

NYC Emergency Management CERT 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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Brooklyn Division 5 CERT Preparedness



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

No call until further notice

Documents to Review:
Citywide Radio Drill Refresher
Call signs per Radio

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.



NYC CERT members from Brooklyn Division 5 were featured on NYC Emergency Management's social media pages. Members hosted a Ready NY/Fire Prevention tabling event at Waterview Towers for all residents to receive preparedness information.

This is in-line with Mayor Adams' Executive Order to strengthen fire safety enforcement and outreach in wake of the devastating Bronx apartment fire.

[Read the full press release here](#)

Free Cybersecurity Services and Tools

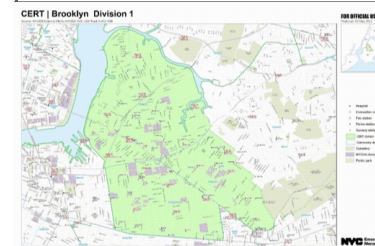


Good Luck!

[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](#)

CISA has compiled a list of free cybersecurity tools and services to help organizations further advance their security capabilities. This living repository includes cybersecurity services provided by CISA, widely used open source tools, and free tools and services offered by private and public sector organizations across the cybersecurity community. CISA will implement a process for organizations to submit additional free tools and services for inclusion on this list in the future.

[Click here for more details](#)

Notify NYC Accomplishment

In case you missed it, the Empire State Building lit up in red this past Thursday in celebration of NYCEM and Notify NYC's accomplishments in reaching 1 million subscribers.

As NYC CERT members, one of your main duties is to support emergency preparedness throughout the city starting with your local community. CERT members should take credit as well as you continue to do a great job advertising Notify NYC as the easiest way for civilians to get emergency preparedness information fast.

Please feel free to use any of the images, messages, and information from our Toolkit linked here: [Notify NYC Toolkit](#) for any messaging or social media content your division may release.

[Download the Notify NYC Toolkit here](#)

 **Empire State Building**  @EmpireStateBldg · 19h

Painting the town red tonight as we shine for the first responders of NYC's Emergency Management Department.

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View the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

After you participate, be sure to [Submit Your Volunteer Hours](#)



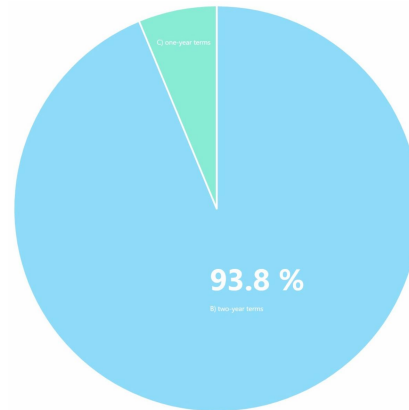
Only CERT members in compliance with the vaccine mandate will continue receiving messaging from NYCEM CERT Program staff. Volunteers who did **not** submit appropriate documentation to meet the vaccine mandate, or request a reasonable accommodation through NYCEM, will be considered inactive until they submit following the below steps.

- To submit vaccination records, please email an approved proof of vaccination to: CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov.
- Please review the necessary steps [HERE](#)

Quiz of the Week

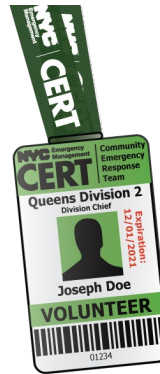
Thank you to all who participated in last week's **Quiz of the Week**. The correct answer is **B) Two year terms (93.8%)**. The District Leader is the only member of the Leadership Cabinet that is appointed by NYCEM CERT Staff. Also appointed are the Division Chief and Borough Coordinator positions. Each position, regardless of whether it was an elected or appointed position is held for two-year terms.

Please review this information starting on page 11 of the **NYC CERT SOPs**.



IDs are ready!

Leadership may choose to pick up IDs for their divisions at NYCEM headquarters or send a representative from the division, in their place. Please be sure to schedule an appointment with CERT Staff **BEFORE** coming to the office, to be sure that a staff member is available to distribute IDs and to provide NYCEM Security with details on pick up. Receipts will be prepared for the pick-up person to sign. Please return old/expired IDs at the time of pick up. If unable to pick up or distribute IDs to members, please let us know and we will work on an alternate method for distribution for your division.



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.



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and important city services. Download the free **Notify NYC** mobile app, available for **iOS** and **Android**.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Local Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Brooklyn Division 5 and the 68th Precinct Community Affairs have requested assistance with crowd and traffic control for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Bay Ridge.

Registration: [Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade | 3/27 | 8:45am - 4:00pm](#)



The TD Five Boro Bike Tour will once again welcome participants from across New York and around the country on **Sunday, May 1, 2022.**

Bike New York relies on a small army of more than 2,000 volunteers each year to ensure the riders have the best possible experience. As in years past, they are requesting NYC CERT to support. NYC Emergency Management have worked closely with organizers to provide these specific registration links. All interested NYC CERT members **MUST** register for their site and shift using the links below. We're excited to have another successful Five Boro Bike Tour!

Brooklyn
[Gowanus Water Stop](#)
[8:30 AM-4:30 PM](#)

[Commodore Barry Rest Area](#)
[7:00 AM-5:00 PM](#)

Brooklyn Bridge Park
Water Stop

[Shift 1: 7:30 AM-12:00 PM](#)
[Shift 2: 11:30 AM-4:00 PM](#)

Bronx
[Bronx Water Stop](#)
[6:45 AM-12:45 PM](#)

Queens
[Astoria Rest Area](#)
[6:30 AM-3:30 PM](#)

[Con Edison Rest Area](#)
[7:00 AM-3:30 PM](#)

Manhattan
[FDR Rest Area](#)
[6:30 AM-2:00 PM](#)

Staten Island
Bay Street
Water Stop
[Shift 1: 9:30 AM-2:00 PM](#)
[Shift 2: 11:00 AM-6:30 PM](#)

SI Finish Festival
(New Location)

[Shift 1: 6:30 AM-12:00PM](#)
[Shift 2: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM](#)
[Shift 3: 3:00 PM-8:00 PM](#)

[Click Here](#) for a detailed list of site locations and volunteer roles for the event.



[Report your Volunteer Hours](#)
Search for *Buddy Check* Event

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.

NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR

Are you interested in becoming a mentor to new NYC CERT

MENTOR PROGRAM

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.

1. Complete the [NYC CERT Mentor Program form](#) to let us know if you'd like to be a mentor or mentee.
2. Complete the [Matching Questionnaire](#) to help pair the mentor to a mentee. Both forms must be filled out to participate in the program.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Basic Training: Community Preparedness and Emergency Management

As you may have seen, the Spring NYC CERT Basic Training cycle has recently kicked off. This past Monday, Director of Community Preparedness, Moriah Washington provided an overview of individual preparedness and NYC CERT's role in supporting local community preparedness. This is a new addition to the NYC CERT basic training and we plan to offer Community Preparedness sessions for current members in the near future.



Leadership Development Class

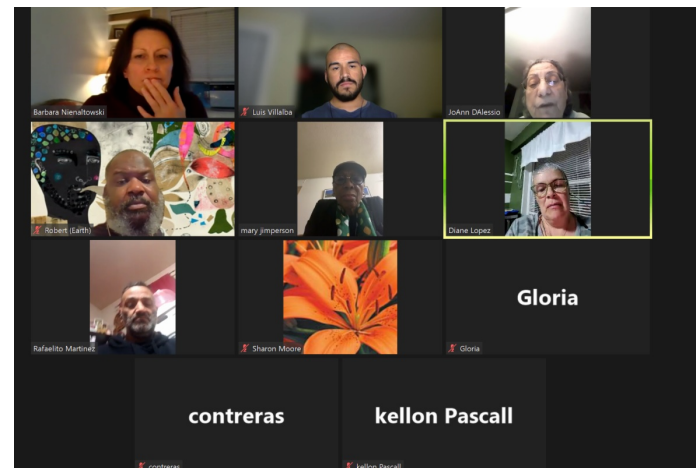
On March 8th, NYC Emergency Management staff conducted a CERT leadership development class. Attending the class were current and future volunteer leaders. The session was held to engage current leaders and better prepare membership for next step.



NYC CERT Virtual Meetings

Manhattan Division 5

Joined by Borough Coordinator Jay Schofield, Manhattan Division 5 Chief, Barbara Nienaltowski led the Division's latest team meeting. On top of reviewing team-related news, the meeting included discussing upcoming training and deployment opportunities such as the Five Borough Bike Tour (FBBT). There was also a quick review of the importance of staying up-to-date by reading the weekly NYC CERT Newsletter.



Brooklyn Leadership

Borough Coordinators hosted some of Brooklyn's volunteer leaders this past week. Reminders were provided relating to developing meeting agendas and detailing meeting minutes. Program staff also made a few announcements regarding the current status of the NYC CERT radio program as well as upcoming training opportunities.



Brooklyn Division 5

With the Brooklyn Borough Leadership meeting scheduled for the same time, the district leaders stepped up to run this month's meeting where they discussed upcoming events and opportunities for membership.



Brooklyn Division 3

Division members discussed a number of topics including training registration and meeting with a local community board's public safety committee to present just how the division can support them during public safety events.

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



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Advanced Training: Narcan/ Opioid Prevention

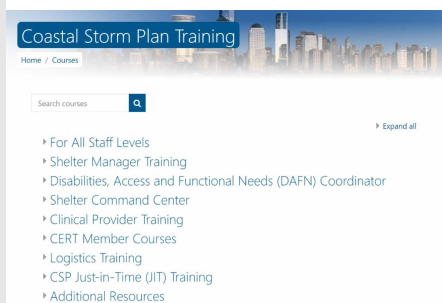


Opioid overdoses is a serious public health issue. There were approximately 5,300 accidental drug overdose deaths in New York City between 1990 and 1998. Such deaths are very often preventable, so long as a witness to an overdose recognizes what is happening and knows how to respond appropriately.

CERT Volunteers have an opportunity to learn how they can help prevent death and other negative consequences of opioid overdose by participating in this non-medical responders training built to recognize a suspected opioid overdose and to take appropriate action.

Registration, Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite

Coastal Storm Plan Training



As we are fast approaching the upcoming flood season, the Coastal Storm Plan Training Learning Management System is available to volunteers 24/7 to be done as either Just In Time training or a self-paced training. This is the new training for shelter managing and all Coastal Storm Plan staff levels.

If you have not created an account you can easily do so on the home page of the site. These credentials are independent of any other credentials you have created in the past for NYC CERT.

Register for Coastal Storm Training here: <https://csptraining.org>

Each of the FEMA Region II webinars presented in 2022 has been recorded and archived. If you wish to revisit a webinar you attended or would like to



listen to one you missed, or even share with a friend or co-worker, you can find the links on the document linked here [2022 webinar recordings](#) which includes the webinar description and recording link for each webinar by category.

Get ahead of the upcoming CERT Radio Training announcements and take your pre-requisite on your own time!

Pre-requisite for members participating in the Point-to-Point training:

IS-242.b Effective Communications

Please send verification of completion to CERTTraining@oem.nyc.gov prior to the training date.

NYC CERT online platform

includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

Schedule a free Fire Safety training for your Division at **FDNY Smart Fire Safety**.

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

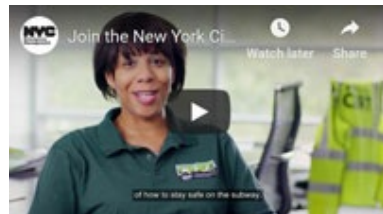


FDNY Smart offers free hands-only CPR classes through the FDNY Mobile CPR Program. The goal of these classes is to equip New Yorkers with the basic skills needed to take action in the event of a cardiac arrest emergency. To sign up for one of our free classes or to schedule a class in your community visit www.fdnysmart.org/cpr/.

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

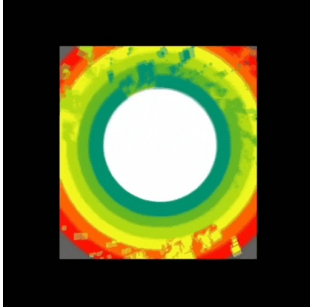


Resolve to Be Ready Calendar

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



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



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