

National Preparedness Month and CERT Recruitment



September is just around the corner and Ready NY, Community Preparedness and CERT have been busy organizing community events to kick off National Preparedness Month. Thank you to all divisions that have already started to set up events in their areas. If you still have materials leftover from National Night Out, please distribute those at any upcoming events. If materials are still needed, please submit material requests as soon as possible to ensure delivery. As you know, every preparedness event is an opportunity to recruit for CERT. Divisions should also be discussing exclusive recruitment events they can host during the month. Members can reach out to their **Leadership** or to the CERT@OEM.NYC.GOV with suggestions on recruitment locations within their communities.

Manhattan Borough Meeting



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Radio Channel
Manhattan

08/26/2024
No Response Requested

Scenario: Is your Division supporting any events for National Preparedness Month?

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



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

UPDATE COMING SOON!



The Manhattan volunteer leadership cordially invites you to an engaging evening dedicated to socializing and networking, featuring distinguished guests and a selection of exciting surprises. This event promises to be an excellent opportunity for you to connect with like-minded volunteers, share ideas, and foster collaborative relationships within the NYC CERT program. We encourage you to sign up and join us for what promises to be an enriching experience. Your participation will not only enhance your network but also contribute to the spirit of camaraderie and support among volunteers.

[Register Here](#) | [Thursday September 12th](#) | [6:30 PM Start time](#)



If a big storm hits, The City may order residents in certain zones to evacuate depending on the hurricane's track and projected storm surge. Knowing your hurricane evacuation zone in advance can prevent stress and evacuation delays if you are asked to evacuate because of an incoming hurricane or coastal storm.

The Hurricane Evacuation Zone Finder will let you know if you're located in a zone and will show you your nearest evacuation center. You can also call 311 (212-639-9675 for Video Relay Service, or TTY: 212-504-4115) to find out if you live in a zone.

The Hurricane Evacuation Zone Finder also shows City evacuation centers which are all pet friendly.



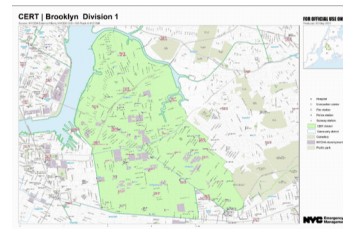
[View and Download the Complete NYC CERT Basic Training Student Manual](#)



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](#)

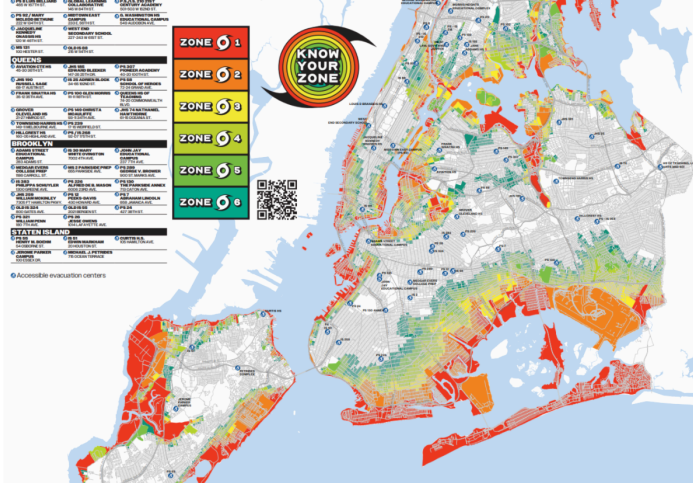
**READY
NEW YORK**

NEW YORK CITY HURRICANE EVACUATION ZONES

NYC EVACUATION CENTERS: FIND YOUR CLOSEST CENTER ON THE MAP

HURRICANE EVACUATION ZONES
When a coastal storm is approaching, the City may order the evacuation of neighborhoods in danger of flooding from storm surge, starting with Zone 1 and adding more zones as needed. Zones will be evacuated depending on life safety-related threats from a hurricane's forecasted strength, track, and storm surge.

Use the enclosed map, visit nyc.gov/KNOWYOURZONE, or call 311 to find out if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone.



If you live in an evacuation zone, have a plan for where you will go if an evacuation order is issued for your area. If you are not in a zone, make a plan should you lose power.

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Use the **Hurricane Evacuation Zone Finder** or call 311 (212-639-9675 for Video Relay Service, or TTY: 212-504-4115) to find out if your address is in an evacuation zone.

Note: FEMA Flood zones are used to determine flood insurance requirements and building code. Residents should not use FEMA's flood zones to determine the need to evacuate during coastal storms. The City will determine which of the hurricane evacuation zones (from zone 1 up through zone 6) should be evacuated based on the characteristics of an actual storm as it is approaching the city. For more information about flood zones, [visit www.floodhelpnyc.org](http://www.floodhelpnyc.org).

For more information click [here](#)

REMINDER: 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

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>

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

Get Notified with New York City's official source for information about emergency alerts and important city services.

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

Download the free [Notify NYC](#) mobile app, available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

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)

We need your help! We're calling on all NYC CERT members to double-check their uniform supplies and ensure they're ready to deploy. The assigned CERT lead will be responsible for ensuring that all deployed members comply.

Consider dressing down or covering your NYC Emergency Management CERT gear while travelling for a deployment where there is the possibility of protests/press involvement. This precaution can help maintain a low profile and reduce the risk of drawing unnecessary or unwanted attention to yourself. Remain vigilant and if at any time you feel unsafe while volunteering, please exercise caution and remove yourself from that situation. You should notify the CERT lead and call 9-1-1 if in immediate danger. **Your safety is always our top priority.**

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.

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 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 (Recruitment/ Outreach)

[Ready NY Fair - Union Square Park North Plaza | Thu, Sep 12 | 11:00 AM](#)

[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](#)

[Ready NY Fair - Staten Island Children's Museum | Sun, Sep 8, | 11:00 AM](#)

Deployments

[\(CERT Support\) Ready NY Fair - Staten Island Children's Museum Sun, Sep 8 | 11:00 AM](#)

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

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

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:



[Uzbekistan Heritage Reception](#)
[Thu, Aug 29, at 5:30 PM](#)



****New Date****
[Eastern European Heritage Reception](#)
[Tue, Sep 17, 2024 at 5:30 PM](#)



Brooklyn Cyclones Preparedness Events

The Brooklyn Cyclones have invited CERT, Ready NY and Notify NYC to table at Maimonides Park during several upcoming games. CERTs are being requested to join NYCEM staff to distribute NYC CERT recruitment materials with park visitors. Check out the dates below and register through the links provided. Game times vary by date.

[Registration | Sun, August 25, 2024, 1:30PM](#)

[Registration | Wed, Sept 4, 2024, 6:30PM](#)

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)

9/24 — East Harlem @ PS 146 Anna M. Short School, E. 106th St. and 1st Ave. (MAN)

[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 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

NARCAN Training



CERT Volunteers will learn to prevent death and other negative consequences of opioid overdose by training non-medical responders to recognize a suspected opioid overdoses and to take appropriate action.

Pre-requisite:

Please fill out [the Narcan recipient form](#) and send it to CERTtraining@oem.nyc.gov by Friday September 13th. We will have phical copies for you to do at the beginning of class if the deadline was not met.

Learning Objectives:

- List four risk factors for overdose;
- Recognize three signs of an overdose;
- Perform techniques to stimulate someone who appears to have overdosed;
- Correctly perform rescue breathing; and
- Correctly administer naloxone.

[Registration Mon | Sep 16 | 6:30 PM](#)



The CERT Leadership development class will be held on September 3, 2024 from 6:30pm-8:00pm. The classes are designed for future CERT leaders and those interested in learning what it takes to be a leader in CERT. Please register for the leadership class and pass the opportunity on to other.

[Register here | Tuesday September 3rd | 6:30 PM](#)

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 ...](#)



NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

United Senior Center and NYC CERT



The storms put a stop to many events through the city for national night out, but it did not stop the sunset park local community group united senior center and their local PCT's on rescheduling and putting a great event with the amazing support of our nyc cert volunteers!

Community Health Fair / Block Party



Brooklyn Division 1, 5 and 7 members worked together on Saturday, August 17th to support a community health fair and block party hosted by Bushwick Family Ministries. It is great to see divisions collaborating on events and backing each other up on staffing and logistics. Thank you to all!

Senator Roxanne Persaud Annual Community Fun Day & Back to School Even



This past Tuesday, Brooklyn Division 7 members distributed preparedness materials to all attendee's at Senator Roxanne Persaud's Community Event held at Seaview Park. Over 250 emergency plan guides, pet guides, and hurricane guides were distributed, and both CERT members spoke to constituents about preparing for various emergencies and assembling emergency go bags.

Gracie Mansion Haitian Heritage Reception

On August 13th, CERT provided essential support for the Gracie Mansion's Haitian Heritage Reception, organized by the Mayor's Office for Special Projects and Community Events. Our team played a crucial role in managing pedestrian and line traffic, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience for all attendees.



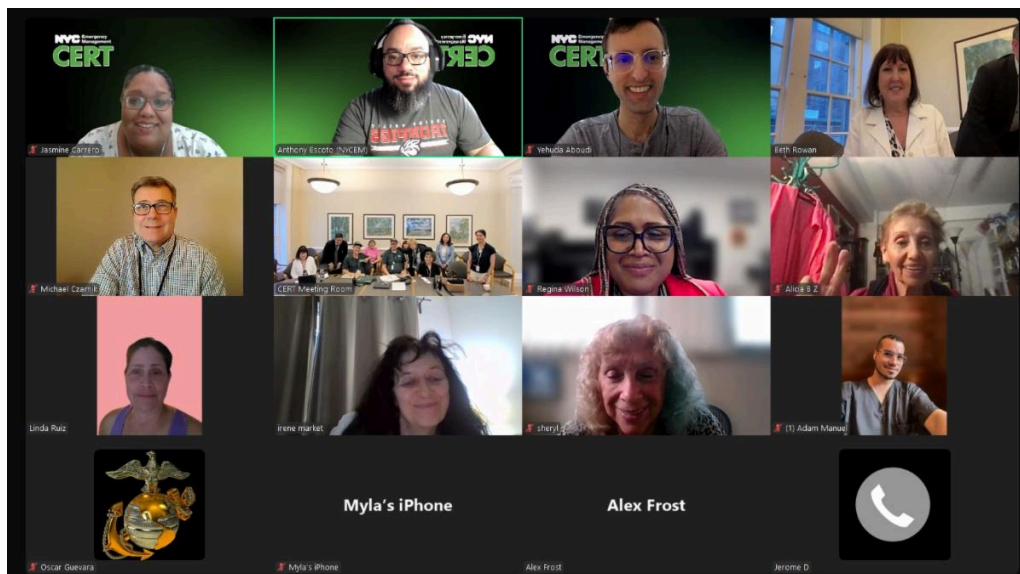
Meetings

Manhattan Borough Planning



On Thursday August 22nd , Manhattan Leadership gathered to lock down some of the final logistics of the Manhattan Borough Meeting. These members are working really hard to ensure that a well fun and meaningful event will be worthwhile to all attendees! Thank you Margaret Bishop, Joyce Holland Allan Goldberg, Quintin Sipp Sheldon Fine and Vincent Masserelli! Looking forward to an amazing event full of surprises!

Manhattan Division 3



This past Wednesday, Manhattan Division 3 gathered hybrid with various members both in-person and virtual. Members went through previous supported opportunities as members provided their feedback and experiences. An announcement for a local Division exercises during National Preparedness Month. Looking forward to next steps... Standing By...

[Download the NYC CERT Background](#) 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.

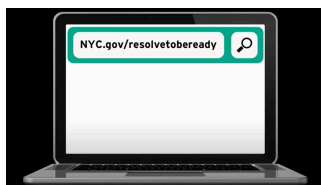
NYC CERT External Request Form: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTrequest>

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

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



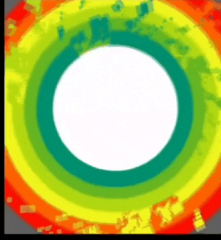
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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

Choose a Topic:

CERT Pick-up
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Advanced
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Questions

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