



Happy President's Day from NYC Emergency Management! We honor those who have served our country. Inspired by their dedication, we thank all our volunteers who dedicate their time and talents to keeping New York City prepared.



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

02/17: No Call

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

2025 Training and Exercise Catalogue Announcement!

NYCEM **CERT** TRAINING AND EXERCISE CATALOGUE 2025 EDITION



We're pleased to announce the [2025 Training and Exercise Catalogue](#), designed to help you grow and develop your skills as a valued volunteer! This catalogue is your go-to guide for a wide range of learning opportunities. Explore options that fit your schedule, from self-paced courses through our federal partner Learning Management Systems to specialized training like the Coastal Storm Plan Training. Many offerings include dates and seasons, and we'll continue to update the catalogue as more information becomes available. To ensure accurate rosters for our partners, registration opens 30 days prior to each event. Check out the catalogue now and start planning your personal and professional growth!

Download the NYC
CERT SOPs

New York City Emergency Management Staff is excited to announce the release of the updated [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#)! All volunteers are encouraged to review the latest iteration of expectations and guidance. For any questions, please reach out to your volunteer leadership or email CERT@oem.nyc.gov.

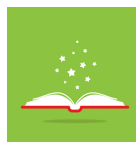
[Download Catalogue](#)

Basic Training Independent Study Resources



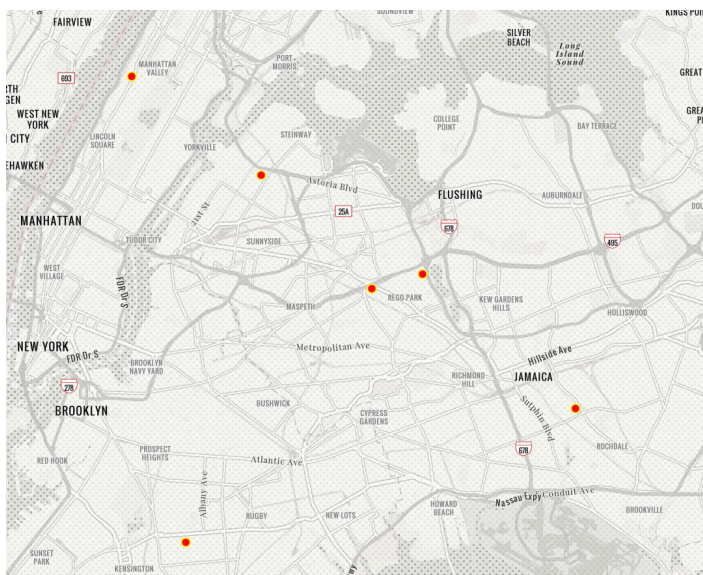
[Basic Training Student Manual](#)

[Basic Training Refresher videos](#)



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

Snow Measuring Results: Queens



CERT members were tasked with submitting snow measurements via Survey123 during the winter weather event from February 8th to 9th, 2025. Snowfall measurements reported ranged from 0.5 to 2.5 inches, with ice/sleet averaging 1.24 inches. Participants also submitted photographic evidence of the event and provided supplemental field data. Thank you for all who took part as this initiative supporting City operations.



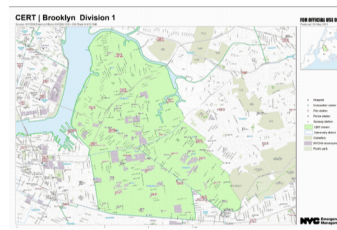
View the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

After you participate, be sure to [Submit Your Volunteer Hours!](#)

****Only events submitted and approved through the Event Request form will be available to volunteers to submit service hours. If you don't see your event listed, please connect with your division leadership. ****

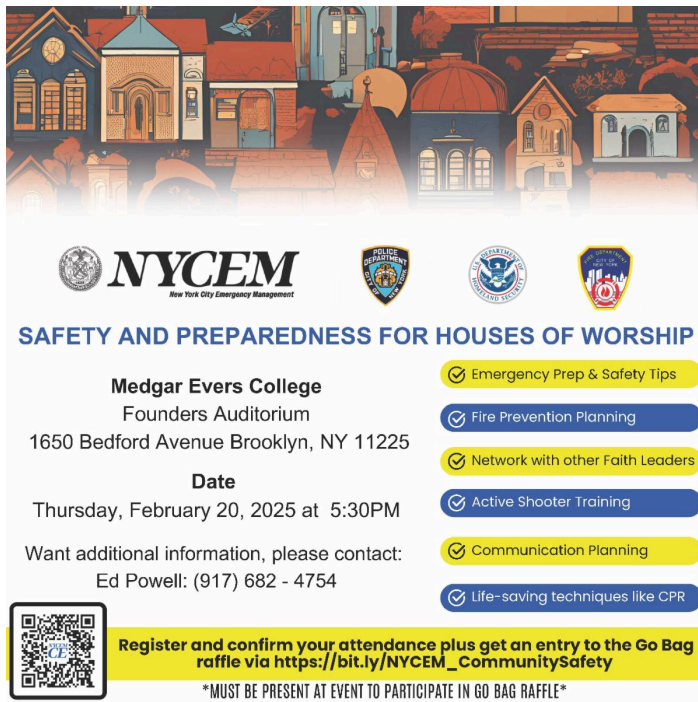
For more questions on how to submit your service hours you can view the [Hours Submission FAQs](#).

Community Safety Event for Houses of Worship



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

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



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SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS FOR HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Medgar Evers College
Founders Auditorium
1650 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225

Date
Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 5:30PM

Want additional information, please contact:
Ed Powell: (917) 682 - 4754

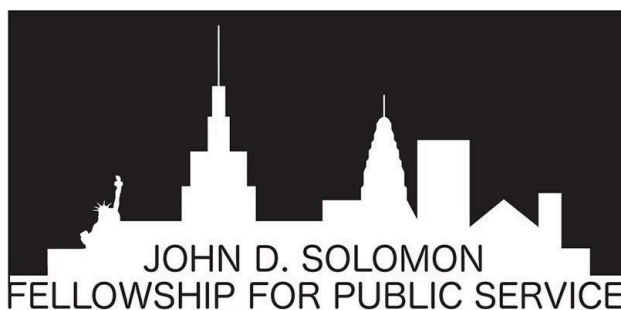
Register and confirm your attendance plus get an entry to the Go Bag raffle via https://bit.ly/NYCEM_CommunitySafety
MUST BE PRESENT AT EVENT TO PARTICIPATE IN GO BAG RAFFLE

- Emergency Prep & Safety Tips
- Fire Prevention Planning
- Network with other Faith Leaders
- Active Shooter Training
- Communication Planning
- Life-saving techniques like CPR

Join us for an engaging and informative community safety event! Doors open at 5:30 PM for an hour of networking and access to resource tables featuring the NYPD, FDNY, NYC Emergency Management and more. The event kicks off at 6:30 PM with speakers covering critical topics such as life-saving techniques, fire prevention & extinguishing methods, flood prevention strategies and the key steps to organizing your safety plan. Participation in this event will give you a chance to win a **Go Bag!**

[Click here to Register](#)

NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT JOHN D. SOLOMON FELLOWSHIP FOR PUBLIC SERVICE APPLICATION PERIOD NOW OPEN



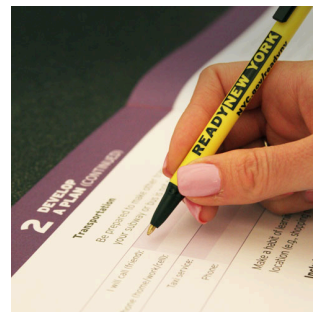
Program participants will gain hands-on experience in public service

The fellowship is open to graduate students in the New York City metropolitan area

NYCEM 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.



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.

Updated NYC CERT IDs



Membership:

All members should reach out to their division leadership to exchange expired credentials for updated ones.

Leadership:

Please remember to schedule a pick-up, or permit your members to schedule a

February 13, 2025 — The New York City Emergency Management Department (NYCEM) announced the application period is now open for the John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service. The fellowship selects 10 exceptional graduate students to embark on a nine-month journey focused on emergency management within various City agencies and the American Red Cross in Greater New York. Now in its 14th year, the John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service is the first graduate student fellowship devoted to emergency management. The **application period is open until March 16, 2025.**

“John D. Solomon was a devoted public servant to his beloved New York City. His work as a journalist and a New York City Community Emergency Response (NYC CERT) member exemplified his dedication to emergency preparedness and resiliency,” said **New York City Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol**. “The John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service is critical for developing the next generation of public servants. We extend our gratitude to the Solomon family for their generosity in honoring John's memory through this fellowship.”

The fellows selected will commit 15-20 hours per week over a nine-month period at their assigned NYC agency/organization. They will also engage in professional development and networking opportunities, including at City Hall and the United Nations. Fellows will also receive a \$10,000 stipend, made possible through the Program's generous supporters, including a recent grant from the NBA.

Interested graduate students have until March 16 to **apply**.

[For More information click here](#)

pick-up for their updated IDs using this link: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTpickup>

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](#).

How to Help: DC Plane Crash

On January 29, 2025, many people were killed after a helicopter collided with a passenger plane in Washington, DC. The [GoFundMe](#) community is coming together to support those affected. [Click Here](#) to donate to verified fundraisers today to help the people and families affected.



California Wildfires - Where to Donate?

Donate online at <https://redcross.org/donate/>

Donate online at <https://calfund.org/funds/wildfire-recovery-fund/>

Your generosity will help provide essential resources, shelter, and support to those affected by the devastating wildfires.

[National VOAD](#) explains that sorting, storing, and transporting unsolicited goods can overwhelm relief efforts. Cash donations to nationally recognized organizations are the most effective way to help. Organizations can buy exactly what's needed, when it's needed. Purchases are made locally, supporting businesses and aiding recovery and streamlines the relief efforts, eliminating wasted time or resources dealing with an influx of donated items.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Emergency Operations Center & NYCEM Watch Command Overview

Learning Objectives include:

- NYCEM 101
- Operations Division
- CERT Roles in the EOC
- Tour of the EOC

We ask that you wear your NYC CERT polo shirt.

[Registration, Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM](#)

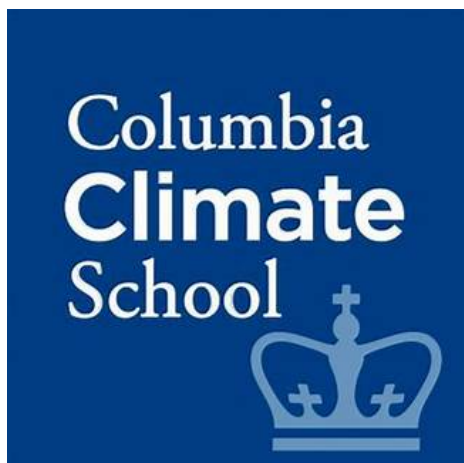


Ready New York Bingo



The Ready New York team is seeking bilingual NYC CERT members to become cultural ambassadors! We're offering a special training course that will equip you with the skills to promote preparedness in a fun and engaging way – through a game of Bingo designed specifically for second-language speakers. Join us and help ensure everyone in your community is ready.

[Registration, Thu, Mar 6, 2025 at 6:30 PM](#)



FEMA Learning Opportunities

National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP) has several on-demand web-based trainings to train learners quickly on mass care shelter and evacuation operations.

- [AWR-423-W: Mass Care Shelter and Relocation Communication](#) provides participants with an understanding of messaging for shelter and evacuation operations. This course is focused on the whole community.
- [AWR-424-W: Pandemic Planning Multilateral Risk Communication](#) provides participants an overview of multilateral risk communications during a pandemic.
- [PER-402-W: Pandemic Planning for Mass Sheltering](#) is designed to help learners plan for mass sheltering operations during multiple disasters.

These trainings can be completed in as little as two hours. Trainings are available for individual learners or can be incorporated into the curriculum for volunteer groups, university courses, healthcare and hospital systems, and more. To learn about and register for these trainings, please visit our training portal at <https://training.ncdpcourses.org>.

CISA Learning

CISA's new Learning Management System has replaced the Federal Virtual Training Environment (FedVTE) and will replace multiple other platforms. CISA Learning will be the go-to learning platform CISA staff, contractors and external partners. CISA Learning will continue to offer the same no cost online cybersecurity training as FedVTE on topics such as cloud security, ethical hacking and surveillance, risk management, malware analysis, and more.



CISA Learning using the following link: <https://learning.cisa.gov/>

- External users will access CISA Learning via Login.gov, a secure government site.
- While Login.gov uses personal identifiable information (PII) for verification, this information is not shared with or captured in CISA Learning.
- For more information, visit: [What is Login.gov?](#) | [Login.gov](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NYCEM CERT APPLICANT ORIENTATION

NYC CERT Orientation Support

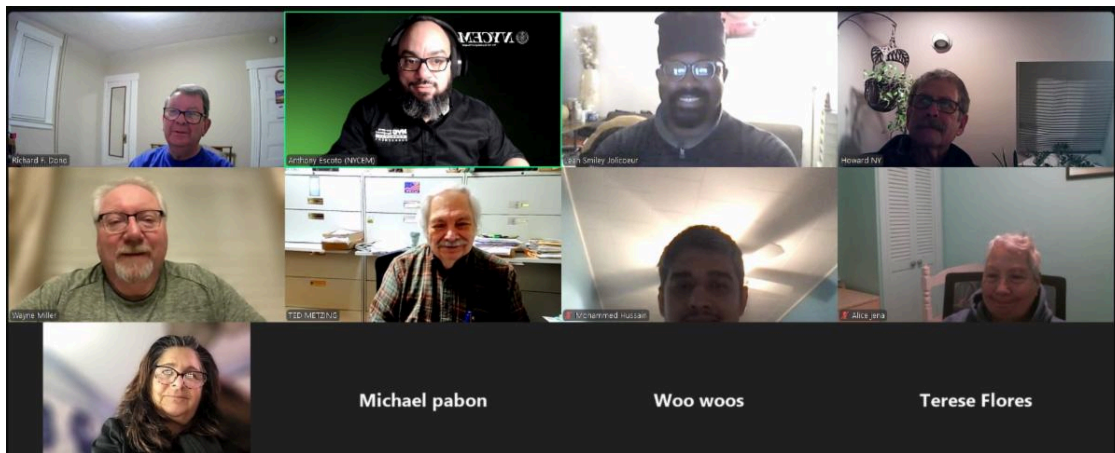
We are seeking volunteers from our active membership to assist with upcoming in-person Orientation sessions for new applicants in 2025. These evening sessions, held from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at NYCEM headquarters, will require volunteers to assist with light logistics, set-up, and answer questions from attendees. We encourage interested members to consider this valuable opportunity to contribute to the NYC CERT program.

Register for an Orientation Date

Recent Activity

Meetings

Queens Division 5



This past Monday, February 10th, Queens Division 5 Chief Richard Donno led a productive division meeting. The team discussed discretionary funds and plans for upcoming in-person training opportunities that will be coordinated locally. We appreciate everyone's valuable input during the planning process and are excited about what the coming months will bring!

Send Us Your Photos!



Please continue to share 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!

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.

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](#)



What is the 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)

Not sure about an item? Don't hesitate to reach out! Contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov

Schedule a meeting with NYCEM staff: [NYC CERT Volunteer Support](#)

and we'll be happy to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.



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



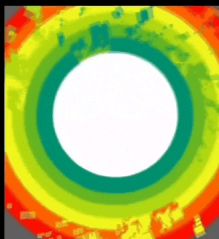
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



Listen to all episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, Prep Talk ([SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#) & [Spreaker](#)) and ¡Prepárate! on [SoundCloud](#).



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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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Schedule a meeting with NYC CERT Staff:
<https://on.nyc.gov/bookCERT>

<i>Choose a Topic:</i>	<u>CERT Pick-up (In-Person)</u>	<u>NYC CERT Operations</u>	<u>Advanced Training</u>	<u>Exercises & Tabletops</u>
<u>General Questions</u>	<u>CERT ID Questions</u>	<u>Leadership Interest</u>	<u>Borough Discussion</u>	<u>Division Discussion</u>

ONLY active NYC CERT membership may book a one-on-one meeting with a staff member who specializes in each specific topic. Please provide a clear description of your needs so we can prepare to address all of your questions and concerns. Please do not share this link externally. All external inquiries can be directed to the program email address: CERT@oem.nyc.gov.



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