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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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January After Action Report



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL
Borough Channel: CERT SI (Staten Island)

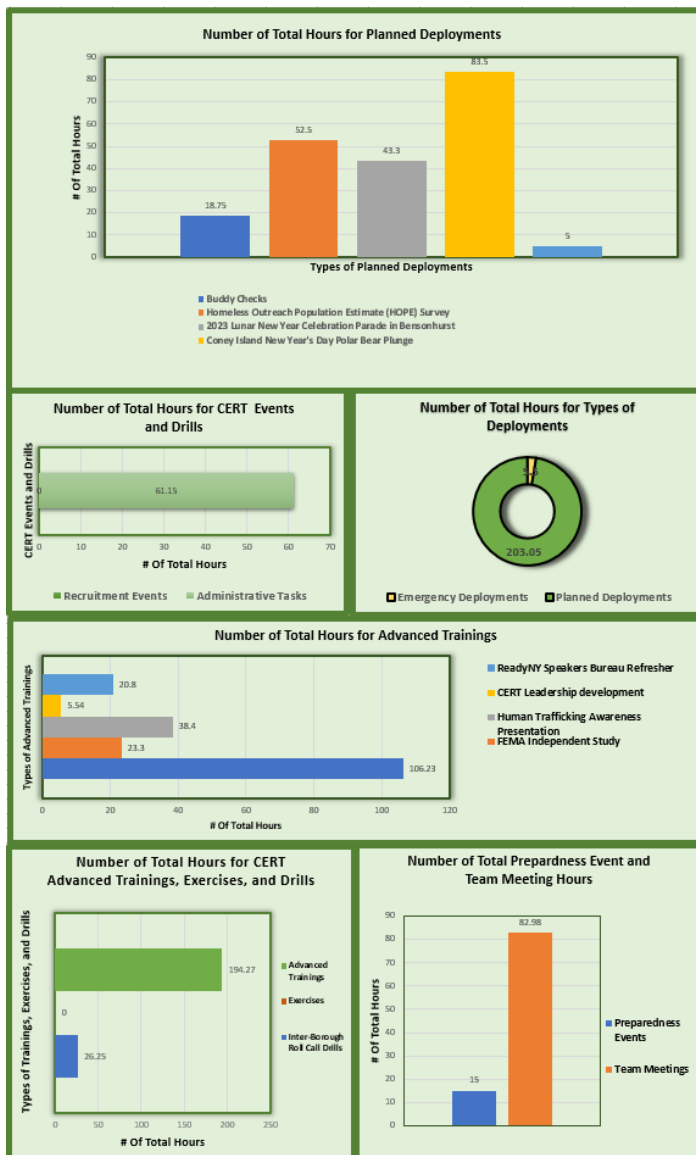
02/06 Responding Borough: Staten Island
Call Scenario: How often do you conduct team meetings?

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

Quiz OF THE WEEK



We are still hoping to have all of our members complete this volunteer survey. There is no right or wrong answer. NYC CERT volunteers wear many hats in the community. We are interested in what other organizations you also support. [Click Here](#) to participate in this survey.



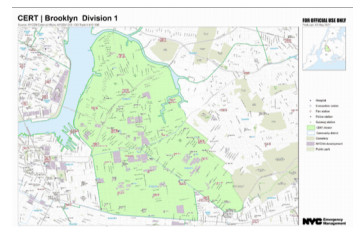
As the first month of the new year comes to a close, it's time to review our monthly after-action-report of 2023! There was an abundance of Advanced Training sessions and Planned Deployments that took place throughout the month of January, totaling a reported 194.27 hours and 203.05 hours respectively.

The most attended Planned Deployment of the month was the Coney Island New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge(83.5hrs) which was the first deployment of the year and also one of CERT's most anticipated events!

As of today, January's total reported volunteer hours tally up to 601.65 hours.

Thank you to everyone who has served this month and let's continue with the great work in February !

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](#)

We are looking for your thoughts!



In anticipation of the 20th Anniversary of CERT, we would like to inquire about your experiences with any previous trainings, deployments, preparedness events, and/or drills that stood out to you during your time as a CERT member. Your input may be utilized as part of a social media post during this 20th anniversary year, as well as to showcase both the individual impact of CERT and the greater impact it has on the communities in our city. Take this time to highlight great moments of accomplishment, progression, teamwork and/or service.

If you are interested in participating in this opportunity, then please follow the steps below:

- Email cert@OEM.NYC.GOV concerning your interest labeling the subject of the email "20th Anniversary Highlight" and your division. Please be sure to add the event name, type of event, and a few details on what you would like to highlight about that specific event in the body of your email. (Ex. Coney Island New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge, Planned Deployment, served as crowd control and line management as well as a few details about your experience).
- If you have videos that are relevant to the event, please attach them in the email as well.
- Please be brief in the details of your message (3-4 sentences in length)

** If you have previous experience with photography and/or videography and you would like to assist us by, taking photos or filming CERT members at events, please let your division leadership know so they may inform us.*

Thank you!

CERT Photos for 20th Year Anniversary !



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](#).

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.

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](#).



To help with the collection of photos we are putting together, we have created a link where you can easily upload your submissions.

Please remember that you can upload several photos per event, but only a maximum of three events per submission.

Scan the QR code or use this link:
on.nyc.gov/CERTupload

Please label the photos in the following way: **Date, including year, Borough, Division or team, Event, members pictured.**

If you have any questions, please contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov. Thank you!

Ready School of the Year!

2023 Ready School of the Year Award Application

Does your school lead the way in preparedness?

Are there training, clubs, or other initiatives they offer to help prepare for emergencies?

Nominate your school via:
bit.ly/2023_RSOTY

Winning schools will receive a visit from Ready Girl!

NYC Emergency Management | **READY** NEW YORK

This is your chance to nominate your local school that you believe show an initiative to prepare for emergencies!

CERT SPOTLIGHT

Throwback Edition

After completing a 10-week training program in disaster preparedness and fundamental emergency response skills, 191 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers celebrated graduation on December 15, 2014.

The annual John D. Solomon Award for Exemplary Service in Emergency Preparedness and Education was presented to William Fasbender of CERT Queens Division 4. NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Joseph Esposito presided over the graduation ceremony alongside FDNY Chief of Department James Leonard, NYPD Chief of Patrol Carlos Gomez, and Chief Service Officer for NYC Service Paula Gavin.

The Urban Assembly School for Emergency Management, the nation's first high school devoted to teaching students about emergency management concepts, hosted the event.



VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

2023 Lunar New Year Celebration Parade in Bensonhurst

Last Sunday, the 62nd precinct in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn received assistance from Manhattan Division 3 CERT in addition to members from Brooklyn Divisions 1, 2, 5 and 7. The Chinese American Social Services Center and members of the local community hosted the parade, which featured groups marching in traditional Chinese costumes dancing through the streets. Our amazing members who were on hand to support the Lunar New Year Parade were also joined by Senator Chuck Schumer as well as New York City Council Member Ari Kagan. Thank you to everyone who came!



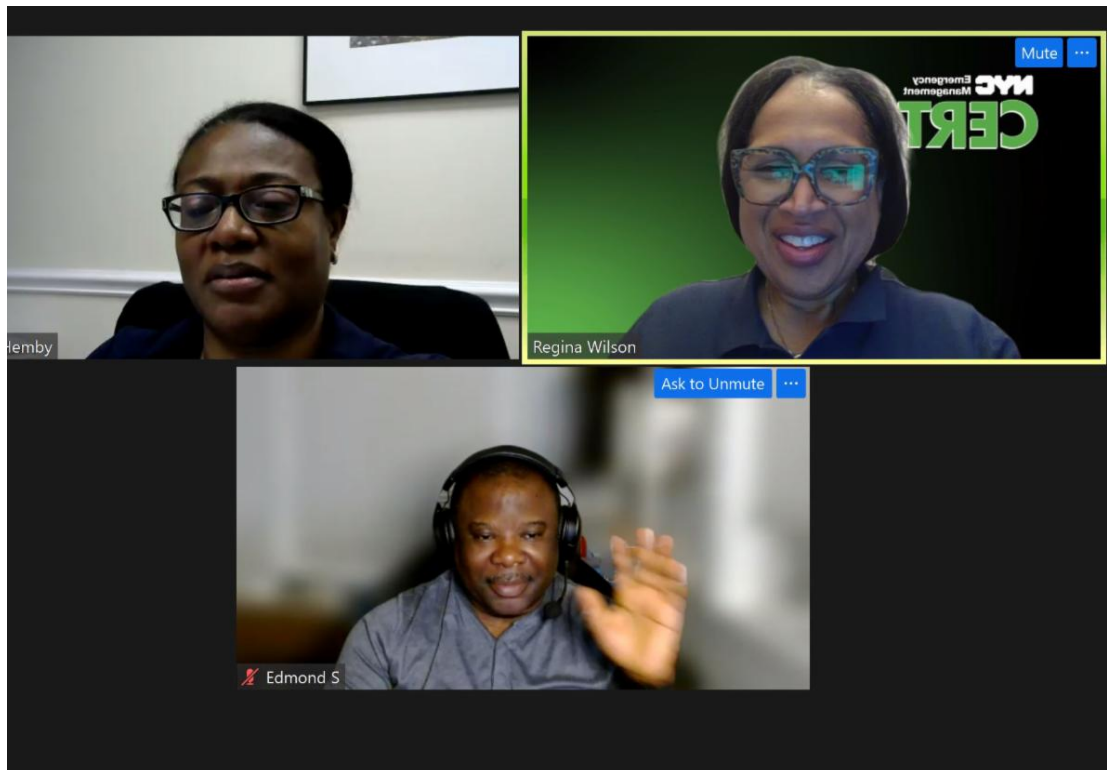
CERT Recruitment Bingo!

Brooklyn Division 1 hosted their first recruitment event of the new year with a fun game of bingo! Through this recruitment event the cert program was promoted whilst having an overall fun sense of community. great work BK Division 1!



Monthly Meetings

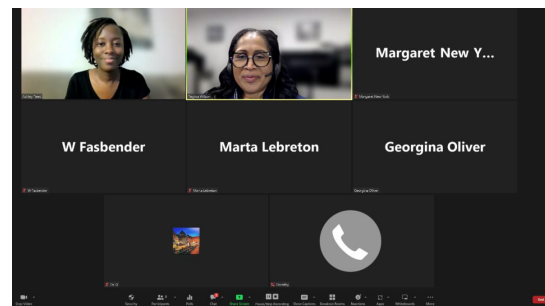
Bronx Division 5



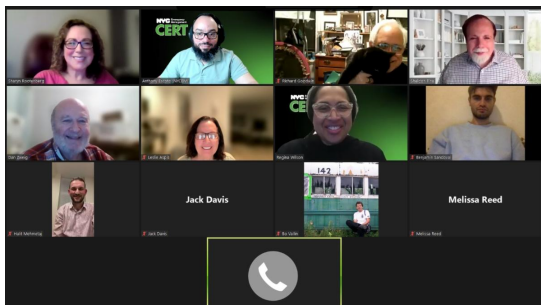
On January 24th, the monthly meeting of Bronx Division 5 took place. Plans for preparing for team recruitment in the coming months were discussed by the group. The group will begin devising plans to meet more community members and introduce them to the CERT program.

Queens Division 2

This past Tuesday, the Queens Division 2 monthly meeting took place. The team is looking forward to planning for their next in-person meeting and used this meeting to further discuss ways to re-energize their emergency preparedness planning.



Manhattan Division 2



The Manhattan Division 2 meeting kicked off the month with looking for possible volunteer presenters to engage the Division on a monthly basis. While the division chief provided resources for IS courses and upcoming NYC CERT program opportunities found in the newsletter.

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Be Prepared... To Improvise

On Tuesday Feb. 7th from 1pm-2:30pm, FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division will be hosting a webinar with the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and the National CERT Association (NCA) to host a webinar about CERT training practices that include improvisation.

It is anticipated that members of CERT team's and others who are required to take action after natural disasters and other unusual situations will be required to render assistance and carry out life-saving interventions without commercially available resources and supplies, despite the fact that providers of the Emergency Medical Service have specific resources to respond to daily emergencies.



In this presentation, you'll get hands-on opportunities to learn about improvised strategies for successful life-saving interventions and patient stabilization, as well as examples of these strategies.

[Register Here](#)

[Tuesday, February 7 | 1:00PM - 2:30PM](#)

Drones As a Tool for Damage Assessment & Flood Mitigation Webinar

On Tuesday Feb. 21st from 1pm-2:30pm, FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division will be hosting a webinar partnering with the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and the National CERT Association (NCA) to host a webinar highlighting a case study about Drone use for Flood Mitigation.

This presentation will detail how drones were used during spring flooding in Eastern Nebraska for 2 years as a tool to conduct reconnaissance of rivers identifying ice jams and potential high-risk areas. This information was used by FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers to develop strategies for flood mitigation. The drones were also used to conduct damage assessment in areas that were difficult to reach safely on the ground and to map potential hazardous materials.



[Register Here](#) [Tuesday, February 21 | 1:00PM - 2:30PM](#)

Americares: Self Care for Responders



On Wednesday Feb. 22nd from 12pm-1pm, FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division will be hosting a webinar in partnership with AmeriCares for a webinar focusing on selfcare for disaster responders and healthcare workers.

Responders to the COVID-19 pandemic and healthcare professionals who treat and test COVID 19 patients were and are still more likely than the general public to contract the virus. A lot of stress and anxiety comes from the possibility of spreading the disease and even bringing it home with you.


In the face of major disasters, we bear the double burden of stress from work and home. Health professionals run the risk of suffering from compassion fatigue, burnout, and indirect trauma if they are forced to deal with the difficult situation of caring for themselves and others during an emergency. The specific stressors that first responders, mental and psychosocial health professionals, and healthcare providers face, including secondary traumatic stress, will be discussed in this webinar. Additionally, the AmeriCares team will provide resources for self-care and self-evaluation.

[Register Here](#) | **Wednesday, February 22 | 12:00PM - 1:00PM**


FEMA Needs Young Leaders!

Spread the news! FEMA wants to hear from teens ready to lead in emergency management by applying to the Youth Preparedness Council (YPC)! The Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) encourages teens to bring their unique skills and experiences to help their community. The application period is open January 23 through March 6.


If you or anyone you know that might be interested want to apply, [please click here](#)




Young Leaders – Apply to FEMA’s Youth Preparedness Council Today!



Represent Your Community




Learn & Grow



Create Change Now!

Applications Due
March 6, 2023



FEMA

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.

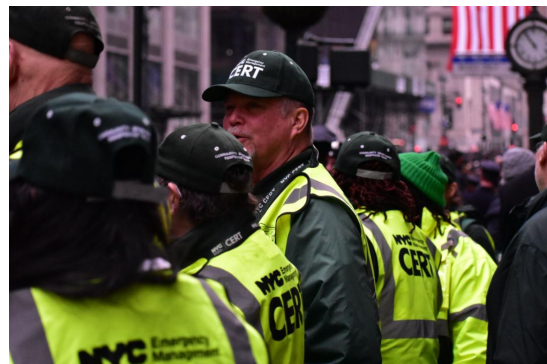
Complete the [Matching Questionnaire](#) to help pair the mentor to a mentee. Both forms must be filled out to participate in the program.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

New CERT Graduate Orientation

On February 15th from 6:30-8pm, NYCEM will be hosting a virtual orientation delineating an overview of the CERT calendar, event sign-ups, along with answering any questions new volunteers may have regarding the submission of hours.

If you would like to attend, [please click here](#).





Citizen Preparedness Training

Another Citizen Preparedness Training has been scheduled in the Bronx at the following location:

PS 111 Seton Falls Elementary School Gym - 3740 Baychester Ave, Bronx, NY 10466 on Thursday, February 16, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

[Register Here](#)
[Thursday, February 16 | 4:00PM](#)

Advanced Training: Citywide Radio Training

On Tuesday Feb. 21st from 6:30pm-9pm, NYCEM will be hosting a virtual training regarding the use of citywide radios/ 700MHZ. The topics throughout the training will revolve around the review of radio terminology & functionality, the operability of the 700 MHz radios, along with the calling protocol and your role and responsibility as a Citywide radio operator.

If you are interested in participating in this training, [please register by clicking here](#).



Emergency Operations Center & NYCEM Watch Command overview



On Wednesday March 1st, NYCEM and Watch Command staff invite you to NYCEM HQ to learn more about NYCEM's Emergency Operation Center & Watch Command. Topics that will be covered include:

- NYCEM 101
- Operations Division
- CERT Roles in the EOC
- Tour of the EOC

If you are interested in attending, [please click here](#)

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

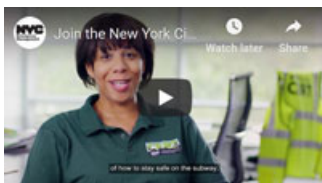
Schedule free training for your Division here : [FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#).

[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



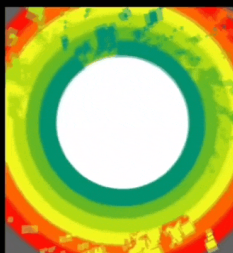
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[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](#).



[KNOW YOUR ZONE](#) is your destination for everything you need to know about hurricanes in New York City.

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