

## NYC CERT Leadership Speaker Series



We are pleased to announce the NYC CERT Leadership Speaker Series!

The goal is to introduce different leadership styles and skills from prominent leaders within city government and the private sectors of New York City. The target group will be volunteers serving in a NYC CERT Leadership and cabinet positions. This speaker series will enrich and educate our leaders which will in turn, strengthen the program. We hope that you can join us for the first session. Details below:

**Guest Speaker:** NYCEM Commissioner Zach Iscol  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
**Location:** NYCEM Emergency Operations Center  
165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, NY 11201

We encourage all past and present leadership, including cabinet members to register for this amazing event.

[Registration | Tuesday, May 21, 2024](#)

## May Is Mental Health Awareness Month



### MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

**BOROUGH CHANNEL**  
Manhattan

05/20/2024  
Staten Island

#### Call Scenario:

Does your Division have an emergency communication plan? If so, what is it?

#### 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](#)

# SAMHSA

## Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Mental Health Awareness Month was established in 1949 to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in Americans' lives and to celebrate recovery from mental illness. For more than 20 years, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has recognized Mental Health Awareness Month (MHAM). [Read more...](#)

Read the [Presidential Proclamation](#) and [Governor Hochul's Proclamation](#) on National Mental Health Awareness Month 2024.

### Get Involved

Join [NAMIWalks NYC Sunday, May 19, 2024](#) to support Mental Health Awareness.

Find [resources](#) to bolster your wellness.



## HERricane 2024



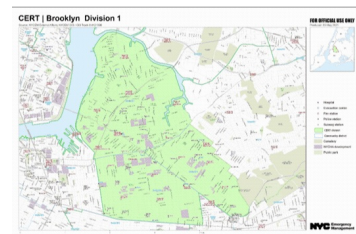
[Student Manual](#)



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](#).

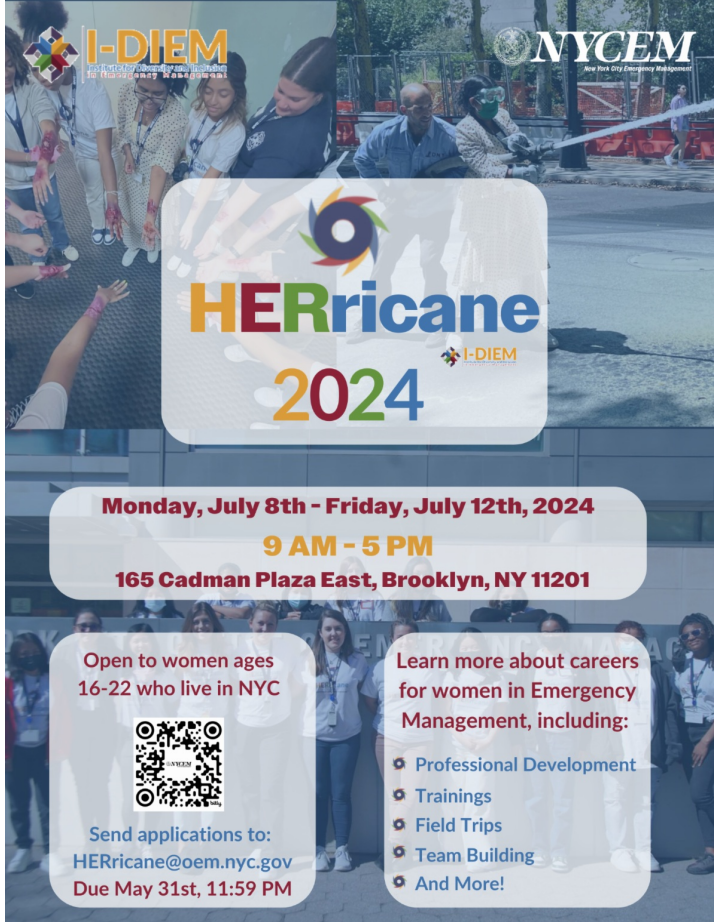


NYC CERT Division maps are available (pdf format) to support recruitment and preparedness planning in your community.

[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 Eventbrite.com for members to register.



**HERricane 2024**

**Monday, July 8th - Friday, July 12th, 2024**  
**9 AM - 5 PM**  
**165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, NY 11201**

Open to women ages 16-22 who live in NYC

Learn more about careers for women in Emergency Management, including:

- Professional Development
- Trainings
- Field Trips
- Team Building
- And More!

Send applications to: [HERricane@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:HERricane@oem.nyc.gov)  
 Due May 31st, 11:59 PM

NYCEM is currently accepting applications for this year's HERricane 2024. Encourage the young ladies in your circle to apply for the opportunity to learn about emergency management this summer.

[Apply!](#)

Send to [HERricane@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:HERricane@oem.nyc.gov) May 31, 2024.

## NYC Service AmeriCorps Virtual Information Session

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.*

**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](mailto:desposito@oem.nyc.gov).



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# AmeriCorps 2024-2025 Applications Open!

Become an NYC Service AmeriCorps member and  
help your organization #GetThingsDone



Applications due June. 24th, 2024!

To learn more and apply visit [nyc.gov/servenyc](https://nyc.gov/servenyc)  
Questions? Email [servicerecruitment@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:servicerecruitment@cityhall.nyc.gov)

**NYC** Service



Interested in starting a career in public service? Get a head start with AmeriCorps! NYC Service is accepting applications for their 2024-2025 AmeriCorps Service year. There are 4 different programs that provide workforce development skills and pathways to public service careers. Register for the upcoming information sessions.

[Registration | June 13, 2024 5:30PM](#)

[Learn more about NYC Service and AmeriCorps Programs..](#)

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## 2024 Annual CEN Conference





**Third Annual Conference  
of NYC Community Emergency Network Coalitions**

# **POLYCRISIS**

## **PREPARING NYC COMMUNITIES FOR MULTIPLE EMERGENCIES**

**Monday, May 20, 2024  
10:00am - 12:30pm  
Online**

### **Session topics:**

- **Financial (In)Security**
- **Food Insecurity Escalation During Emergencies**
- **Psychosocial Support In Crisis Response**
- **Thriving Through Polycrises: Mental Health Support**
- **Artificial Intelligence For Disaster Resiliency**

### **Who Should Attend:**

**Community-based organizations, government agencies, elected officials, the general public**

### **Register:**

**<https://bit.ly/2024cenconference>**



This conference is offered in collaboration with NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The Community Engagement and Response (CER) Unit in NYC Health Department's Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response invites members of the NYC communities to attend an online conference being hosted by five of New York City's Community Emergency Networks (CENs). Learn from East Harlem COAD, Far Rockaway/Arverne Nonprofit Coalition, LES Ready!, Southern Brooklyn COAD, and Staten Island COAD about how to respond to multiple crises in this age of polycrisis. This conference will consist of five workshops led by the CENs, with introductory remarks from DOHMH's Assistant Commissioner of Bureau of Healthcare and Community Readiness, Tamer Hadi.

**[Registration | Mon, May 20, 2024 10AM](#)**

# National AFN Symposium

Highlighting forward-leaning, inclusive, innovative practices in emergency management



July 11-12, 2024



12-3 PM ET Daily

Organizers



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The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (CDHSEM), and New York University (NYU) are hosting the two, half-day, online National AFN Symposium to highlight forward-leaning, inclusive, innovative practices in emergency management.

The National AFN Symposium will bring the disability community together with emergency managers, disaster planners, and first responders from across the country in an online forum to foster an environment of trust and understanding vital to advancing the mission of access and functional needs throughout the nation.

[Registration | July 11, 2024 and July 12, 2024 12PM - 3PM](#)

## Send Us Your Photos!



*Please continue to share an and all photos and videos from your NYC CERT events at [on.nyc.gov/CERTupload](https://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](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov). Thank you!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Gracie Mansion Reception Support



The Mayor's Office for Special Projects and Community Events (MOSPCE) request CERT support with pedestrian and line traffic management at the following events:

**AAPI Heritage**

[Registration | Tues, May 21, 2024 5:30PM](#)

**Juneteenth Celebration**

[Registration | Tues, June 18, 2024 5:30PM](#)

**Jewish Heritage**

[Registration | Wed, May 29, 2024 5:30PM](#)

**Caribbean Heritage**

[Registration | Thurs, June 27, 2024 5:30PM](#)

**Vision Zero Awards Reception**

[Registration | Tues, June 4, 2024 6PM](#)

**Puerto Rican Heritage**

[Registration | Thurs, June 6, 2024 5:30PM](#)

**LGBQ+ Pride**

[Registration | Thurs, June 13, 2024 5:30PM](#)

**NYC Junior Ambassador Program**

[Registration | Tues, June 25, 2024 9AM](#)

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**Flushing Preparedness Day**



# Flushing Preparedness Day

**Wednesday, May 22  
11 AM - 2 PM**

**Queens Public Library at Flushing  
4117 Main Street  
Flushing, NY 11355**

Learn Safety Tips  
Access Resources

Connect with Experts  
Win Raffle Prizes



Flushing Preparedness Day aims to promote emergency readiness and community resilience in the Flushing neighborhood. This event provides valuable resources and information to help residents effectively prepare for and respond to emergencies. Join us as we unite to enhance safety and preparedness in our community.

[Registration | Wed, May 22, 2024 11AM](#)



## 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](#)

## Canarsie Memorial Day Parade

CERT was invited by Assemblywoman Jamie Williams to march in the Canarsie Memorial Day parade alongside herself and other elected officials and



community leaders. CERT will assist with pedestrian and vehicle traffic management.

[Registration | Mon, May 27, 2024 9AM](#)



## Emergency Preparedness at Howard Beach

CERT will distribute emergency preparedness materials and provide information on how to prepare for emergencies and disasters at Howard Beach.

[Registration | Tues, May 28, 2024 6PM](#)

## Ready New York Presenter Training

The Ready NY Presenter Training is an advanced training course designed specifically for NYC CERT members interested in becoming Ready NY presenters in their community. The training concludes with a teach back portion where volunteers learn to be presenters.

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

[Registration | Sat, Jun 1, 2024 9 AM](#)



## Cyber Ready Community Game Night

FEMA's National Exercise Division (NED) and DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) have developed the Cyber Ready Community Game to promote cyber preparedness. Team up and compete in the game that puts your sector in emergency cyber-scenarios and tested on how well you planned, mitigated, responded, and recovered from the cyber-scenario.

*\*no prior knowledge nor experience necessary to join in on the fun\**

[Registration | Wed, June 5, 2024 6:30PM](#)



## Brooklyn Pride Parade

CERT will assist the parade organizers with pedestrian and traffic management.

[Registration](#) | [Sat, June 8, 2024 6PM](#)

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## NY Philharmonic Van Cortlandt Park

NYC CERT will provide assistance with traffic control and pedestrian management alongside the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance and The 50th Precinct. CERT will have a Ready NY literature distribution and recruitment table.

[Registration](#) | [Tues, June 11, 2024 6PM](#)



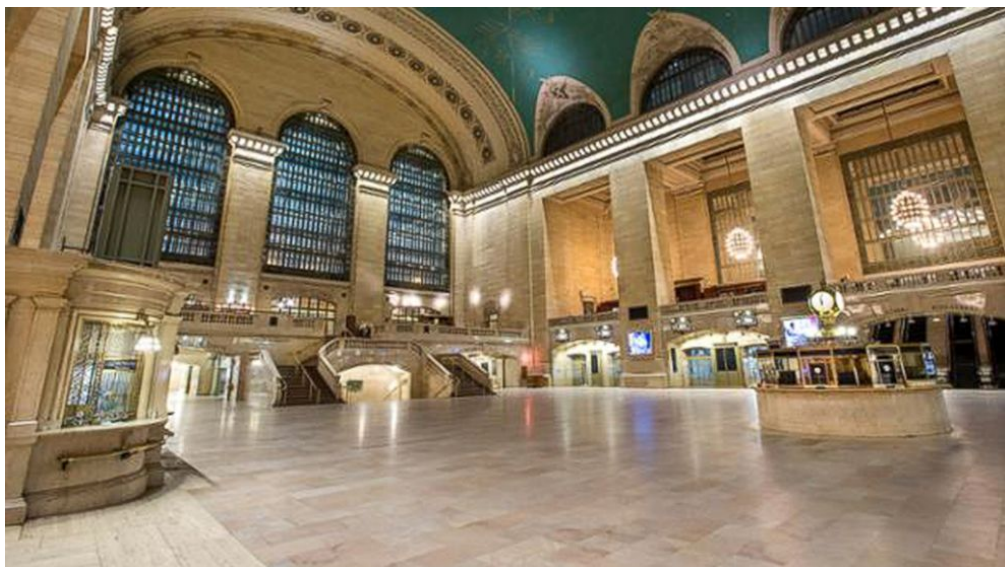
## Kowteff's 14th Annual Juneteenth Celebration

NYC CERT was requested to support the Kowteff School of African Dance. They will assist with pedestrian traffic, support functions and pedestrian traffic control.

[Registration](#) | [Sat, June 15, 2024 12PM](#)

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## Grand Central Station Full Scale Exercise Support Postponed for July 12 -13



Tentatively on the evening of July 12th, 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](#)

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### Brooklyn Cyclones Preparedness Events

The Brooklyn Cyclones have invited CERT, Ready NY and Notify NYC to table at Maimonides Park during several upcoming games. CERTs are being requested to join NYCCEM staff to distribute NYC CERT recruitment materials with park visitors. Check out the dates below and register through the links provided. Game times vary by date.

[Registration | Sun, May 26, 2024 1:30PM](#)

[Registration | Fri, August 9, 2024 6:30PM](#)

[Registration | Sun, June 22, 2024 5:30PM](#)

[Registration | Sun, August 25, 2024 1:30PM](#)

[Registration | Mon, July 1, 2024 6:30PM](#)

[Registration | Wed, Sept 4, 2024 6:30PM](#)

[Registration | Thurs, July 25, 2024 8:30AM](#)

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### 6th Annual Knickerbocker Avenue Puerto Rican Day Parade

The Knickerbocker Ave Puerto Rican Day Parade committee requested CERT to assist with pedestrian traffic and support.

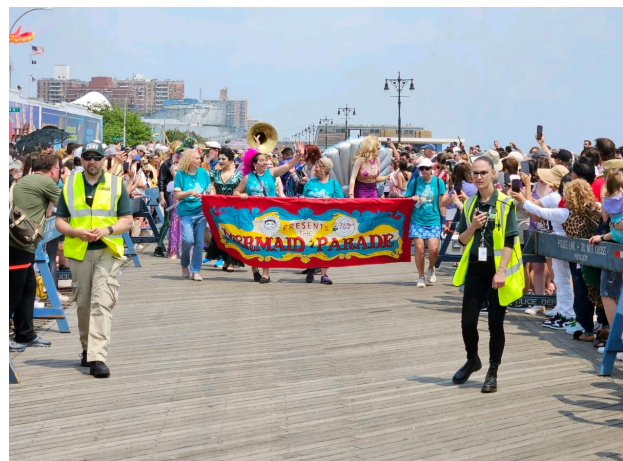
[Registration | Sun, June 9, 2024 11AM](#)

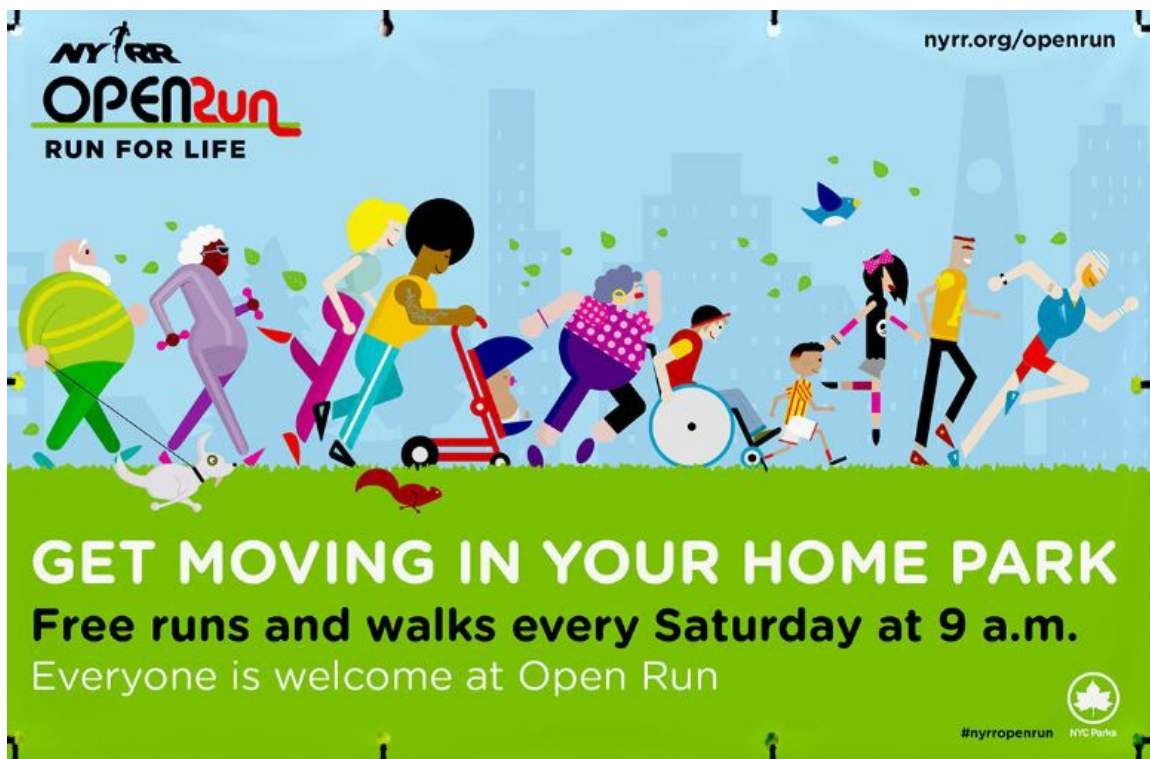
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### Coney Island Mermaid Parade

NYPD 60th Pct, Community Affairs Division, request CERT to assist with pedestrian and vehicular traffic management.

[Registration | Sat, June 22, 2024 11:30AM](#)





### NY Road Runners (NYRR) Open Runs Preparedness Events

NYRR shared several Open Run events with NYC CERT for staffing in June and July. CERTs are being requested to distribute Ready NY emergency preparedness literature and discuss pet preparedness with event attendees. Check out the dates below and register through the links provided.

Shift is 8:30am – 11am for all dates.



#### Inwood Hill Park Support:

[Registration](#) | [Sat, June 22, 2024 8:30AM](#)

#### Crocheron Park Support:

[Registration](#) | [Sat June 29, 2024 8:30AM](#)

#### Conference House Park Support:

[Registration](#) | [Sat, July 14, 2024 8:30AM](#)

#### Highland Park Support:

[Registration](#) | [Sat, July 14, 2024 8:30AM](#)

#### Highland Park Support:

[Registration](#) | [Sat, July 27, 2024 8:30AM](#)

# 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

### Michael Reddy Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshal Dinner



On May 10, 2024, Queens Division 3 CERT member Michael Reddy was announced as this year's Grand Marshal for the Memorial Day Parade. He gave a speech at the American Legion dinner. Congratulations, Michael!

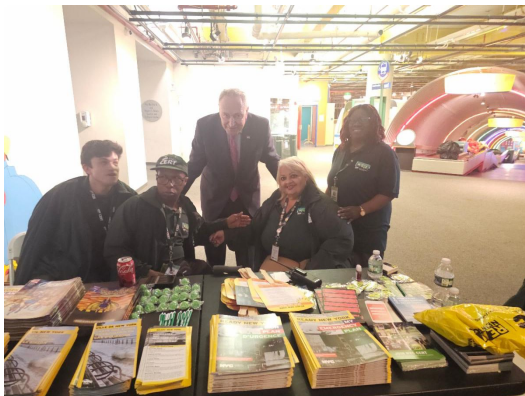
## CERT at Japan Parade



On May 11, 2024, CERT deployed for the Japan Parade in Manhattan. Members guided marchers and floats. They also assisted with the movement of support and transport vehicles into and out of the designated areas.

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## Councilmember Mercedes Narcisse Haitian Flag Celebration

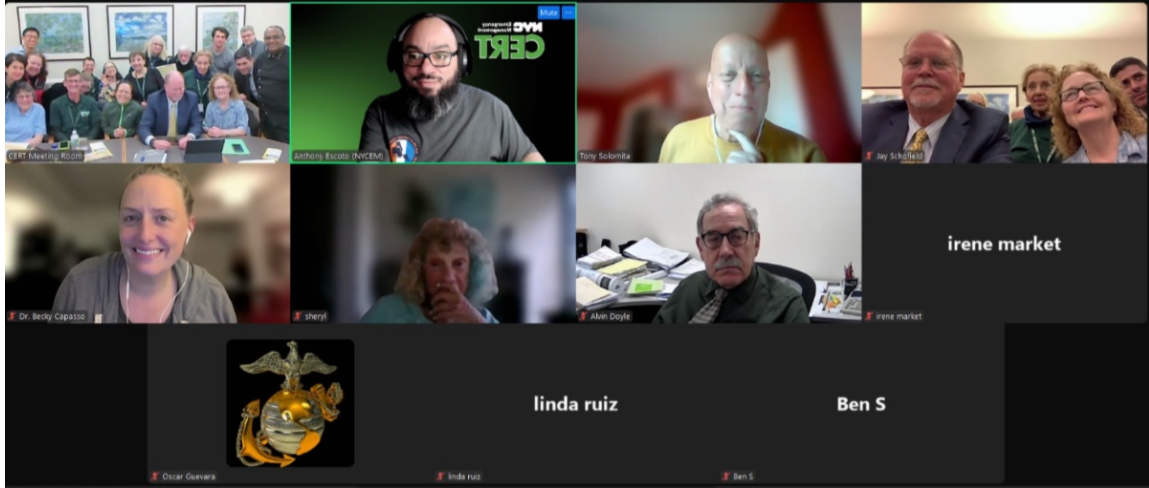


NYC CERT members continue to be strong supporters of their local elected officials. Most recently, CERT was present at Councilmember Mercedes Narcisse's Haitian Flag Celebration. CERT members were joined by local and state representatives as you see here with NYS Senator Chuck Schumer and Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso. Great work all!

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## Manhattan Division 3 Monthly Team Meeting





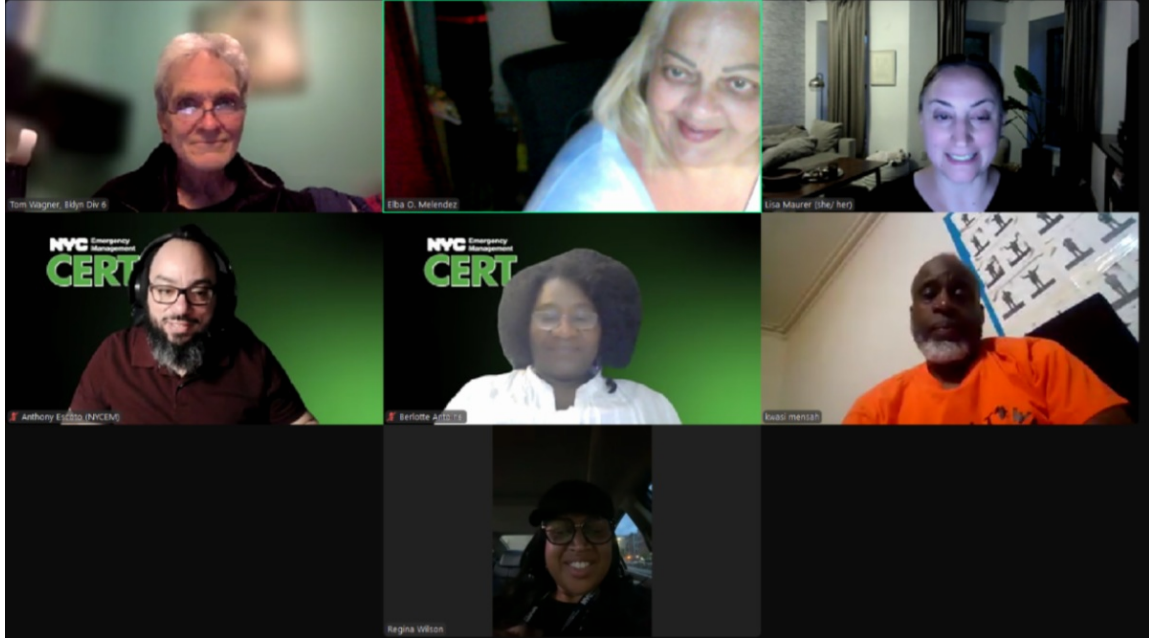
On May 15, 2024 Manhattan Division 3 held a hybrid monthly team meeting. Jay Schofield, a veteran member, gave a general preparedness presentation with NYC, FEMA and other resources, to the Division. Members gave a run-down of the events they attended and discussed upcoming events. NYCEM staff reported out on updates.

### Queens Borough Coordinator Check-In



Terese Flores got together with program staff as part of her leadership as the funnel point of all needs and requests by the divisions with and without leadership.

### Brooklyn Leadership Monthly Meeting



On May 15, 2024, Brooklyn Borough Coordinator, Elba Melendez, lead the monthly meeting for division leaders. The division leaders provided updates and relayed needs and requests. NYCEM staff addressed requests and gave program updates.

[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](#)

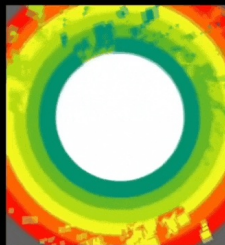


[Resolve to Be Ready Calendar](#)

Regular reminders in simple steps that can help you work preparedness into your busy schedule.



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



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