | Wed, March 13, 2024 1PM](#)



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

Chinese Lunar New Year Parade



NYC Emergency Management keeping Chinatown safe during Lunar New Year, even from fire-breathing dragons (though our best emergency management advice is to head the other way in that case!). 🇺🇸 🇨🇳

As we march proudly in the Lunar New Year parade alongside our New York City's Asian American and Pacific Islander community, we take a moment to acknowledge the invaluable contributions our AAPI employees make every day.

-NYC Emergency Management Instagram Post



Special shout-out and thanks to the Hype Man, David Zubin, Brooklyn Division 5, for getting the crowd revved up. It was a wonderful time for all.



Winter Clothing Packing at NYCEM Warehouse



In an urgent effort to support the asylum seekers, NYC CERT continued their mission this past Tuesday by packaging winter weather kits at the Emergency Support Center (ESC) warehouse. These kits include essential items such as scarves, hats, gloves, socks and shawls. Building on the success of last week's assembly, a total of 855 kits were meticulously prepared for distribution to two respite sites. The team's dedication has ensured that on-site asylum seeker clients will receive the much-needed winter gear early next week!



NYC CERT Radio Training



At this very moment, NYC Emergency Management Staff is providing a Point-to-Point Radio Training at Bronx Community Board 12 for members interested in expanding their skills in radio communications to better support their CERT division and community as a whole. Great work everyone!

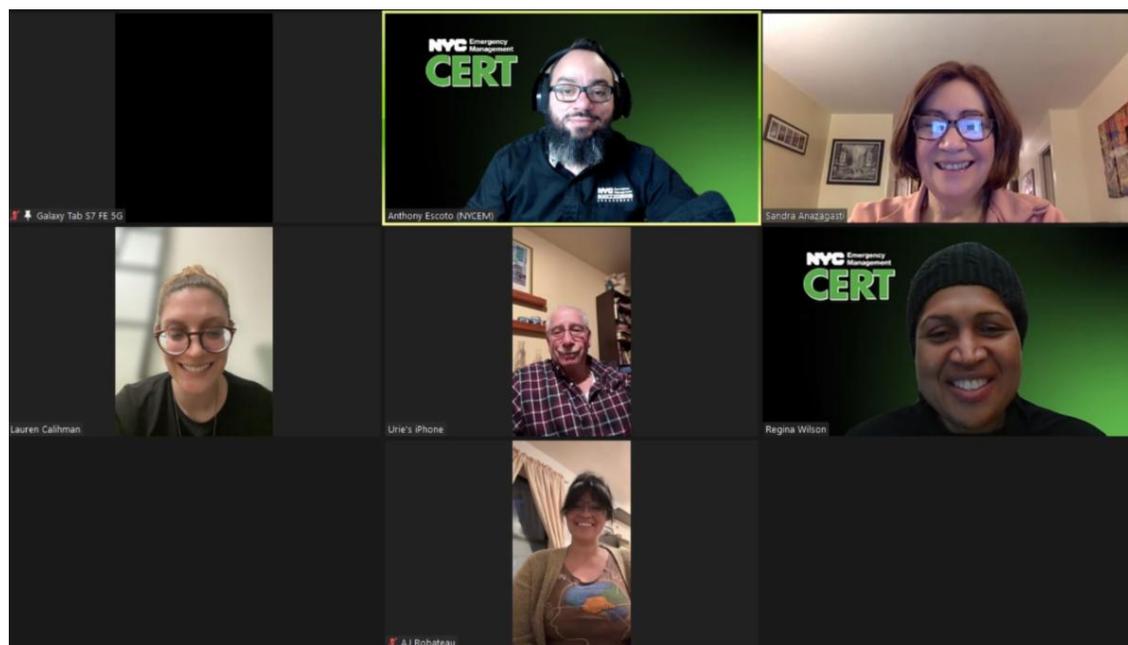
69th Precinct Ready NY Presentation



Pictured: P.O. Tan, Bk DL Brown, P.O. Singh, Bk DC St. John, P.O. Delgado and Bk BC Melendez

On February 29, 2024, a Ready NY emergency preparedness presentation was given to the Brooklyn 69th Precinct's *Build the Block* NCO officers. Presenting were Brooklyn Borough Coordinator, Elba O. Melendez, Brooklyn Division 7 Chief, Joseph St. John and Brooklyn Division 7 District leader, Jewel Brown.

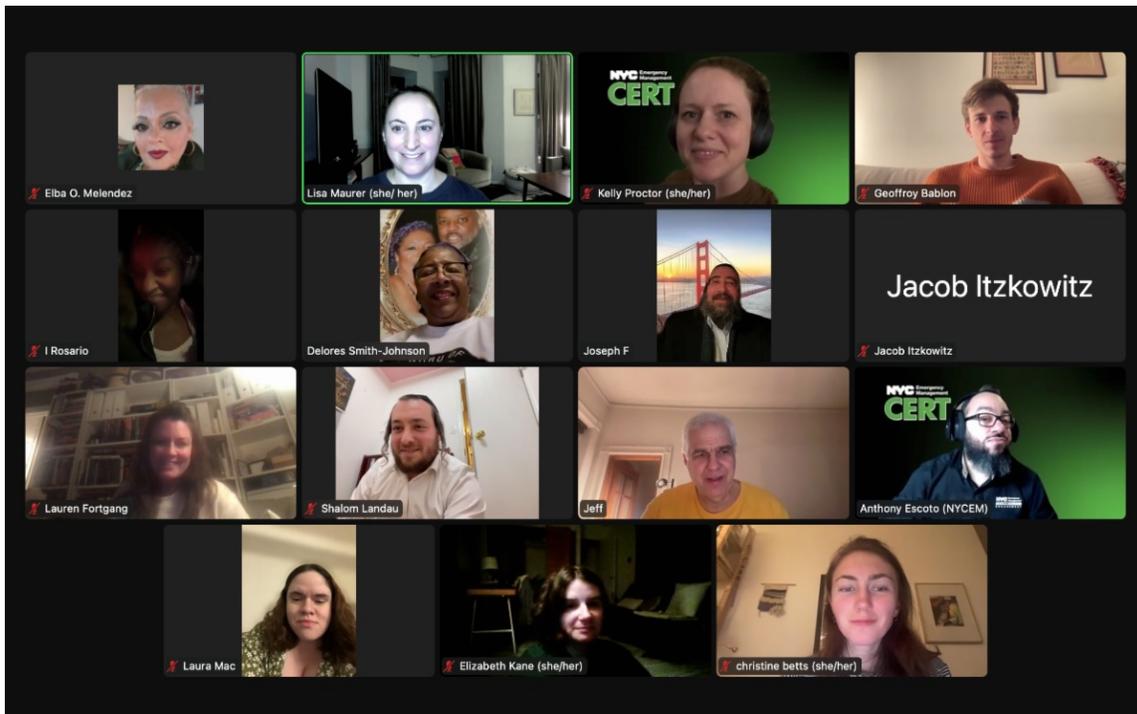
Bronx Division 3 Monthly Team Meeting



On February 28, 2024 Bronx Division 3 held their monthly team meeting. They discussed upcoming Point-to-Point radio training and requesting a training for the northwest Bronx and upper Manhattan divisions. CERT program

staff provided a thorough look at emergency deployment request and how to read the DEP map. They also brainstormed possible preparedness events within the district for March.

Brooklyn Division 1 Monthly Team Meeting



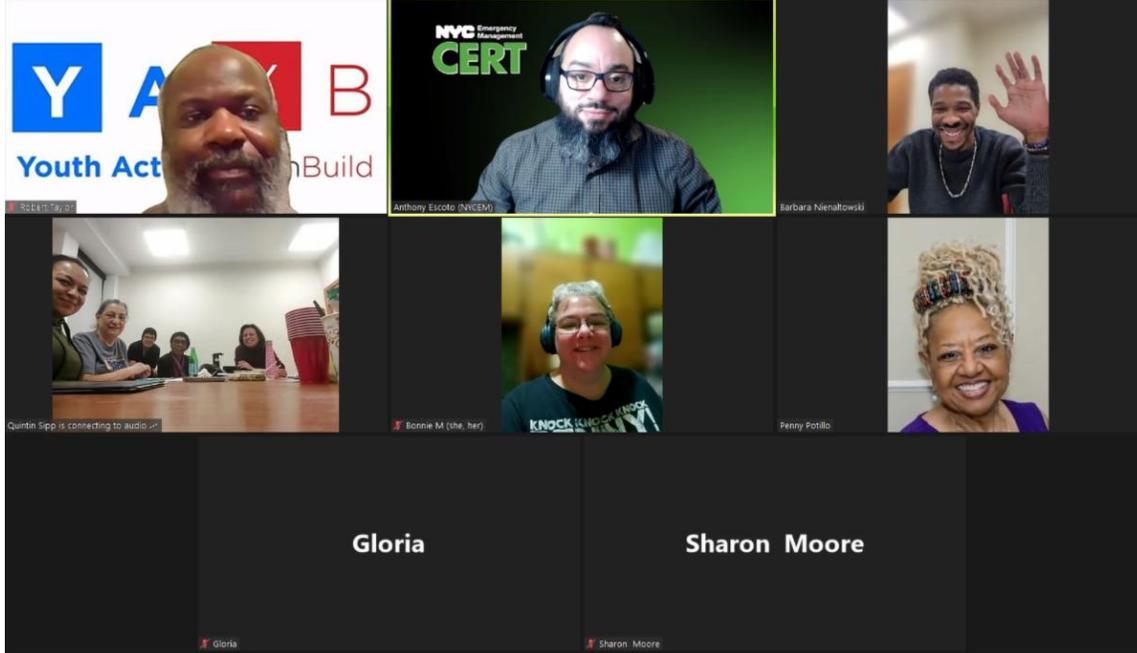
On February 28, 2024 Brooklyn Division 1 held their monthly team meeting to recap previously supported events. They are looking forward to support more faith-based events that have not been supported in the past. They also forecasted upcoming engagement in the warmer months to come.

Bronx Division 1 Monthly Team Meeting



On Monday, February 26, 2024, Bronx Division 1 held its monthly team meeting. Division Chief, Wali Abdun-Noor, gave a presentation on the Incident Command System and South Bronx Emergency Network, highlighting their capabilities. He noted how the NYC CERT program can support and work together with the South Bronx Emergency Network. The Division also discussed upcoming activities, and a table top exercise including discussion supported by CERT program staff.

Manhattan Division 5 Monthly Team Meeting



Manhattan Division 4 held their monthly team meeting on February 26, 2024. The team reviewed prior minutes and discussed the possibility of using NYCEM Zoom link to record future meetings. The meeting also included a recap of recent activities from Division members, as well as a presentation on essential and unique go-bag items.

[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](#)



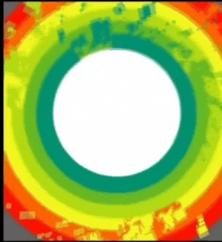
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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