

National Preparedness Month



NYC Emergency Management Webinars

How to Keep Critical Services Going After Emergencies - 3 Steps to Organizational Preparedness

Wednesday, September 18

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

This is an introductory training that outlines the three steps organizations can take to ensure that they can continue to provide services following an emergency, and best practices for managing disaster volunteers and donations.

[Register Here](#)

MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Radio Channel
CERT SI

09/16/2024

Responding Borough: Queens

Scenario: Is your Division having a holiday gathering?

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)



Strengthening Communities Info Session – Opportunity #1

Wednesday, September 18

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

Strengthening Communities Info Session – Opportunity #2

Thursday, September 19

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

Join this information session to learn about the Strengthening Communities program, the benefits of prospective applicants and



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

UPDATE COMING SOON!

considerations for community and/or faith-based coalitions interested in applying for Strengthening Communities Cohort #4. Emergencies affect every community differently, but you can help your community be prepared and resilient. For the NYC Emergency Management's Strengthening Communities program, it pays to be prepared: The program offers grants to community networks to build their emergency preparedness plan and support local community resources. For more information, visit [our Strengthening Communities Page](#).



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

Check out NYC Emergency Management website for a list of complete events: <https://www.nyc.gov/npm>



[Click here for National Preparedness Month photos](#)



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

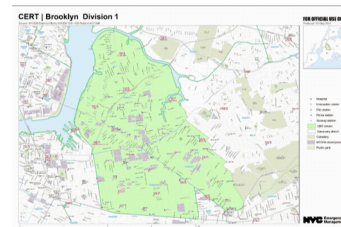
After you participate, be sure to [Submit Your Volunteer Hours!](#)

For more questions on how to submit your service hours you can view the [Hours Submission FAQs](#).

Manhattan Borough Meeting



Manhattan Borough Leaders put an amazing event together, an evening of camaraderie, networking, NYC CERT Program Q&A, pizza and amazing raffles.



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

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



Program Director and Manhattan Leadership providing raffles



Manhattan Borough President Director of Events and Partnerships



Joyce Holland, Allan Goldberg, Sheldon Fine, Vincent Massarelli, Margaret Bishop, Quintin Sipp Thank you Manhattan

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.

All Divisions 1, 3, and 5 IDs are Ready



Leadership: All Division 7 member credentials are ready. Also, if you have any members that graduated in November 2023, please remember to schedule a pick-up, or permit them to schedule a pick-up for their permanent ID using this link: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTpickup>

Leaders for such an amazing event!

If the pick-up options do not work with your schedule, please reach out to: desposito@oem.nyc.gov

¡Prepárate! El Podcast En Español



Depto. de Manejo de Emergencias de NYC



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On this episode of ¡Prepárate!, NYCEM Chief of Staff Yokarina Duarte and Community Engagement Specialist Emely Rodriguez sit down with NYPD Chief of Staff Raul Pintos to discuss his remarkable career at the NYPD, the importance of Hispanic leader, and some of the latest NYPD initiatives aimed at keeping the city safe. Pintos, who has dedicated over three decades to the NYPD, shares invaluable insights and advice for young people, particularly those considering a career in law enforcement. This episode offers a rare opportunity to learn from some of the most influential Hispanic leaders in New York City's public safety landscape

Listen to this episode of Prepareate [here](#)
Read the full press release [here](#)

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Send Us Your Photos!



Please continue to share an and all photos and videos from your NYC CERT events at 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. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month Events

Ready NY requested CERT staffing for a few events during National Preparedness Month. CERT members will assist with CERT recruitment and

Notify NYC app registration at these events. National Preparedness Month is a great opportunity to build up membership for the program. Please check out the dates and locations below and consider registering to support this effort - even if it is outside your division. Stay tuned for more events to come!

Tabling (Outreach)

[Ready NY Fair - Lieutenant Frank McConnell Park | Sat, Sep 21 | 12:00 PM](#)

[Ready NY Fair - 34th Avenue Open Streets \(Jackson Heights\) | Sun, Sep 22 | 12:00 PM](#)

Recruitment

To continue our efforts of building up recruitment in our focus areas this year, we have scheduled a few events for September in each borough. We also encourage each division to think about high-traffic locations in their neighborhoods where membership may be low and consider setting up an outdoor event where a few members can distribute CERT recruitment materials and actively recruit for the program. Our greatest resource for recruitment is YOU!

Queens: [DEP Flooding Preparedness Event - Rockaways - September 17th, 5:30pm - 9pm](#)

Brooklyn: [Ready NY Fair - Medgar Evers College - September 26th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm](#)

Deployments

[\(CERT Support\) Ready NY Fair - Medgar Evers College Thu, Sep 26 | 6:30 PM](#)

On September 11, 2024, from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM, CERT volunteers will assist with crowd control at the 9/11 Remembrance at the American Veterans Memorial Pier. Volunteers will ensure the event runs smoothly, support NYPD with spectator safety, and honor those lost on September 11, 2001, while demonstrating their solidarity and respect for the 23rd anniversary of the attacks.

[Register here | September 11 | 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM](#)

3rd Avenue Festival in bay Ridge



CERT volunteers are needed at the 3rd Avenue Festival in Bay Ridge on September 29th to promote emergency preparedness.

- Shift 1 (9:00 AM - 1:30 PM): Set up and staff the Ready NY table, walk the festival route to raise awareness about preparedness, and assist the 68th Precinct with visitor safety.
- Shift 2 (1:00 PM - 6:00 PM): Continue staffing the Ready NY table, walk the festival route, and support the 68th Precinct with crowd control and safety.

Volunteers will play a key role in ensuring the event's success and spreading essential safety information. [Please click here to register !](#)

Tunnel to Towers



CERT members are needed to assist with directing runners and managing pedestrian control for the 23rd Annual Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk NYC on September 29, 2024. This event honors those who lost their lives on 9/11 or from related illnesses. In addition to supporting the event, CERT members are also invited to volunteer and participate in the walk or run, offering a meaningful way to support the cause while engaging in the event.

The link to register for the 5k walk and run is here: <https://volunteernyc.t2t.org/>
To assist with directing runners and managing pedestrian control, please click [here](#).

NYC Emergency Management Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Full Scale Exercise



DETAILS:

DATE: Tuesday, October 1st (October 8th alt date)

Arrival Time: 8:00 AM

Exercise Start Time: 10:00 AM

Expected End Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Seaview Sanitarium/ Fox Beach, **Staten Island**

Muster Point: TBD

This exercise will unite all NYC capabilities when it comes to Drone/ Robotics response with all of our city partner agencies.

An exercise orientation will be scheduled ahead of the exercise with final details and scenarios for all who register.

[Registration: UAS Full-Scale Exercise Role Player](#)



Gracie Mansion City Recognition and Cultural Receptions

Mayor's Office of Special Projects and Community Events has requested CERT volunteers to continue supporting the city recognition and cultural receptions being held at Gracie Mansion. For individual details and event registration please see below:



****New Date****

Eastern European Heritage Reception
Tue, Sep 17, 2024 | 5:30 PM



[African Heritage Reception:](#)
[Tue, Oct 1, 2024 | 5:30 - 7:30pm](#)



[Italian Heritage Reception:](#)
[Thur, Oct 17, 2024 | 5:30 - 7:30pm](#)



[Hispanic Heritage Reception:](#)
[Tue, Oct 8th, 2024 | 5:30pm - 7:30pm](#)



[Diwali Heritage Reception:](#)

DEP Flooding Preparedness Events



Environmental Protection

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has requested the support of NYC CERT volunteers at their upcoming Flooding Preparedness Events. During the events, DEP will be providing presentations to the public throughout the City.

NYC CERT volunteers are expected to support with sign-in and the distribution of preparedness materials.

Please register for any of the following dates and locations:

9/17 — Rockaways @ Beach Channel HS, 100-00 Beach Channel Drive (QNS)

9/19 — Staten Island @ Susan E. Wagner School HS, 1200 Manor Road (SI)

[Click Here to register for one of the dates/locations](#)

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

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

[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalogue](#) includes all recorded

NYC CERT ADVANCED TRAINING

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 (NCPCC). 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 . . .](#)



NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Brooklyn Cyclones Game Recruitment Event



CERT members joined Notify NYC staff at the Brooklyn Cyclones Game on Wednesday night, September 4th to distribute CERT palm cards and recruit some park visitors. This was one of the many opportunities this past

summer where CERTs were able to support NYCEM staff at Cyclones games. It proved to be a "hit" with those who visited the table!

Councilmember Mercedes Narcisse Back to school backpack giveaway



On Saturday September 7th, Over 200 community members learned about emergency preparedness, including the importance of go bags for both families and pets. Many attendees expressed interest in having CERT members attend their events. More to come from our Brooklyn Division 7!

Rain Barrel Giveaway with N.Y. State Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton



This past Saturday, Brooklyn Division 5 supported N.Y. State Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's Rain Barrel Giveaway in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The CERT team was on hand to manage traffic control, ensuring the smooth flow of the event while actively supporting the giveaway. This engagement not only facilitated the successful distribution of rain barrels but also showcased our commitment to community service and environmental stewardship.

Queens Farm: Corn Fest



Queens Division 4 Division Chief Wendy Hom; organized an amazing new partnership with the Queens Farm to the Corn fest kickoff event sponsored by Con Edison. This can work up to be a larger event supported by many more members and agency staff. Amazing work QN Division 4!



9/11 Remembrance at the American Veterans Memorial Pier

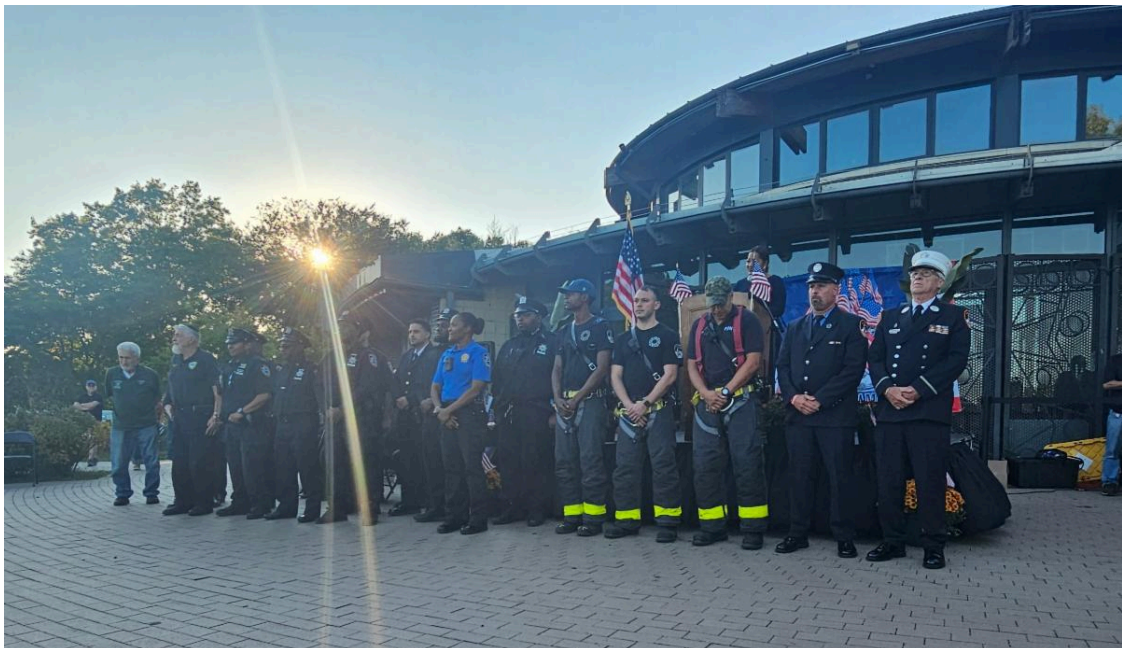


NYC CERT members came out to support the 23rd annual 9/11 remembrance at the American Memorial Pier in Bay Ridge, accompanied by City Council Justin Brannan and NYS Senator Gournades. It is important that we NEVER FORGET the tragic day of September 11th 2001 as we continue to honor all who sacrificed their lives for others.

Assemblymember Jaimie Williams 9/11 remembrance

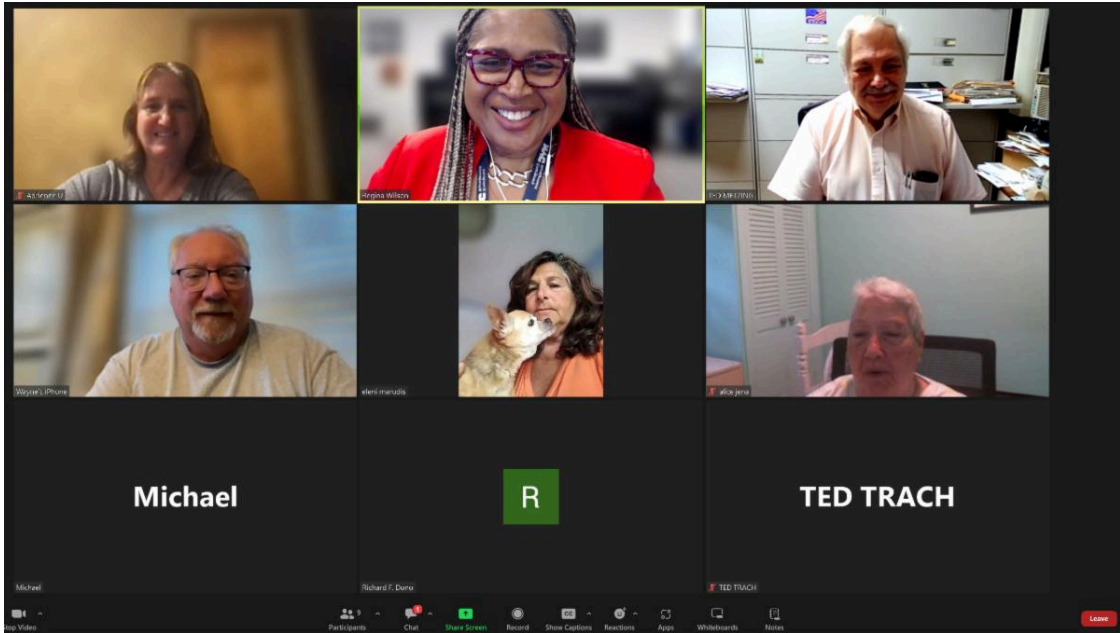


CERT members attended the remembrance event showing support from the CERT program for those whose lives were lost on 9/11. Brooklyn Division 7 members assisted with crowd control and traffic management throughout the duration of the event.



Meetings

Queens Division 5



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



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](#).

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](#)

What is the NYC CERT Uniform?

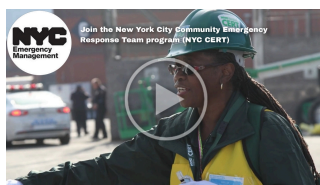
While the NYCEM agency logo has changed, there will not be an immediate change in NYC CERT uniforms. More information on the NYCEM/NYC CERT logo and its usage will be provided in the coming months.

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:

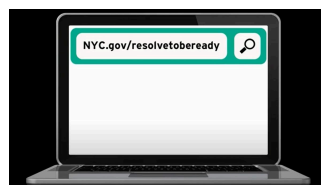


- Green NYC CERT polo shirt (mandatory)
- Khaki pants (mandatory)
- NYC CERT reflective vest (always most visible outer layer)
- NYC CERT credential on lanyard, visible at all times (mandatory)
- Optional items: NYC CERT baseball hat, windbreaker, green helmet (for emergency responses), green CERT response 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 and we'll be happy to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.



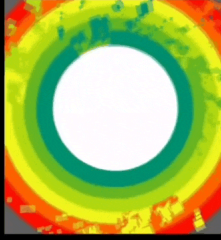
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[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](#) & [Spreaker](#)) 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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