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This weekly newsletter should provide you with helpful information that you can share and discuss with your community members.

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CERT SPOTLIGHT



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: Manhattan (CERT MN)

Call Scenario: **What is the most recent drill your team conducted?**

10/31 Responding Borough: **Brooklyn**

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



When CERT applicants attend orientation, we tell them that they should take advantage of every opportunity that NYC CERT provides – all of the training, exercises, events, networking and leadership opportunities available.

We want them to get the most out of their CERT membership. Where else can you get this many free benefits in reward for your time?

Well, this month, we would like to spotlight someone who has done just that – **Brooklyn Division 7 Chief, Nancy Walby!** Nancy is a longtime member and leader with the program since 2013.

Whatever opportunity popped up – Nancy took it and re-took it and practiced it, to keep it fresh! Below is a list of several roles, training opportunities, events and deployments that Nancy has participated in over the years:

- **Leadership roles:** Deputy Chief, Team Chief, Borough Coordinator, Radio Advisory Committee member, CERT Recruitment Group member, Mentor, Division Chief...

- **Training:** RNY Presenter and Kids Presenter, Citywide and Point to Point Radio transmissions, Traffic Management, Commodity Distribution Points, Cultural Awareness, Active shooter, Opioid Overdose Prevention, Community Emergency Planning Toolkit, ThriveNYC Mental Health First Aid, Hurricane Shelter, Family Assistance Center (FAC) training, Citywide Radio Network training, NYCEM Overview EOC/Watch Command Operations Comprehension, Tabletop 101, CIMS, ICS, Working with Seniors in Emergencies, DEP and CERT training, Refresher training, Pet Preparedness, Stop the Bleed...



- **Events:** Randall's Island Exercise, Functional Training Exercise on Staten Island, several National Preparedness Month events, Annual National Night Out events, presentations at Precinct Council Meetings, Community Board Meetings, and Civic Association Meetings, Disaster simulation victim to support for new grads, Annual Westchester County Volunteer Responder drills, JFK Airport Full Scale exercise, CERT SAREX, and other community preparedness tabling events...



- **Deployments:** Service centers, 5 Boro bike tour NCO duty in Watch Command, Food Distribution at Roosevelt Island, Test and Trace Support during the Covid pandemic...

All of this, on top of her regular attendance at monthly leadership meetings and support with material requests and administrative tasks. We are so grateful for your service, Nancy. Thank you!

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

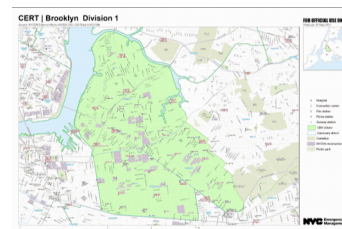


Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[Click Here!](#)



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.

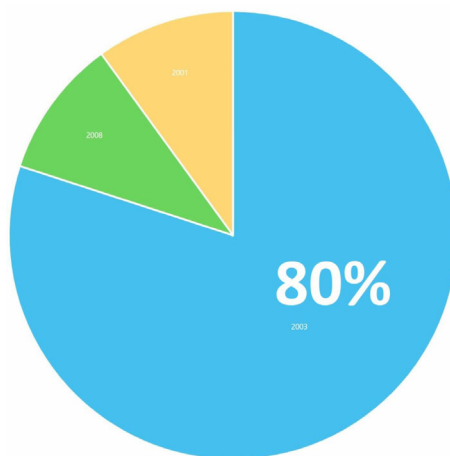
[Brooklyn](#) - [Bronx](#) - [Manhattan](#) - [Queens](#) - [Staten Island](#)

Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's Quiz of the Week. The correct answer is: **B) 2003**

Following September 11, 2001, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) nationalized the Los Angeles Fire Department's program, creating a training curriculum to help communities around the country train CERT volunteers.

In 2003, NYCEM, with the FDNY and NYPD, adapted the national CERT curriculum to our urban environment and created a program for New York City. NYCEM is the governing body that manages the only CERT within NYC and the 5 boroughs.



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](#).

CyberSecurity Awareness Month



Since 2004, the President of the United States and Congress have declared October to be Cybersecurity Awareness Month, helping individuals protect themselves online as threats to technology and confidential data become more commonplace.

Cybersecurity Awareness Month - See Yourself in Cyber

This year's campaign theme — "See Yourself in Cyber" — demonstrates that while cybersecurity may seem like a complex subject, ultimately, it's really all about people. This October will focus on the "people" part of cybersecurity, providing information and resources to help educate CISA partners and the public, and ensure all individuals and organizations make smart decisions whether on the job, at home or at school — now and in the future. We encourage each of you to engage in this year's efforts by creating your own cyber awareness campaigns and sharing this messaging with your peers.

[Click here to view or download the Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2022 Public Toolkit](#)

Recruitment Kits Are On The Way!

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.



As promised, NYC CERT Recruitment Group members will be receiving kits to use for future recruitment events. Check back with us next week, if you have not received your kit. Thank you for your continued support!

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VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Planned Deployments

Pizza, Pets, and Preparedness



Brooklyn Division 1 CERT has been helping to prepare New Yorkers through a series of local events taking place on Fridays up to twice a month. Members visit busy locations near their homes and hand out preparedness information. With the weather being very overcast, the timing along with the location of the event was very relevant since it was in proximity to Zone 2. With this in mind, it was much easier to encourage people to take My Emergency Plan guides and become more equipped to handle an emergency. Good Job Division 1!

10-Year Sandy Commemorative Day of Service



The above photographs showcase the 10th Annual Sandy Commemorative Day of Service. You can see a group photo of the many participants, including a couple of classes of elementary school children along with their teachers, Eddie Mark, Pamela Pettyjohn (event organizer), the CERT division, and NYCEM community engagement members. The second photo shows the NYC Department of Environmental Protection posing with some of the young students; they learned how the department conducted some of its cleaning operations. The last photo presented shows a CERT member helping the children cross the street during the cleanup.

Monthly Division Meetings

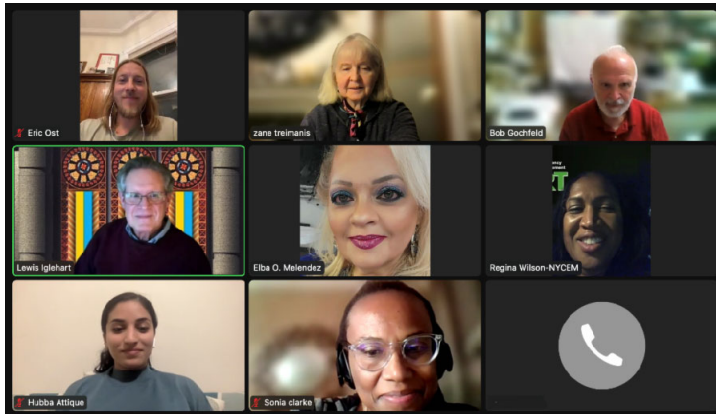


Manhattan Division 5

Members participated in their monthly hybrid meeting where they discussed the Division BBQ event for National Preparedness month, planned their holiday party for December, and reviewed upcoming local events. The meeting culminated with an individual preparedness game facilitated by the Borough Coordinator; the game, "3 Things", is an activity where each member picks up a scenario and chooses 3 items they would need to survive, and the virtual teammates become the judging council on the survivor pitch. Great surviving tips all!

Bronx Division 5 Meeting

The newly appointed Division Chief held her monthly meeting with members of the division. Despite being a growing Division, they have been actively engaged in the community and have supported a number of events. Current members are now planning other events in conjunction with the NYCEM Ready New York program to support local organizations during the holiday season.

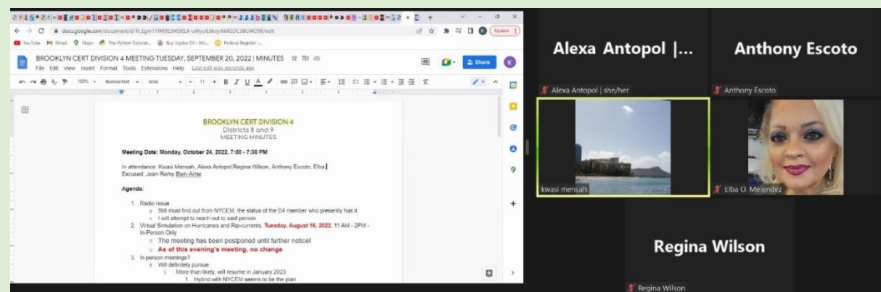


Brooklyn Division 6 Meeting

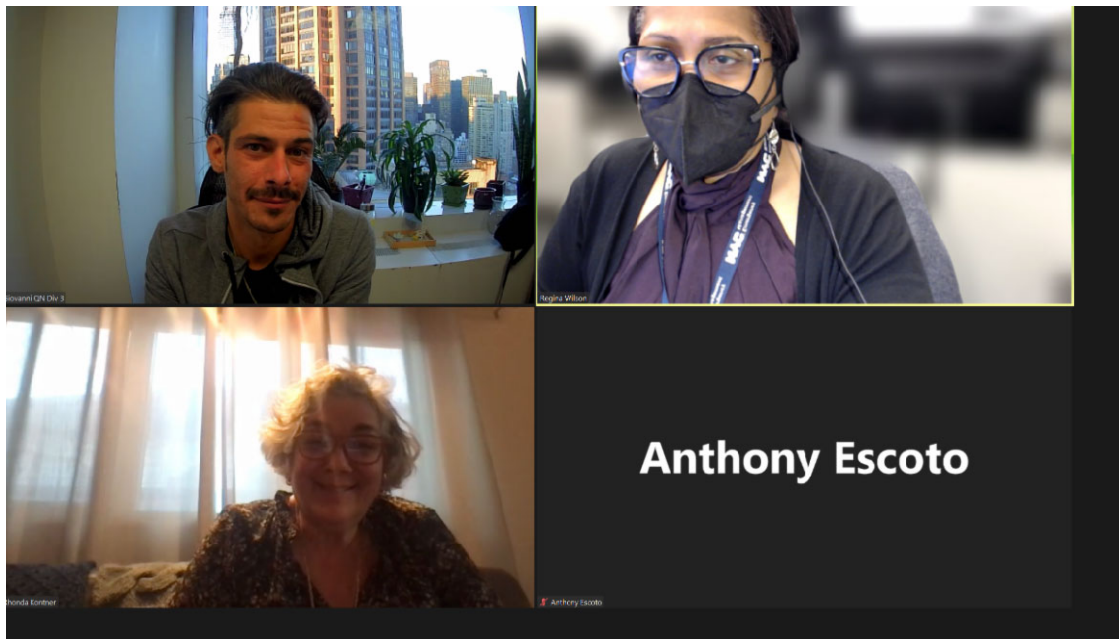
Brooklyn Division 6 held their monthly division meeting on October 13. Their agenda included a discussion regarding recruitment and training opportunities as well as planning for in-person meetings by finding new meeting locations.

Brooklyn Division 4

Brooklyn Division 4 Division Chief walked through their previous agenda along with any relevant items for discussion with leadership and program staff. They also scheduled their meetings through the end of the year.



Queens Leadership Meeting



NYC CERT Program staff met virtually with Queens Division Chiefs this week to discuss upcoming events, team building, and updated standard operating procedures. The Queens leaders requested support to help resolve division issues and begin planning local CERT events in the community for the holiday season.



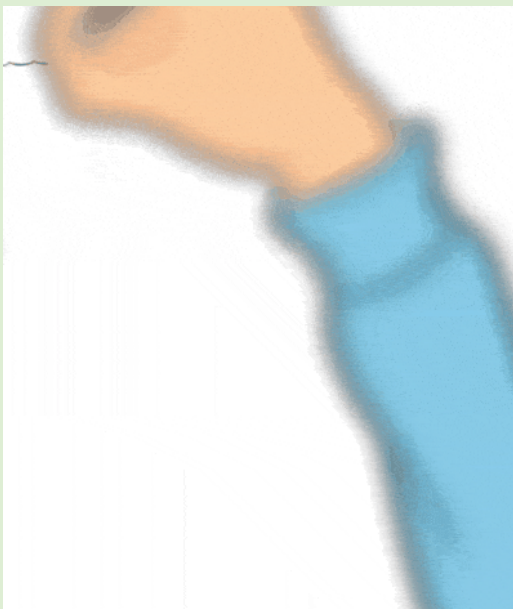
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during CERT
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Teams,
Zoom, etc.)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



NYC CERT members will be supporting the United War Veterans Council Dispersal with Crowd Management and other Street Marshal positions.

Register: [103rd Annual NYC Veterans Day Parade Registration, Fri, Nov 11, 2022 at 9:00 AM](#)



Are you interested in joining the NYC CERT Recruitment Group? NYCER is trying to expand the group, to better assist all boroughs with recruitment. Recruitment group info sessions will be offered at the start of the monthly meeting, going forward, to enable interested CERT members the opportunity to hear more about this task force and meet current members of the group. This is a great opportunity to be a part of the effort to grow membership in the program. Consider joining us for an info session this year! Dates and registration links below:

[Monday, Nov. 21st at 6:30PM](#)

[Monday, Dec. 19th at 6:30PM](#)



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.

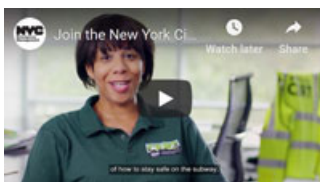
Schedule free training for your Division here : [FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#).

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

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



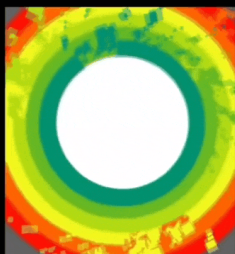
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)

[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](#) & [Spreker](#)) and ¡Prepárate! on [SoundCloud](#).

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

For regularly updated information on Monkeypox please visit: nyc.gov/monkeypox



[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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