<u>ACTIVATION STATUS:</u> NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IS ACTIVATED. <u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Program staff will respond to inquiries and requests as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and support.



So, as fireworks light up the sky and barbecues fill the air with delicious aromas, we wish all our CERT volunteers a happy Independence Day. Thank you for your ongoing support and for being an integral part of our emergency management team. Stay safe, enjoy the celebrations, and know that your contributions are deeply appreciated!

#### National Night Out Against Crime



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Brough Channel: CERT SI

07/11 Responding Borough: Queens

**Call Scenario:** Have you participated in your district or division virtual meetings?

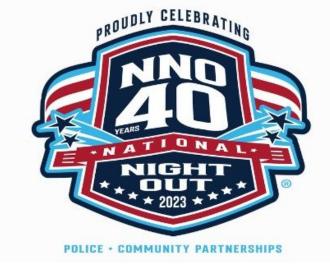
Documents to Review: <u>Citywide Radio Drill Refresher</u> <u>Call signs per Radio</u>



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! <u>CLICK HERE FOR THIS</u> <u>WEEK'S QUESTION</u>

Last week's question: There is no right or



It is that time of year again! National Night Out, which is the largest annual citywide event that the NYC CERT program participates in, is coming up on Tuesday, August 1st. Thank you to all who have already submitted their event and material requests.

If you have not yet connected with your leadership to discuss which NYPD precinct events you will be supporting this year, please reach out ASAP. It is best to work in pairs to cover as many precincts in your division as possible. We need your help to spread the word about the importance of being prepared for emergencies and this citywide event is the perfect opportunity to reach the greatest amount of New Yorkers!

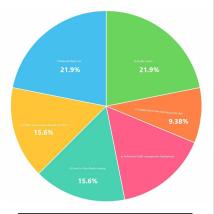
Please check in with your team to also determine who will be submitting the event and material requests to avoid duplicates. We have compiled the Coordinator Contact list and NYPD Precinct contacts, in the link below for your reference.

> NYPD Aux Coordinator Contact list Find your Precinct - Contact



wrong answer to this question, but your answer will act as a poll to see which of the following is most popular. Which of the following open opportunities have you participated in during your CERT membership?

Below are the most popular Volunteer opportunities amongst NCERT membership.





The <u>NYC CERT Standard Operating</u> <u>Procedures (SOPs)</u> 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.

<u>Brooklyn</u> - <u>Bronx</u> - <u>Manhattan</u> - <u>Queens</u> -<u>Staten Island</u>

#### **June After Action Overview**

### **Planned Deployments**



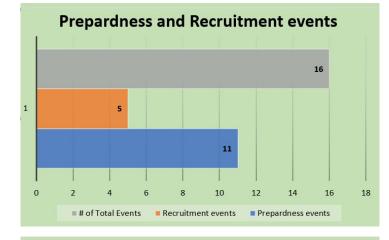
5th Annual Knickerbocker ave Puerto Rican Day Parade

Brooklyn Pride Parade

Buddy Check

Community Mayor's for Children with Special needs at Deno's Wonder wheel

- Coney Island Mermaid Parade
- Gracie Mansion Caribbean Heritage Reception Support



## Advanced Training, Prepardness Events and Team meeting total hours



We are thrilled to announce that in the whirlwind month of June, our amazing CERT members have truly outdone themselves! From swiftly transitioning from Emergency Deployments to Planned Deployments, to launching multiple Recruitment initiatives, their dedication knows no bounds.

Together, they have clocked an astounding 1,075.48 volunteer hours, making an incredible impact on our community and city. We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of our CERT volunteers for their unwavering commitment and selflessness. Your tireless efforts make a world of difference, and we couldn't be more proud. Keep shining, superheroes!



View the <u>NYC CERT Event Calendar</u> to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

After you participate, be sure to <u>Submit</u> Your Volunteer Hours!

For more questions on how to submit your service hours you can view the <u>Hours Submission FAQs</u>.

# READY NEW YORK

If your division is hosting or participating in an upcoming event, please complete the <u>Event Request form</u> to have your opportunity published through Eventbrite.com for members to register.



Your NYC CERT Ready New York Liaison can submit a <u>Ready New York Material</u> <u>Request</u> for upcoming events.

Get Notified with New York City's official source for information about emergency alerts and important city services. Download the free <u>Notify NYC</u> mobile app, available for <u>iOS</u> and <u>Android</u>.



We get by with a little help from our friends. Shout out to the office of @nycemergencymgt for being out here with us. #volunteers



NYPD Auxiliary gave a shoutout to NYC CERT members for their continued support and collaboration. You can view the post <u>here</u>

#### Help us Celebrate 20 Years of NYC CERT



#### Send us your CERT photos or videos!

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We have created a link for you to easily upload your collection of CERT related photos and videos from your time in the program. You may upload several items per event/deployment, but only a maximum of three per submission. After submitting, there will be an option to submit three more!

You can scan the accompanying QR code or use this link: <u>on.nyc.gov/CERTupload</u>

Please label the files in the following manner: 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 ACTIVITY**



## **Independence Day Deployments**



#### Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest

Nothing can stop the Nathans Hot Dog Eating Contest, despite the severe weather! Our CERT members were present even with the several hours of delay due to the severe weather.

Thank you all for your resilience in support!

#### Long Island City Fireworks

At the request of NYPD Queens South CERT members from across the city came together to support Queens Division 1 with their local deployment. Supporting the 108th Pct with pedestrian management and point of information through the duration of the event!





#### **Coney Island Fireworks show**

Most volunteers that supported the morning deployment came back to support the evening Coney Island Fireworks show supporting local pct Community Affairs and auxiliary officers. Thank you all!





<u>Download NYC CERT Background</u> for use during CERT meetings and training in a virtual environment (e.g. Microsoft Teams, Zoom, etc.)

# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



**Gracie Mansion Cultural Reception's** 

The Mayor's office asked for Special Projects and Community events; CERT will help with pedestrian and line traffic management.

Please see below for the cultural receptions registration:



Haitian Heritage Reception



Registration, Thu, Aug 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM

#### **Arab Heritage Reception**

Registration, Thu, Aug 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM





## German American Heritage Reception

Registration, Thu, Aug 31, 2023 at 6:00 PM

# CERT Recruitment Suggestions Welcome!

The July CERT Recruitment Group Meeting is open to all members who are interested in sharing their ideas/suggestions for recruitment. CERT Recruitment Group members meet each month to discuss recruitment events and ideas for developing the NYC CERT program throughout NYC. If you have some ideas or success stories you would like to share about recruitment in your area, please join us at the next meeting on Monday, July 17th. We are always looking for fresh ideas!

Register Now: Mon, Jul 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM



**Keeping Homes Safe for Children Webinar Series** 



Take some time to join us for the upcoming Child Safety Webinar: Burn Prevention on Tuesday, July 18th at 11 AM. REGISTER HERE

### 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 <u>NYC CERT Mentor Program form</u> to let us know if you'd like to be a mentor or mentee. Complete the <u>Matching Questionnaire</u> to help pair the mentor to a mentee. Both forms must be filled out to participate in the program.

# **Monthly Meetings**



#### **Manhattan Division 2**

The members of Manhattan Division 2 recently came together for their monthly virtual meeting, and it was a great success. One of the main topics discussed during the meeting was the upcoming National Night Out plans. Our members brainstormed ideas and strategies to make this event memorable for the community. With everyone's input and enthusiasm, we are confident that we can organize a successful National Night Out.

Once again, great work everyone! Let's keep up the momentum and continue to make a positive impact in our community.

#### **Brooklyn Division 7**

Our very own Division Chief Joe held his monthly meeting virtually this month and boy, do we have some exciting news. From Emergency Deployments to planned deployments in June and early July, we're going to be busy bees. But don't worry, Joe made sure to emphasize the importance of engagement opportunities and keeping our morale high. And what better way to do that than with a BBQ? So get ready to chow down and tackle those deployments like the champions we are!



<u>NYC CERT online platform</u> includes online courses to support volunteer growth. Schedule free training for your Division here : <u>FDNY Smart Fire Safety</u>.

FEMA Region 2 (R2) Webinar Catalogue includes all recorded webinars.

## **THINGS TO KNOW**

### **CERT Self-Deployment**

We at NYCEM appreciate NYC CERT volunteer's service and dedication to public safety and want to support members in any way possible. However, as your instructors, volunteer leadership, and NYCEM staff have told all CERT members from day one of basic training: NYC CERT **NEVER** self-deploy.

We encourage all CERT to listen to their Division leadership and ask any questions that may come to mind. We also

want to encourage all members to review the NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures, Section 5: Operations, Deployment protocol.

Find the NYC CERT Protocols here: NYC CERT SOPs Schedule a meeting with NYCEM staff: NYC CERT Volunteer Support



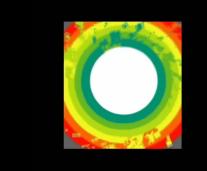
NYCEM's YouTube page NYC CERT recruitment video 2021 National Volunteer Week video



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



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



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



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