

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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Health & Safety Protocol

As NYCEM's Human Capital Bureau continues to review submissions relating to the Vaccine Mandate, NYCEM will continue sharing updates including the NYC CERT Newsletter and requests with membership with the understanding there is approval needed prior to any in-person deployments and events.

As of **Tuesday, February 1, 2022**, volunteers who did not submit appropriate documentation to meet the vaccine mandate or request a reasonable accommodation through NYCEM will soon be placed as inactive until they are in compliance.

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

All members placed inactive as a result of incompliance may be re-activated within two years (February 2024) if the proper documentation is submitted and approved.



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Channel: CERT BK

Call Scenario: How often do you conduct Division meetings?

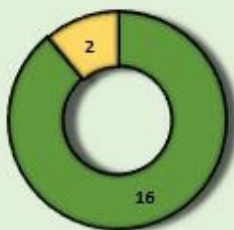
02/07 Responding Borough: Manhattan

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

January in Review

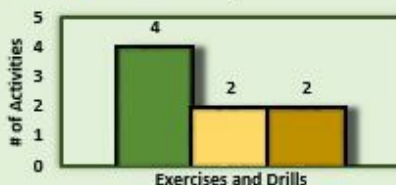
CERT CITYWIDE DEPLOYMENTS (JAN '22)

- Emergency Deployments
- Planned Deployments



CERT ADVANCED TRAININGS, EXERCISES, AND DRILLS (JAN '22)

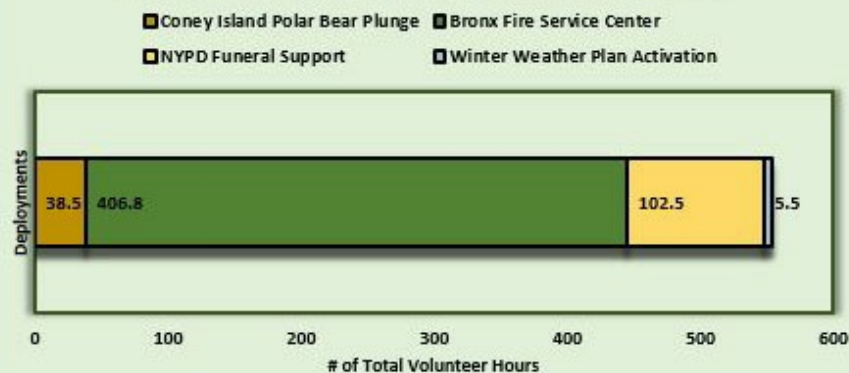
- Inter-Borough Roll Call Drills
- Volunteer Led Virtual Exercises
- Advanced Trainings



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!

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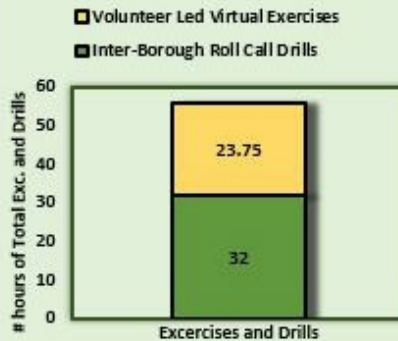
CERT VOLUNTEERS' DEPLOYMENT HOURS (JAN '22)



CERT ADVANCED TRAINING HOURS (JAN '22)

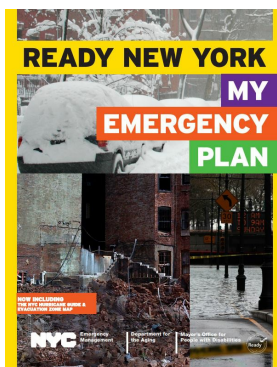


CERT EXERCISE AND DRILL HOURS (JAN '22)



NYC CERT had a very busy January with planned and unplanned deployments. As we kicked off the year with the Polar Bear plunge, one of our members, Britta Husack, provided CPR to a participant resuscitating him and saving his life. There was then a tragic fire in the Bronx that necessitated the opening of a service center that CERT volunteers from all over the city deployed to support in various roles. During the run of the service center, NYCEM hosted two unique trainings, one provided by NYCEM staff and the other provided by our very own NYC CERT volunteer, Eva Chavez with a Human Trafficking awareness presentation. As the month came to a close, FDNY Ceremonial unit requested CERT support for two ceremonies for fallen NYPD officers, allowing members to serve first responders on the scene and stand with them. And last but not least, New York City saw it's first significant snowfall for 2022, with 26 volunteers citywide participating in the snow measuring operation.

Thank you all for the great work!



My Emergency Plan Update!

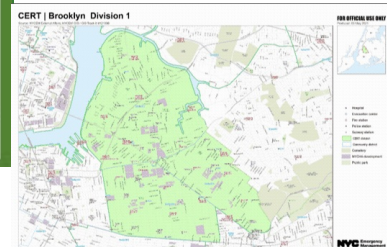
The Ready New York My Plan guide has been updated to incorporate messaging around flooding and basement apartments. Both the English version and translations of the guide are now uploaded on our website: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/ready/guides-resources.page>.

Please familiarize yourselves with the new content. The main change was on page 7, but there are other changes sprinkled throughout the guide.

As you know, the risk of flash flooding increases in the spring, so we should all be incorporating the new content in our presentations and conversations with the public.



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



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 those interested in serving as Emergency Snow Laborers for the NYC Department of Sanitation this winter season you can [REGISTER HERE](#).

NYC Emergency Management is promoting this as a volunteer opportunity outside of NYC CERT. This is not a CERT-sanctioned activity and CERT liability coverage does not apply.

View the following links for more information:

[NYC.gov/snow](#) | [Snow Laborer Registration](#) | [Work With Us](#)



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.

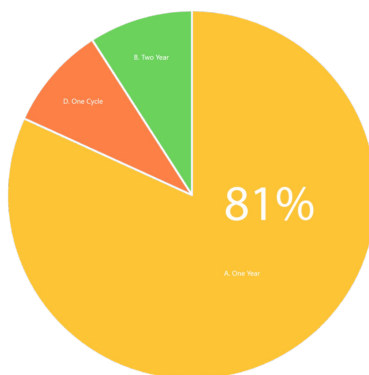
Your NYC CERT Ready New York Liaison can submit a [Ready New York](#)

[Material Request](#) for upcoming events.



Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's [Quiz of the Week](#). Most of you selected **A) One Year. (81 %)**. NYC CERT is a program that is offered free of charge to all residents 18 years of age and up. While we hope for many years of service, the expected volunteer commitment is for at least one year of service following graduation.



You can find this stated on page 1 of the [NYC CERT SOPs](#).



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



[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



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.

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.

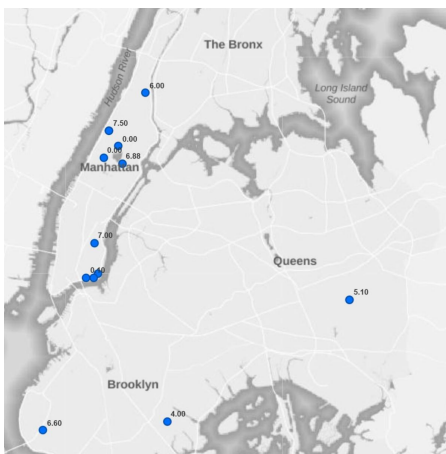
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

NYC CERT Deployment



Pictured above are NYC CERT members on February 2nd providing support at the request of the FDNY Ceremonial Unit to serve during the NYPD funeral service held in memory of fallen officer Wilbert Mora. CERT volunteers assisted with general support including serving food to first responders in attendance.

NYC CERT Reporting Snow Measurements using Survey123 ArcGIS



Creator	Volunteer name	Borough	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Snowfall measurement
cert_queens1	Jeanine Prud'homme	Queens			QN_Div_2	0
cert_manhattan1	John Davis	Manhattan		MN_Div_2		0
cert_brooklyn1	Patricia Crawford	Brooklyn	BK_Div_5			0.5
cert_queens1	Sandra Williams	Queens			QN_Div_6	0.4
cert_brooklyn1	Patricia Crawford	Brooklyn	BK_Div_5			1.6
cert_queens1	Sandra Williams	Queens			QN_Div_6	2.5
cert_queens1	Sandra Williams	Queens			QN_Div_6	7.1
cert_queens1	Joe Polak	Queens			QN_Div_1	4.1
cert_manhattan1	Ron David	Manhattan		MN_Div_1		4.3
cert_brooklyn1	Elba Melendez	Brooklyn	BK_Div_7			3
cert_manhattan1	Daniel Zweig	Manhattan		MN_Div_2		5
cert_brooklyn1	Robert CARMONA	Brooklyn	BK_Div_2			8.5
cert_queens1	Sandra Williams	Queens			QN_Div_6	9.2
cert_manhattan1	Pat Sallin	Manhattan		MN_Div_3		7
cert_queens1	Joe Polak	Queens			QN_Div_1	6.1
cert_queens1	Adjoa Gafu	Queens			QN_Div_6	3.2
cert_queens1	Adjoa Gafu	Queens			QN_Div_6	5.1
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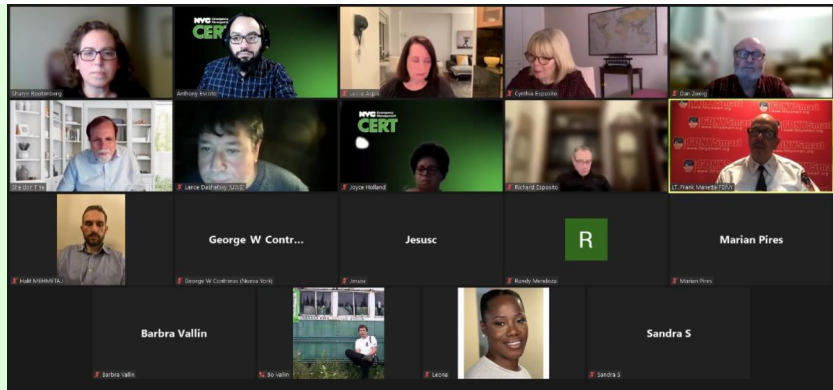
Winter Weather Emergency Activation Plan Jan 28-29

NYC CERT members provided snow measurements for the first time using our new ArcGIS integration. Measurements were provided both through the mobile application, which has the ability to use your GPS location to pinpoint your location and also on the web browser where you can manually input your location. This new application allows the data to be shared simultaneously between NYC Emergency Management Executive Leadership, National Weather Service, the Mayor's office, and other city agency leadership responding to the weather event. Great work! We hope to expand the use of this application in the future - so more to come!

NYC CERT Virtual Meetings

Manhattan Division 2

Invited FDNYsmart Lt. Frank Manetta to talk about basic home fire safety tips and answering any inquiries the Division had anything from who can provide free in-home installation of fire/co alarms to identifying a fire-proof building.



Brooklyn Division 7 Recollected the recent Communication tree exercises by having an After Action Report presented to the division. Program staff amplified and answered questions on the recent Vaccine Mandate that is in place.

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



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Engagement/ Volunteer Hours Overview



If you are having questions difficulties or issues with current program Engagement, events, deployments or volunteer hours?

Program staff will be providing an overview on the tools and links to the event calendar volunteer hours and much more. Sign up for this opportunity below.

[Sign up here for Virtual Volunteer Engagement overview | Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:30 PM](#)

Advanced Training: Snow measuring/ Reporting walkthrough (Virtual)



ArcGIS Survey123

Download on your mobile device to fill out this form



As NYC Emergency Management has launched new tools for reporting, we will be walking through the app's setup and how to properly report your measurements within the application. There is also a link if you do not have access to or prefer our web-based version.

[Click here for Registration, Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)



Each of the FEMA Region II webinars presented in 2021 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 **[2021 Webinar Catalog](#)** which includes the webinar description and recording link for each webinar by category.

Ready Up NYC Webinar Series

**February
17**

Topic: Financial Emergency Planning with FEMA

- 4 steps to financial preparedness
- Disaster assistance resources

Register via: <https://bit.ly/ReadyUp2022>

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 from Jan-June of 2021.

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



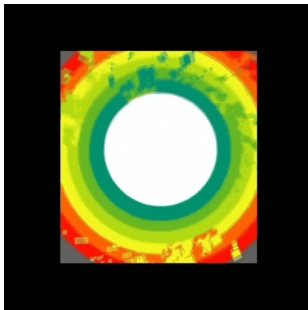
NYCEM's Youtube page
NYC CERT recruitment video
2021 National Volunteer Week video



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



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