


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.

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Monkeypox Alert



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Monkeypox is an infection that typically causes fever, flu-like symptoms and a rash, and is currently spreading in many countries and cities, including New York City.

Immediately notify a health care worker if:

- + You have a new rash, sores, or blisters anywhere on your body
- + You have been in close contact with someone who is sick or has a new rash

Protect yourself and others:

- + Wear a mask covering your nose and mouth
- + Keep a safe distance from others
- + Cover any rash, blisters or sores

At this time, monkeypox vaccinations are not available at NYC Health + Hospitals locations.

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel:
CERT BK

Call Scenario:
**Is your division radio being rotated?
How often?**

8/22 Responding Borough:
No Responding Borough

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!](#)

New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasani have recently declared a public health emergency due to the monkeypox outbreak.

For additional information on monkeypox please visit:
nyc.gov/monkeypox

My Emergency Backpack is Ready... I am Stress-Free!



Please join the FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division in partnership with Americares for a webinar discussing strategies for children and young people to prepare for disasters.

[Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 4:30 PM](#)

National Preparedness Month



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The 2022 National Preparedness Month theme is: "A Lasting Legacy." The life you've built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family.

In the coming weeks, NYC Emergency Management will be sharing more details on planning for the month including the release of an updated National Preparedness Month Toolkit for tips and information you can share with your family and community.

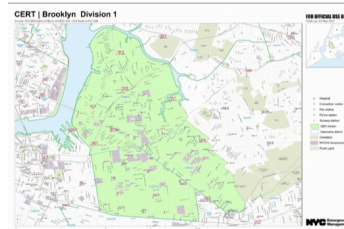
As NYC CERT volunteers, your CERT Divisions should be planning to participate in or host a preparedness event for National Preparedness Month. Please let us know how we can help!

Find more information as it is released on our website: nyc.gov/nationalpreparednessmonth

Quiz of the Week



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](#)

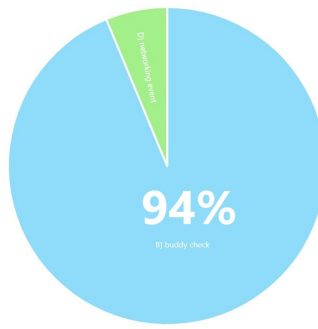


View the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

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](#).

Thank you to all who participated in last week's Quiz of the Week. The correct answer is: **B) buddy check**.



A buddy check is a CERT deployment that can be performed for known vulnerable residents in response to extreme weather – snow, or heat events – or during an emergency, especially emergencies that span a few days or weeks. CERT volunteers performed buddy checks often during the COVID pandemic, where many vulnerable residents were shut in due to fears of the virus. Buddy checks can save lives! Think about your neighborhood and who your vulnerable neighbors might be.

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.

NYC CERT Communication Structure



The NYC CERT Program Communication Structure walks through any need and request and who in the program should you reach out to. This structure is following ICS in order to support every single volunteer whether you may be in any type of leadership role or group and how to get an efficient answer in a timely manner.

[Click Here to Download the NYC CERT Program Communication Structure](#)

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VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

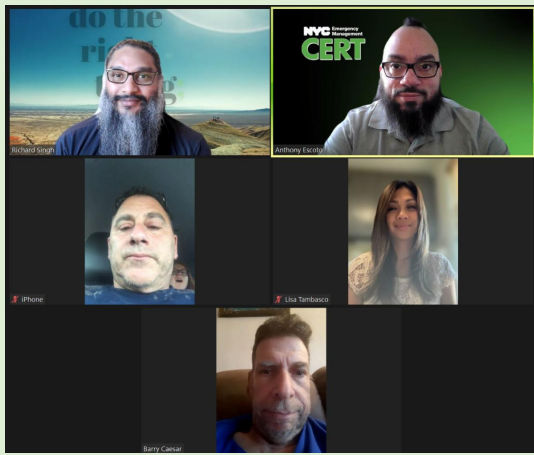
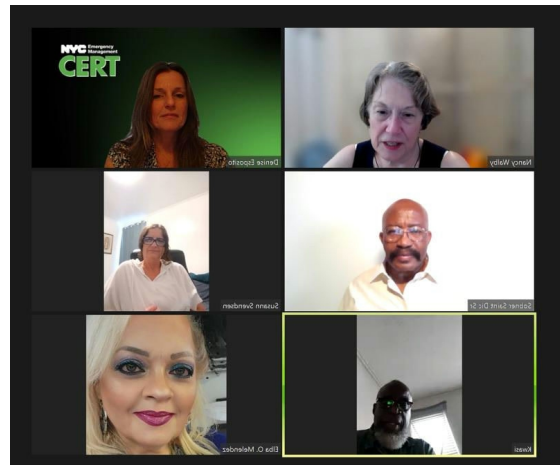


New Graduate Orientation

New graduates were welcomed by program staff, as they were provided a walkthrough of upcoming all volunteer opportunities and the standard operating procedures including processes to register for events, report volunteer service hours and work within the NYC CERT communication structure.

CERT Recruitment Group Meeting

some of our NYC CERT Recruitment Group members met with program staff this past Monday evening, August 15th, to discuss upcoming recruitment events including National Preparedness Month activities. A couple of new members joined the meeting after attending an info session last month. Look out for the next info session in September, if you are interested in joining this group.



Queens Division 4

Division members came together virtually for their monthly meeting this past Monday, August 15th. During this meeting they reviewed their recent events including National Night Out, as well as some upcoming events coordinated by Division Chief Richard Singh as he builds upon a new relationship formed with Emblem Health. The division is in great hands and we thank you all for your hard work!

Manhattan Division 3/ Preparedness Game

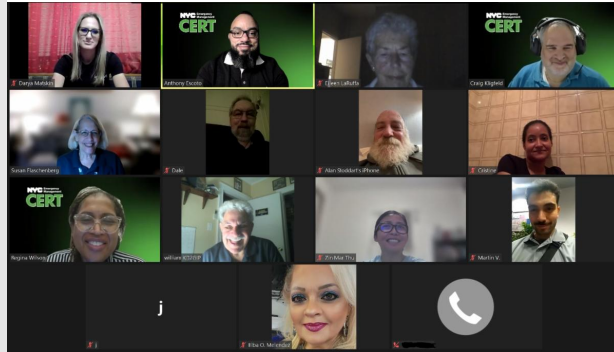


On Tuesday, August 16th, Division members gathered using a hybrid model, both in-person and virtual. After welcoming new graduates and provided tasks by Division Chief Beth Rowan, the meeting took a pause as members participated in a tabletop exercise in the form of an individual preparedness game facilitated by program staff. Engaging both in-person participants and the virtual members, the game, 3 THINGS, has a deck of cards with scenarios that ask each participant to choose from 3 items laid out on the table and explain to the group how they plan to survive the scenario using those 3 items. While there was a bunch of silly preparedness fun taking place, members were in fact addressing serious individual preparedness scenarios.

Brooklyn Leadership Meeting

The Brooklyn Borough Coordinators facilitated their

monthly leadership meeting this week, where they reviewed the NYC CERT Communication Structure and also amplified information from the bi-weekly check-in with program staff. The meeting concluded with program staff addressing questions and concerns from participating leadership as it is helpful to share since we know that leaders very often receive similar questions from general membership.



Brooklyn Division 5

This past Thursday, division members welcomed new graduates to their monthly meeting. Division Chief Susan Flaschenberg outlined several upcoming volunteer opportunities including planned deployments and preparedness events. We hope to see our new members out supporting these events!

[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 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.

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



[45th Annual Brighton Jubilee Registration,](#)
[Sun, Aug 28, 2022 at 7:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Planned 45th Annual Brighton Jubilee

SHIFT 1: VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

- Muster at 7:30 am at Spot No. C21 on Coney Island Avenue, a couple of blocks south of Brighton Beach Avenue.
- Muster at 9:30 am at CERT Ready NY table on Coney Island Avenue south of Brighton Beach Avenue at Spot C21.

SHIFT 2: PREPAREDNESS TABLE

- Muster at 12:00 pm at CERT Ready NY table on Coney Island Avenue south of Brighton Beach Avenue at Spot C21.



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

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

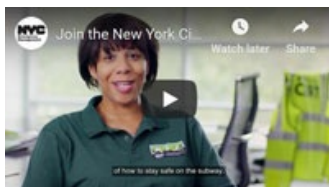
Schedule free training for your Division at [FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#).

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

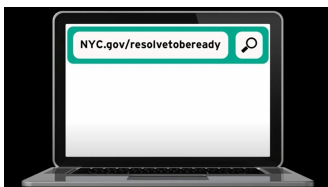
COVID-19 Community Conversations: Mental Health, Equity and Resilience **Updated Links*

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



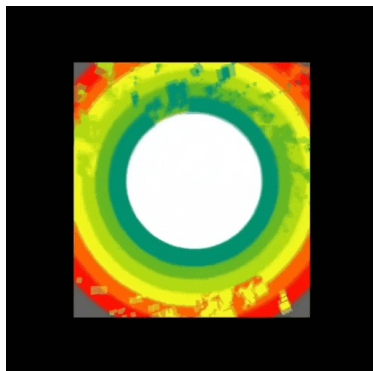
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[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](#).



[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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