

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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NYC CERT Leadership Positions



Calling all CERT leaders!

The transition of volunteer leadership for is upon us. We are looking for potential new leadership for the roles of Borough Coordinator, Deputy Borough Coordinator, Division Chief and District Leader. We are encouraged by the amount of interest in leadership expressed by many of the members and we loo forward to hearing from more of you.

The following positions are open for your consideration:

Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island:

Borough Coordinator and Deputy Borough Coordinator

BK Division 1: Leaders in District 1, District 3, and District 4

BK Division 2: Division Chief, Leaders in District 2, District 6, and District 7

BK Division 3: Leaders in District 5 and District 16

BK Division 4: Leaders in District 8 and District 9

BK Division 5: Division Chief, Leaders in District 10, District 11 and District 13



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: **Brooklyn (CERT BK)**

Call Scenario: **Report how many of your division members submit snow measurements during the winter months.**

10/03 Responding Borough:
Brooklyn

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

BK Division 6: Division Chief, Leaders in District 1, District 2, and District 3
BK Division 7: Division Chief, Leaders in District 15, and District 18
BX Division 1: Division Chief, Leaders in District 1, District 2 and District 3
BX Division 2: Division Chief, Leaders in District 4 and District 5.
BX Division 3: Division Chief, Leaders in District 7 and District 8
BX Division 4: Division Chief
BX Division 5: Leaders in District 11 Leader and District 12 Leader

Click the link below to find the roles and responsibilities for both leadership positions. Please note that the Division Chief and District Leader positions are all appointed by CERT program staff and have a term limit of two years. The term limits exist to offer other members the opportunity to lead and bring new and exciting thoughts, ideas, and leadership skills to the NYC CERT program.



[Click here for Division Leadership Roles Description](#)

Please contact **Regina Wilson, CERT Specialist**, to express your interest or inquiries for the available positions of Division Chief and District Leader. She can be reached at Rewilson@oem.nyc.gov or at 347-203-3614.

Thank you again for your consideration

Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's Quiz of the Week. The correct answer is: **D)**

Quiz OF THE WEEK

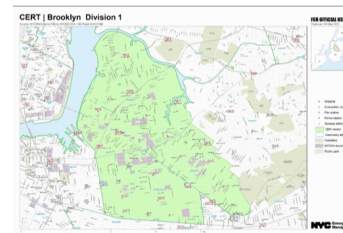


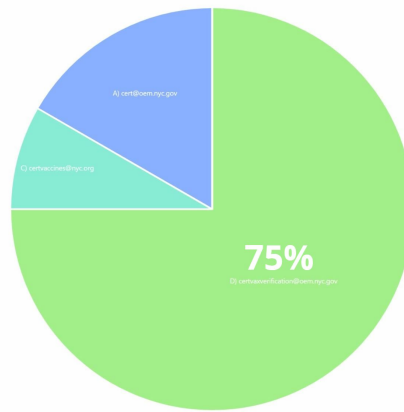
Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[Click Here!](#)



The [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#) provides guidance and outlines policies and procedures for you and your team to follow.





certvaxverification@oem.nyc.gov. This email address is monitored by NYCEM's Human Capital Management Bureau. They are responsible for collecting and tracking vaccination documentation for all agency staff and NYC CERT volunteers. NYC CERT staff does not receive this documentation. Human Capital update CERT staff on members that are in-compliance with the NYC vaccine mandate.

Clearing Catch Basins



NYC Emergency Management is requesting that NYC CERT members safely check catch basins in their area. Use [NYCDEP Citywide Catch Basins Map](#) to find the catch basins by entering your home address or using your current location. NYC CERT members can assist the Department of Environmental Protection to help avoid flooding and backups.

Operational Role:

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

[Brooklyn](#) - [Bronx](#) - [Manhattan](#) - [Queens](#) - [Staten Island](#)



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.

- Safely clearing catch basins in your area using a broom or rake
- If the basin is clogged below the grate, file a report by calling 311
- DO NOT attempt to lift or remove the grate

Report any actions taken by completing the form found in the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/Uk76ezbH6hMGQNZ3>

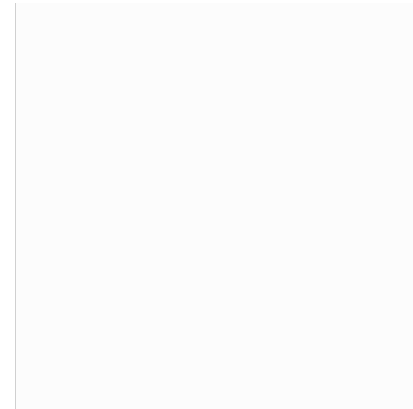
Remember to always follow the [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures](#) when deploying (including contacting NYCEM Watch Command to deploy and stand down).

Be sure to submit your volunteer hours by [clicking here](#). Use the *DEP Support* shift to report hours for this request. Don't forget your camera or smartphone! We'd like you to send any photos to us to share on social media. Send all photos to cert@oem.nyc.gov



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](#).



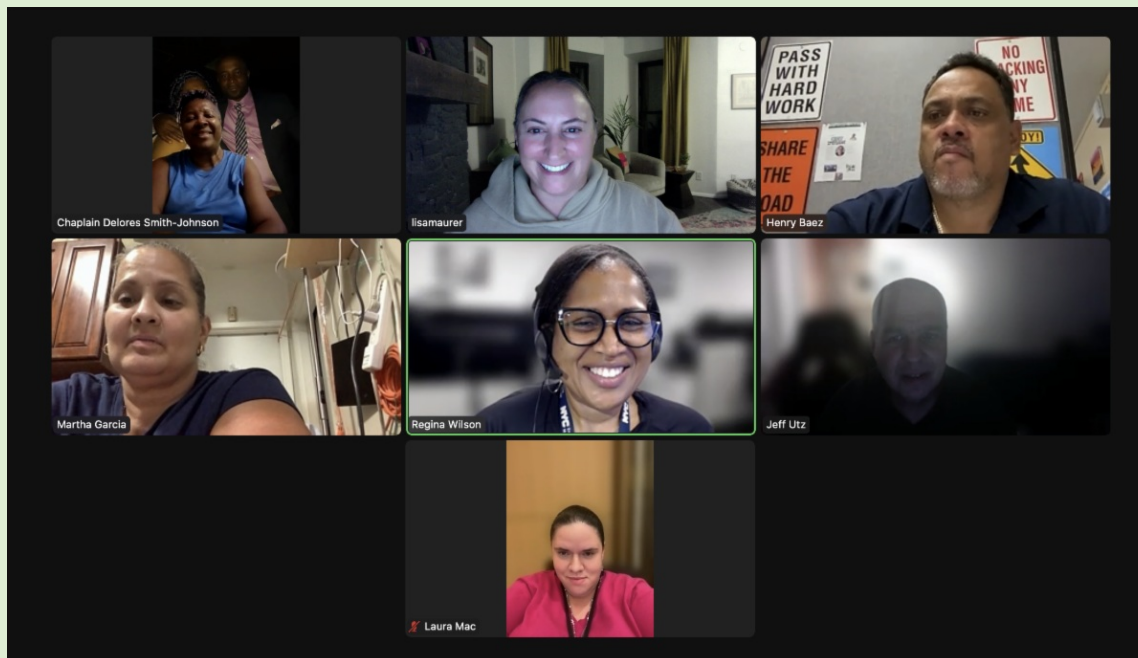
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Bronx Preparedness



On Thursday 09/29/22, Pastor Ray Serrano, the CEO of the newest COAD (Civilian Organization Active in Disaster) in the Bronx, requested that Bronx Division 4 CERT provide a Ready New York presentation to the participating partners in the COAD. The presentation was provided so that the partners could understand what it contained and to scheduled presentations for their own various groups and/or associated organizations. The provided presentation was well received and the partners expressed desire to have presentations given to their groups in the very near future. *Description and photo submitted by Khalil Abdul-Wahhab, Bronx Division 4 Chief.*

Brooklyn Division 1 CERT Meeting



Brooklyn Division 1 CERT held their monthly team meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. The team was

introduced to their new Division Chief, Lisa Maurer. All were very excited about the new leadership position and are ready to work hard to connect with the community. Let's go BK 1!



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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NYC CERT CALENDAR

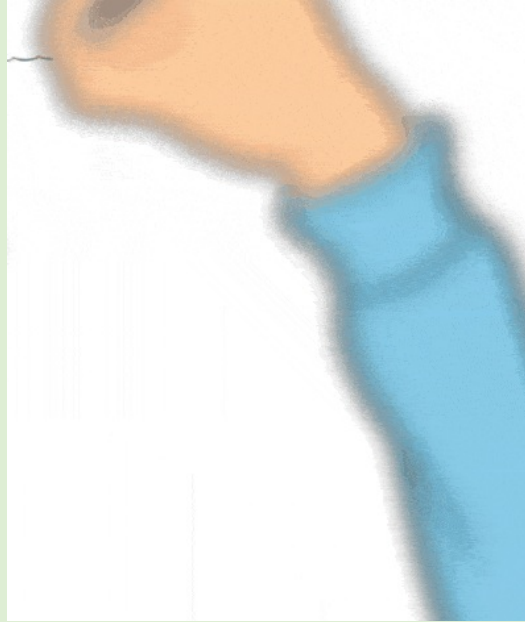


CERT volunteers are being requested to support Manhattan's Asylum Seeker Welcome center. Much like a Service Center, volunteers are to serve as flow monitors as busses arrive at the Port Authority Bus Terminal. Dates Scheduled through Tuesday, October 4th.

If you already signed up, this confirms your shift.

[EMERGENCY DEPLOYMENT: Asylum Seeker Welcome Center Support Registration, Multiple Dates](#)

A few members of the CERT Recruitment Group met this week to discuss National Preparedness Month events and expansion of the group, to better assist all boroughs with recruitment. Recruitment group info sessions will be offered at the start of the monthly meeting, going forward, to enable interested CERT members the opportunity to hear more about this task force and meet current members of the group. This is a great opportunity to be a part of the effort to grow



membership in the program. Consider joining us for an info session this year! Dates and registration links below:

[Monday, Oct. 17th at 6:30PM](#)

[Monday, Nov. 21st at 6:30PM](#)

[Monday, Dec. 19th at 6:30PM](#)



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.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

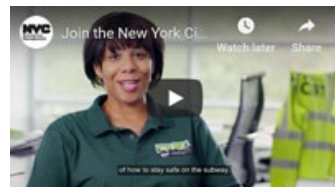
[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

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

[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalog](#) includes all recorded webinars.

COVID-19 Community Conversations: Mental Health, Equity and Resilience **Updated Links*
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.



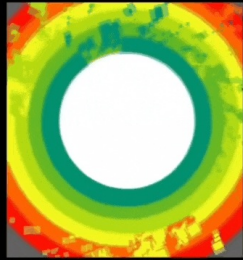
Listen to the NEW episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, Prep Talk ([SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#) & [Spreaker](#)) and ¡Prepárate! on [SoundCloud](#).

New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan have recently declared a public health emergency due to the Monkeypox outbreak.

For regularly updated information on Monkeypox please visit: nyc.gov/monkeypox



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



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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