



Passover also called Pesach (sundown of April 22 – sundown of April 30) is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the Israelites being freed from slavery in Egypt. It is observed for seven or eight days and during the first and sometimes the second night, Passover is celebrated with a home ritual known as the Passover seder.

The seder, or order in Hebrew is celebrated around a dinner table. It includes the retelling of the Passover story - the story of Exodus from the Torah (or the Old Testament) — blessings over food and wine, explanations of Passover symbols, discussions of freedom and social justice, and plenty of singing and eating. All of these rituals are performed in an order prescribed by a Passover-specific book known as a Haggadah (which means “telling” in Hebrew).

During Passover, Jews may not own or consume chametz, anything containing grain that has risen. Instead Jews eat Matzah, a cracker-like food, which reminds them of their ancestors having no time to allow their bread to rise as they were leaving Egypt.

Chag Sameach to everyone celebrating Passover this week!

Read:

- [Story of Passover](#)
- [Passover Recipes](#)

Happy Volunteer Recognition Day



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

BOROUGH CHANNEL
BRONX

04/22/2024

NO CALL SCHEDULED

Call Scenario:

How many recruitment events is your division planning to have this month?

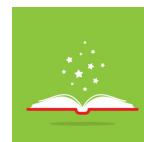
Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)



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



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



Today, April 20th is volunteer recognition Day and we never tire of expressing our gratitude and appreciation for every single CERT member. You all play a vital role in helping our city stay resilient and thrive. Here's what NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol had to say about it:

“NYC Emergency Management is proud to recognize our CERT volunteers during National Volunteer Month. These exemplary New Yorkers exemplify community service. Through dedicated training and unwavering commitment, CERT volunteers are indispensable to our city’s resilience and emergency response. Their readiness and willingness to act not only saves lives, but supports the safety of our communities before, during, and after emergencies. We are thankful for their service and are thrilled to welcome a new cohort of committed volunteers.”

Read the full article from NYCEM's press release [NEW YORKERS ANSWER THE CALL TO SERVE WITH NYC CERT DURING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH.](#)

Here, here for all CERT members! We celebrate your commitment and dedication today and throughout the years!

NYC CERT Graduation Recap



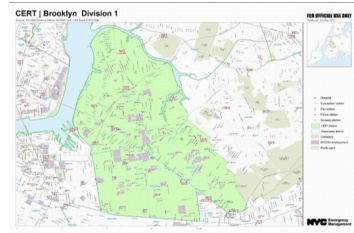
[Press Release: New Yorkers Answer the Call to Serve with NYC CERT During](#)



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](#)



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.

[View Photos from Graduation](#)

Celebrate Earth Day with Open Streets: Car Free Earth Day



Car-Free Earth Day is an annual car-free event hosted by NYC DOT. Programming is presented at signature and partner produced locations citywide, to promote activism and education surrounding climate change, sustainability, and other relevant topics. Read more about [Open Streets](#).

Find fun ways to celebrate Earth Day with [Public Space Programming](#).

Emergency Preparedness for Every Season

KNOW YOUR ZONE

ZONE 1

ZONE 2

ZONES

NYC CERT Emergency Management

NYCEM New York City Emergency Management

GET FREE EMERGENCY ALERTS

Text JULY4NYC to 692692

Notify NYC SPECIAL EVENT

Follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter



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.

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](#).

April showers might bring May flowers, but short periods of heavy rain may cause flash flooding. Flash Flooding is not a seasonal emergency as heavy rain can replace snow in a warm winter season or heavy snowfall can melt and accumulate faster than absorption if temperatures rise rapidly. Now is the time to posture yourself to meet your families needs in either case. Flash flooding is a sudden event, having an [emergency plan](#) in place before you need one is good hygiene for comprehensive well-being. Know your flood risk: Find out which evacuation zone you are in; visit [Know Your Zone](#). Learn how to be [flood-safe](#) in New York City.

Visit [NotifyNYC](#) to keep informed about emergency alerts and important city services.

CERT Members Graduate NYPD's Citizen Police Academy



JEWEL BROWN
BROOKLYN DIVISION 7



MIRIAM WILLIAMS
BROOKLYN DIVISION 3

Congratulations to Jewel Brown, Tania Melenciano, Miriam Williams and Jesse Figueroa. The six weeks of dedicated tutelage at the NYPD's Citizens Police Academy culminated at their graduation on April 16, 2023. They are pictured with NYPD's First Deputy Commissioner Tania Kinsella receiving their recognition. Nice work!



JESSE FIGUEROA
BROOKLYN DIVISION 5



TANIA MELENCIANO
BROOKLYN DIVISION 5

Grand Central Station Full Scale Exercise Support Survey

Grand Central Station Full Scale Exercise Support



On the evening of June 25th, Grand Central Terminal will be closed for a full scale exercise. In past years, NYC CERT volunteers' participation helped to make the exercise a success. Volunteers can serve in a number of roles including live victims.

This form is to gauge interest from NYC CERT to determine if this is a role that interests our members. Depending on the response to this form, the decision will be made as to whether or not NYC CERT supports, so if you interested please click below!!

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE FORM](#)

CERT Survey



CERT Volunteer Survey

Please do not include identifiable information in the questionnaire (Name, Social Security, Residency, etc.)

Your participation is completely voluntary, and all responses will be kept confidential.

If you feel uncomfortable answering these questions at any point, you may exit the form

All CERT members should have received an email with a survey developed by CERT member and John Jay College of Criminal Justice student, Edwin Chen. Edwin is conducting this survey as part of a research project for school. We encourage you to complete it to support his project. Completion of a survey is not required and entirely at your own discretion.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

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



Hazard Mitigation Plan Earth Day Webinar

Learn about the NYC Hazard Mitigation Plan (nychazardmitigation.com) and its tools to visualize your risk from natural hazards. This webinar will provide additional information on mitigation actions in honor of Earth Day.

[Registration | Mon, April 22, 2024 12:00PM](#)



Ready NY Table at New Utrecht Brooklyn Public Library

CERT will set up, staff, explain and distribute Ready New York emergency preparedness materials at the New Utrecht Brooklyn Public Library.

[Registration | Thurs, April 25, 2024 3PM](#)

Fallen Officer Bike Blessing Deployment

NYPD's 63rd Precinct will host a Fallen Officer Bike Blessing for P.O. Chief Michael Ellis. CERT will assist with traffic control and pedestrian management.

[Registration | Sat, April 27, 2024 9AM](#)



Advanced Training: Point-to-Point Basic Radio Training (In-Person)

Provide basic radio training and train the individual on the operation of the point-to-point radio systems.



[Registration | Sun, April 28, 2024 9AM](#)

Pandemic Game Night

Pandemic is a cooperative board game. The basic premise is that four diseases have broken out in the world, each threatening to wipe out a region. Help save humanity from rampant outbreaks around the world via this fun team-building exercise. Come with an open mind and your best team spirit for a couple rounds of board game fun.

No prior knowledge nor experience necessary.

[Registration | Wed, May 1, 2024 6:30PM](#)



TD FIVE BORO BIKETOUR

PACKET PICKUP

May 2nd, May 3rd, and May 4th, 2024

On the days prior to the TD Five Boro Bike Tour, Bike NY will hand out registration packets and host a select number of exhibitors at their Packet Pickup location. We rely on our

BIKE TOUR

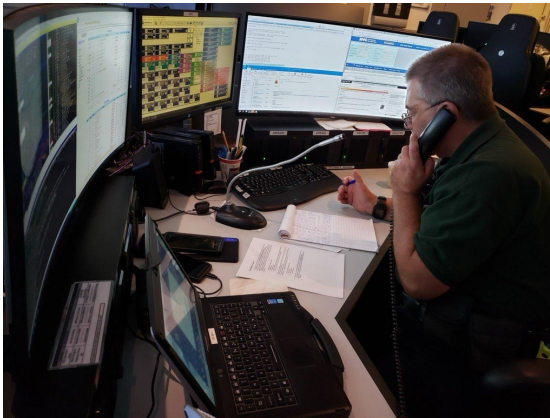
May 5th, 2024

Water Stop and Rest Area Volunteers assist with the setup, operation of, and breakdown of the designated stops along the route. Tasks include setting up tables, filling up water

volunteers to guide our many visitors and create an efficient and welcoming experience for our participants.

coolers, placing snacks on tables, helping to keep the area clean and other duties as needed.

Five Boro Bike Tour CERT Roles & Registration Links



Five Boro Bike Tour-Watch Command Support/NCO

CERT volunteers will assist NYCEM Watch command with radio operations, tracking volunteers on the CERT board tracker and phone support.

[Registration | Sun, May 5, 2024 5:00AM](#)

Dyckman Running Club (DRC) Bridge the Gap Race Logistics/Info Table Support

DRC made a request for support with race logistics and to set up a CERT information/recruitment table at their Bridge the Gap Race in Washington Heights.

Race Logistics Support:

[Registration | Sun, May 5, 2024 7:30AM](#)

Information/Recruitment Table Support:

[Registration | Sun, May 5, 2024 7:30AM](#)



Fabulous Fifth Avenue Festival

NYPD 78th Precinct has requested CERT assistance with pedestrian safety and traffic management.

[Registration | Sun, May 19, 2024 10AM](#)

Brooklyn's 157th Memorial Day Parade in Bay Ridge

CERT volunteers will assist the parade organizers with crowd control and traffic control along the parade route.



[Registration | Mon, May 27, 2024 10:00AM](#)

**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



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.

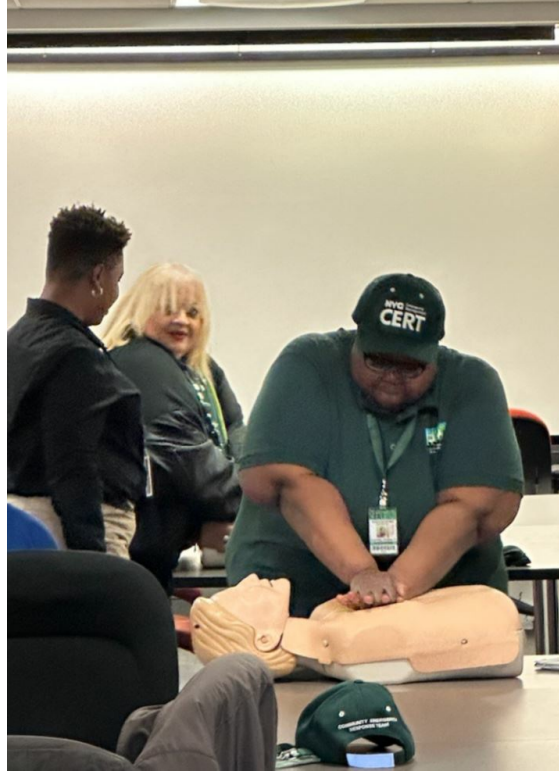
Schedule free training for your Division here : [FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#).

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

NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

FDNY Hands only CPR Training







On April 18, 2024, CERT members attended the FDNY CPR/AED hands-on training at NYCEM. Members were reminded to be CPR FDNY Smart and practiced four basic steps for awareness, which included:

1. Checking for responsiveness
2. Pointing to someone and instructing them to call 911 and get an AED.
3. Placing hands on the patient's chest
4. Starting compressions 100-120 times per minute until further help arrives.

Great response and attendance, looking forward to host more in the months to come!

Manhattan Division 4 Monthly Team Meeting



On April 18, 2024, Manhattan Division 4 held their monthly meeting. They prepped for the upcoming Five Boro Bike Tour. They discussed National Volunteer Month and meeting spaces. NYCEM staff gave updates.

Manhattan Division 1 Monthly Team Meeting



On April 18, 2024, Manhattan Division 4 held their monthly meeting. They discussed upcoming events, reviewed calendar items with NYCEM staff and addressed issues.

Manhattan Division 3 Monthly Team Meeting



On April 17th, Manhattan Division 3 met to discuss upcoming events in the Division. A planning session was held

for the 5 Boro bike tour as well as the National night out in August of this year. The team meeting was packed with great information and informative video dealing with earthquake safety and financial preparedness. Next month's meeting will focus on fire safety. Great meeting and great attendance by the team.

Bronx Division 1 Monthly Team Meeting



Bronx Division 1 held their monthly team meeting on April 15, 2024. They recapped the recent Disasterville exercise. Team member, Wali Abdun-Noor, gave a presentation on Emergency Planning. The team also welcomed new member, Issac Guzman. Welcome to the team, Issac!

Brooklyn Leadership Monthly Meeting



Brooklyn Leadership gathered virtually on April 15, 2024. They had a packed agenda giving the run down of each Division's activity and updates. NYCEM staff gave updates on upcoming events.

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





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.

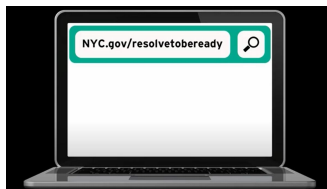
NYC CERT External Request Form: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTrequest>

Find the NYC CERT Protocols here: [NYC CERT SOPs](#)

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



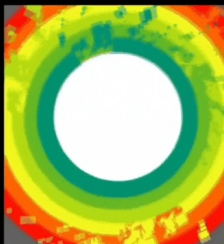
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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



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