

## National Preparedness Month After Action Review



September, recognized as National Preparedness Month, saw NYC CERT volunteers more engaged than ever before. This year, our dedicated volunteers took part in numerous activities, even forging new relationships that will benefit future National Preparedness Month efforts.

Our members' involvement extended beyond preparedness, with several volunteers participating in NARCAN training and planned deployments. Notably, they also contributed to annual 9/11 ceremonies and recurring Gracie Mansion cultural receptions.

We extend our thanks for your tireless efforts in spreading preparedness tips and tricks within your networks and communities. Thanks to you, New York City is significantly more prepared today!

## Speaker Series



### MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Radio Channel  
CERT BK

10/14/2024  
NO CALL

**Scenario:** How many working batteries do you currently have?

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

**Download the NYC  
CERT SOPs**

New York City Emergency Management Staff is excited to announce the release of the updated [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#)! We encourage all volunteers to review the latest iteration of expectations and



We are pleased to announce the next session in 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 First Deputy Commissioner Christina Farrell**

**Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Location: NYCEM Emergency Operations Center  
165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, NY 11201**

**Register for October 15th**

**Christina Farrell** serves as the First Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Emergency Management Department. Christina created the external affairs division overseeing various programs and initiatives used to bolster the agency's mission to educate the public, including the NYC CERT program.

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

## Are You Ready to Lead?

NYC CERT Program staff is looking for new volunteer leaders. A number of leadership roles have two-year term limits. The term limits for leadership in **Brooklyn and the Bronx** will be ending on

December 31st, 2024. As our current leadership has been amazing, we are ready to bring in a new group of amazing members to fill these positions.



If you are interested in the role of Division Chief or District Leader for Brooklyn and the Bronx, please book an appointment using

guidance. In the coming weeks, we will highlight different sections and updates to the SOPs in each newsletter.

For any questions, please reach out to your volunteer leadership or email [CERT@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:CERT@oem.nyc.gov).



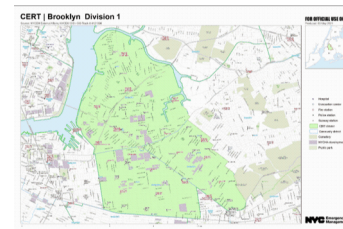
[View and Download the Complete NYC CERT Basic Training Student Manual](#)



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](#)

the [Volunteer Support Bookings page \(on.nyc.gov/bookCERTfuture\)](https://on.nyc.gov/bookCERTfuture), or contact Regina Wilson ([Rewilson@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:Rewilson@oem.nyc.gov)).

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## Shake Out Day



This year's International Shake Out Day is October 17, when millions of people worldwide will participate in earthquake drills at work, school, or home!

At 10:17 a.m. (local time) on 10/17, you can join millions of

people across the world practicing earthquake safety.



### List of Earthquake local and national Resources

[NYC Emergency Management all hazard plans \( Including Earthquake Preparedness\)](#)

[The Northeast States Emergency Consortium](#)

[Earthquake National Alliance Preparedness](#)

[Tips in videos](#)

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## Community Funding *(please share)*



Fordham's EPA funding is now available for community groups to apply. *Flourishing in Community* -

<https://www.fordham.edu/about/living-the-mission/thriving-communities/application/>

A Thriving Communities Grantmaker Program

The FIC Grantmaker is here to bridge this gap, by offering funding, technical support, capacity development, programs, and research opportunities to projects led by community organizations, nonprofits, and other entities championing environmental justice initiatives in Region 2: New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and

# NYCEM 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.



### 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.*

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All Division IDs are Ready



### Membership:

Credentials for probationary members, who graduated last cycle (April), are due to expire on Monday, September 30th. All members should reach out to their division leadership to exchange expired credentials for updated ones.

### Leadership:

eight federally recognized Indian Nations. This initiative aligns deeply with Executive Orders (EO 14008 and EO 13985) from the Biden Administration and is funded and supported by the EPA. For questions reach out to: [InfoFIC@Fordham.edu](mailto:InfoFIC@Fordham.edu).

Please remember to schedule a pick-up, or permit your members to schedule a pick-up for their updated IDs using this link: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTpickup>

## FEMA's Rumor Control



After a disaster, rumors and misunderstandings can spread rapidly through traditional and social media and via word of mouth by friends, neighbors and colleagues. False or misleading information can harm survivors by causing confusion and preventing people from getting the help they need.

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](#).

There are ways that you can keep yourself, your family and your community safe after Hurricane Helene:

1. Find trusted sources of information.
2. Share information from trusted sources.
3. Discourage others from sharing information from unverified sources.

For more information please visit the [Rumor control page here](#)



On Saturday October 19th or Sunday October 20th, more than 200 Firehouses and EMS locations will open their doors to the public from 11:00am to 1:00pm or from 1:00pm to 3:00pm for the 2024 FDNY Open House.

Firefighters, EMTs and paramedics will be educating the public about fire and life safety, conducting demonstrations, discussing careers within the Department, and offering tours of FDNY Engines, Ladder Trucks and EMS Stations.

[Use the QR code on the flyer above or click here to find your local Firehouse or EMS Station.](#)

## 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



## 42nd Columbus Day Parade in Bensonhurst

CERT members will be assisting the 62nd Precinct with crowd control and vehicle traffic management at the 42nd Annual Columbus Day Parade in Bensonhurst.

[Sat, Oct 12](#) | [12:00 PM](#)



## Community Board 17 First Annual Community Fair

CERT members will be attending the CB 17 Community Fair to distribute Ready New York preparedness material to the local community.

[Registration](#) | [Sat, Oct 19](#) | [10:00 AM](#)



## Halloween Dog Costume Parade

CERT has been requested to assist the Halloween Dog Costume Parade with crowd control & traffic management!

[Sat, Oct 19](#) | [11:30 AM](#)



## 38th Marine Park Halloween Fall Festival

CERT volunteers will host a tabling event and distribute emergency preparedness materials to Festival attendees.

[Sat, Oct 19](#) | [12:00 PM](#)



## Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Coney Island



## Park Slope Civic Council Annual Halloween Parade

CERT will assist the American Cancer Society with crowd and traffic management guiding participants along Surf Avenue.

On October 31st, CERT will be helping pedestrian safety during the Park Slope Civic Council Annual Halloween Parade from 4-8pm.

[Sun, Oct 27 | 7:00 AM](#)

[Registration | Sat, Oct 19 | 10:00 AM](#)

# NYC CERT CALENDAR



## What is a Buddy Check?

A simple check-in can mean the world. Reach out to family and friends, especially those who might be isolated. Your call, text, or visit could brighten their day and provide essential support. Don't underestimate the power of human connection. Be a good neighbor, be a good friend. Check in today!

[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 ADVANCED TRAINING



## NYC Department of Street Homeless Solutions: Outreach Training

As requested by our volunteers, we are happy to announce a NYC Department of Homeless Solutions outreach training. Where DHS staff will be presenting outreach solutions and resources when interacting with the homeless population. This training will be held at a DH facility not NYCEM. Please find address in the registration.



## Leadership Development Class

The CERT Leadership development class will be held on October 10, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It is designed for future CERT leaders and those interested in learning what it takes to be a leader in CERT. Please register for the class and pass the opportunity on to others.

[Registration](#) | [Thursday October 10th](#) | [6:30pm - 8:00pm](#)

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## Cybersecurity Awareness Training for CERT Volunteers Now Available

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available. Volunteers who participate in CERT training have a better understanding of potential threats to the community, along with actionable steps they can take to mitigate risk and improve outcomes.

To provide additional support to CERT volunteers and the important role they play in their communities, FEMA partnered with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) to provide a list of cybersecurity awareness training courses CERT volunteers can take to improve their ability to prepare for and respond to cybersecurity threats. The courses are self-paced and publicly available at no cost from the Federal Virtual Training Environment and the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium (NCPC). Course topics range from cyber essentials and fundamentals of cyber risk management to cyber ethics and mobile device security. To access these courses, visit the [Cybersecurity Awareness Training website](#).

[Read More](#)

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## Recent Activity

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## Gracie Mansion African Heritage Reception

CERT hit the ground running this October by supporting Gracie Mansions African Heritage Reception. Members assisted with pedestrian and line traffic management throughout the event whilst lending support wherever needed.



## 63rd Drive Rego Park-Forest Hills Lions Club Festival

This past Saturday, members from Queens Division 3 held a tabling event during the street fair where they distributed Ready NY material to attendees.

## Gracie Mansion Hispanic Heritage Reception

This past Tuesday, CERT attended the Hispanic Heritage Reception held at Gracie Mansion. The event, which welcomed just over 1,000 attendees, saw CERT play a crucial role in ensuring the smooth management of pedestrian flow and line organization throughout the duration of the gathering. We commend the outstanding efforts of all those involved in making this event a success.



## CERT Orientation

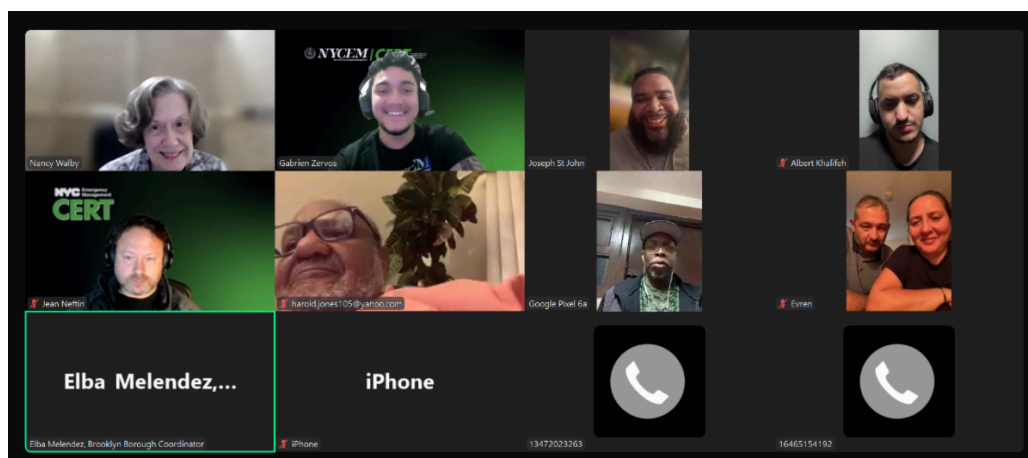




CERT Staff held a second in-person Orientation session for new applicants on Monday, October 7th. Applicants shared their interest in helping their communities and the skills they were bringing to the table. It was a very eager group and most registered for the upcoming cycle after the session. Looking forward to welcoming these new students to the program!

## Meetings

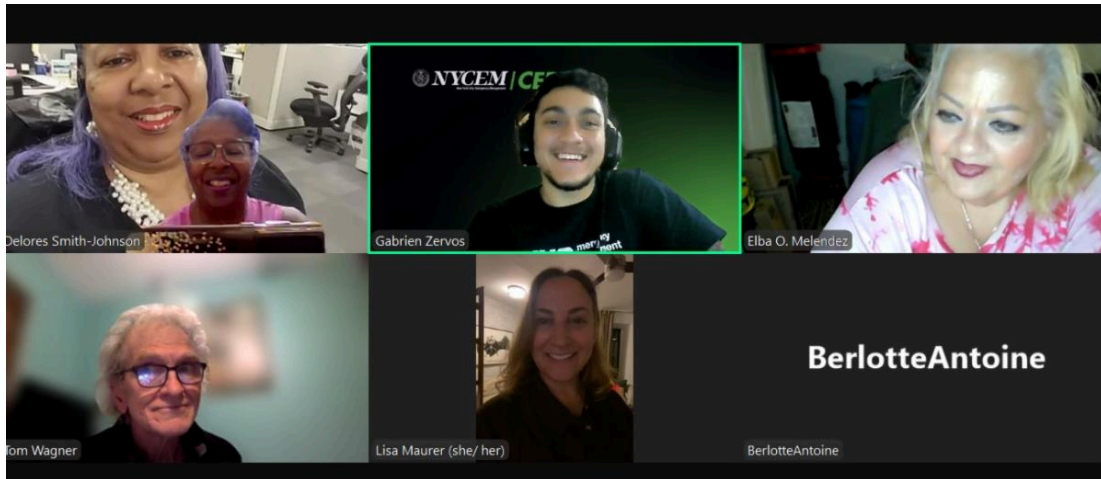
### Brooklyn Division 7



On October 4th, Brooklyn Division 7 held its monthly meeting, where key topics included the yearly hour requirement and the importance of utilizing FEMA courses to enhance h

our submissions during periods with few deployments. The discussion also covered recent events related to recent hurricanes that have occurred in the southern states, and highlighted the valuable experience gained from the recent UAS exercise, benefiting our city agencies and partners.

## Brooklyn Leadership



This past Monday, leaders from divisions 6, 7, and 1 in Brooklyn joined a virtual meeting to discuss program updates, brainstorm ideas, review upcoming events in the borough, and address requests & volunteer needs raised by their members.

## 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](#).



### What is the NYC CERT Uniform?

**We are a Team!** To ensure we all represent NYC Emergency Management with professionalism, this message serves as a friendly reminder about our uniform policy. Whether it's a preparedness event or an emergency response, being in proper uniform allows us to be easily identified by the public and first responders. It signifies our commitment to safety and fosters a sense of unity. Here's a quick rundown of the NYC CERT uniform:

- Green NYC CERT polo shirt (mandatory)
- Khaki pants (mandatory)

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

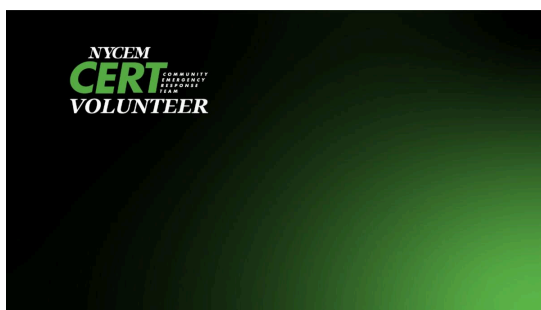
Form: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTrequest>

Find the NYC CERT Protocols here: [NYC CERT SOPs](#)

Schedule a meeting with NYCEM staff: [NYC CERT Volunteer Support](#)

- NYC CERT reflective vest (always most visible outer layer)
- NYC CERT credential on lanyard, visible at all times (mandatory)
- Optional items: NYC CERT baseball hat, windbreaker, green helmet (for emergency responses), green CERT response bag (for emergency responses), NYC CERT branded sweaters/jackets (produced with NYCEM approval)

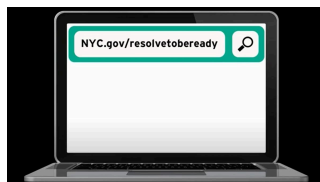
**Not sure about an item?** Don't hesitate to reach out! Contact us at [cert@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov) and we'll be happy to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.



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



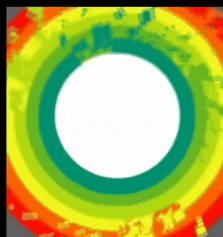
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)  
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)  
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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



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

*Choose a Topic:*

CERT Pick-up  
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