

It's National Hurricane Preparedness Week



Be ready for hurricane season. Take action **TODAY** to be better prepared for when the worst happens. Understand your risk from hurricanes, and begin pre-season preparations now. Make sure you have multiple ways of receiving forecasts and alerts, and know what to do before, during, and after a storm. [Read more...](#)

Governor Hochul and National Weather experts recognize Hurricane Preparedness Week in New York State. [Read the press release.](#)

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Bridging Histories, Shaping Our Futures



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

BOROUGH CHANNEL
Manhattan

05/13/2024
Bronx

Call Scenario:

Does your Division have an emergency communication plan? If so, what is it?

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.

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



Happy Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month. CERT celebrates the diversity of our team. Here is the NYCEM's Diversity and Inclusion Council's message about this month's cultural awareness:

... it is a time to celebrate the immense contributions of the AANHPI community to NYC Emergency Management, New York City, and the United States.

This year's theme, *"Bridging Histories, Shaping Our Future,"* resonates deeply as we reflect on both the achievements and the challenges facing AANHPI (sometimes shortened to AAPI) communities today. (There is a) critical need to address discrimination and champion for a more inclusive city.

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For generations, AANHPI communities have confronted discrimination, continually advocating for equitable representation in history books and cultural narratives. The ongoing push for a national museum dedicated to AAPI history, alongside efforts to include significant holidays such as Lunar New Year, Diwali, and Eid in the cultural calendar, and work to make government services accessible in more languages, exemplifies (the) community's commitment to recognition and dignity. These endeavors not only highlight the theme's call to bridge historical divides but also emphasize the importance of shaping a future that honors the rich diversity and resilience of the AANHPI community.

Learn more about AANHPI [Culture](#) and [Heritage Month](#).



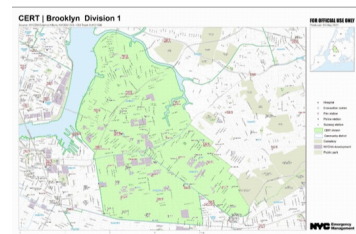
2024 Heritage of Pride March



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**

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.



Like past years, NYC Emergency Management is thrilled to participate in the upcoming 2024 Pride March **on Sunday, June 30** from 10 am to 2 pm. This year marks a monumental occasion, the 40th anniversary of the organization's Heritage of Pride, organizing the Pride March, a significant milestone since the inaugural Christopher Street Liberation Day March in 1970. It is also the 55th Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising. The theme for this year is 'Reflect. Empower. Unite.'

NYCEM is inviting NYC CERT members, whether you identify as LGBTQ+ or as an ally, to join NYCEM staff in this powerful demonstration of solidarity and commitment to diversity and inclusion. Your involvement will make a significant impact on promoting inclusivity within the NYC CERT program, NYCEM, and across NYC. We hope you'll join us!

Please Register no later than by May 15, 2024. For any questions or further information, please contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov.

All participating NYC CERT members are to wear your NYC CERT uniforms including your NYC CERT hats during the march. NYCEM will provide t-shirts.

[Registration | Sun, June 30, 2024 10AM](#)

NYC Service AmeriCorps Virtual Information Session

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.

Leadership: Division 1 members' credentials are ready for pick-up! Also, if you have any members that graduated in July 2023 (cycle 44), 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. Download the free [Notify NYC](#) mobile app, available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).



Interested in starting a career in public service? Get a head start with AmeriCorps! NYC Service is accepting applications for their 2024-2025 AmeriCorps Service year. There are 4 different programs that provide workforce development skills and pathways to public service careers. Register for the upcoming virtual information session.

[Registration | May 15, 2024 5:30PM](#)

[Registration | June 13, 2024 5:30PM](#)

Learn more about [NYC Service and AmeriCorps Programs](#).



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

NYC CERT Leadership Speaker Series



We are pleased to announce our very first NYC CERT 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 Commissioner Zach Iscol
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Location: NYCEM Emergency Operations Center
165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, NY 11201

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

[Registration | Tuesday, May 21, 2024](#)

Flushing Preparedness Day

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**READY
NEW YORK**

QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Flushing Preparedness Day

**Wednesday, May 22
11 AM - 2 PM**

**Queens Public Library at Flushing
4117 Main Street
Flushing, NY 11355**

Learn Safety Tips
Access Resources

Connect with Experts
Win Raffle Prizes

Flushing Preparedness Day aims to promote emergency readiness and community resilience in the Flushing neighborhood. This event provides valuable resources and information to help residents effectively prepare for and respond to emergencies. Join us as we unite to enhance safety and preparedness in our community.

[Registration | Wed, May 22, 2024 11AM](#)

Council Member Mercedes Narcisse Haitian Flag Day Celebration

NYC CERT has been invited to staff a Ready New York preparedness literature distribution event. Participating members should use this event as an opportunity to spread knowledge on emergency preparedness while also recruiting future NYC CERT volunteers.



[Registration | Thurs, May 16, 2024 6:30PM](#)



Brooklyn Half Marathon in Coney Island

The NYPD 60th Precinct Community Affairs Office has requested CERT assistance with pedestrian safety and traffic management.

[Registration | Sat, May 18, 2024 9:30AM](#)

Fabulous Fifth Avenue Festival

NYPD 78th Precinct has requested NYC CERT volunteers to assist with pedestrian safety and traffic management during this annual event.

[Registration | Sun, May 19, 2024 10AM](#)



Brooklyn's 157th Memorial Day Parade in Bay Ridge

CERT volunteers will assist the parade organizers with crowd control and traffic control along the parade route.

[Registration | Mon, May 27, 2024 10:00AM](#)

Canarsie Memorial Day Parade

CERT was invited by Assemblywoman Jamie Williams to march in the Canarsie Memorial Day parade alongside herself and other elected officials and community leaders. CERT will assist with pedestrian and vehicle traffic management.

[Registration | Mon, May 27, 2024 9AM](#)



Emergency Preparedness at Howard Beach

CERT will distribute emergency preparedness materials and provide information on how to prepare for emergencies and disasters at Howard Beach.



[Registration | Tues, May 28, 2024 6PM](#)

Ready New York Presenter Training

The Ready NY Presenter Training is an advanced training course designed specifically for NYC CERT members interested in becoming Ready NY presenters in their community. The training concludes with a teach back portion where volunteers learn to be presenters.

[Registration | Thu, May 30, 2024 6:30 PM](#)

[Registration | Sat, Jun 1, 2024 9 AM](#)



Cyber Ready Community Game Night

FEMA's National Exercise Division (NED) and DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) have developed the Cyber Ready Community Game to promote cyber preparedness. Team up and compete in the game that puts your sector in emergency cyber-scenarios and tested on how well you planned, mitigated, responded, and recovered from the cyber-scenario.

no prior knowledge nor experience necessary to join in on the fun

[Registration | Wed, June 5, 2024 6:30PM](#)

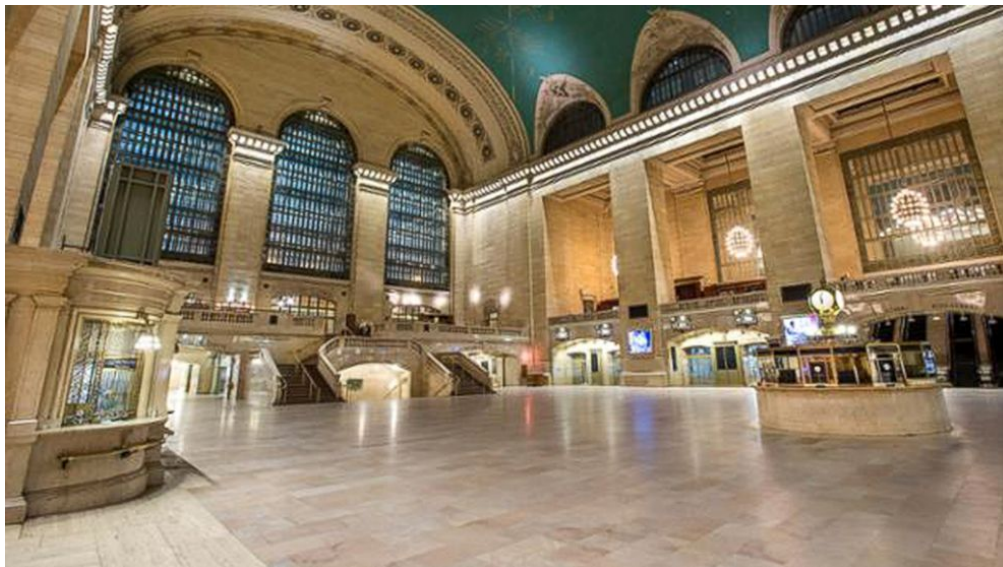
NY Philharmonic Van Cortlandt Park

NYC CERT will provide assistance with traffic control and pedestrian management alongside the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance and The 50th Precinct. CERT will have a Ready NY literature distribution and recruitment table.

[Registration | Tues, June 11, 2024 6PM](#)



Grand Central Station Full Scale Exercise Support Survey



On the evening of June 25th, Grand Central Terminal will be closed for a full scale exercise. In past years, NYC CERT volunteers' participation helped to make the exercise a success. Volunteers can serve in a number of roles including live victims.

This form is to gauge interest from NYC CERT to determine if this is a role that interests our members. Depending on the response to this form, the decision will be made as to whether or not NYC CERT supports, so if you interested please click below!!

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE FORM](#)



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, May 26, 2024 1:30PM](#)

[Registration | Fri, August 9, 2024 6:30PM](#)

[Registration | Sun, June 22, 2024 5:30PM](#)

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

[Registration | Mon, July 1, 2024 6:30PM](#)

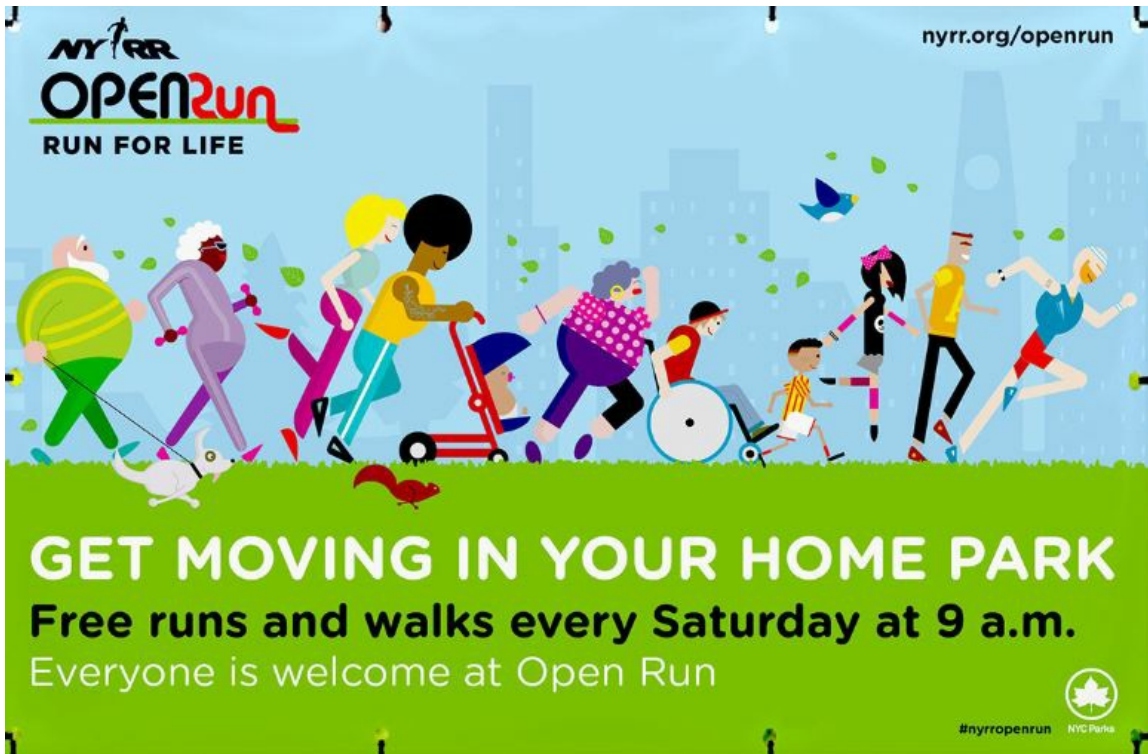
[Registration | Thurs, July 25, 2024 8:30AM](#)

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

6th Annual Knickerbocker Avenue Puerto Rican Day Parade

The Knickerbocker Ave Puerto Rican Day Parade committee requested CERT to assist with pedestrian traffic and support.

[Registration | Sun, June 9, 2024 11AM](#)



NY Road Runners (NYRR) Open Runs Preparedness Events

NYRR shared several Open Run events with NYC CERT for staffing in June and July. CERTs are being requested to distribute Ready NY emergency preparedness literature and discuss pet preparedness with event attendees. Check out the dates below and register through the links provided.

Shift is 8:30am – 11am for all dates.

**READY
NEW YORK**

Inwood Hill Park Support:

[Registration](#) | [Sat, June 22, 2024 8:30AM](#)

Crocheron Park Support:

[Registration](#) | [Sat June 29, 2024 8:30AM](#)

Conference House Park Support:

[Registration](#) | [Sat, July 14, 2024 8:30AM](#)

Highland Park Support:

[Registration](#) | [Sat, July 14, 2024 8:30AM](#)

Highland Park Support:

[Registration](#) | [Sat, July 27, 2024 8:30AM](#)

NYC CERT CALENDAR



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.

[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 VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Advanced Traffic Management



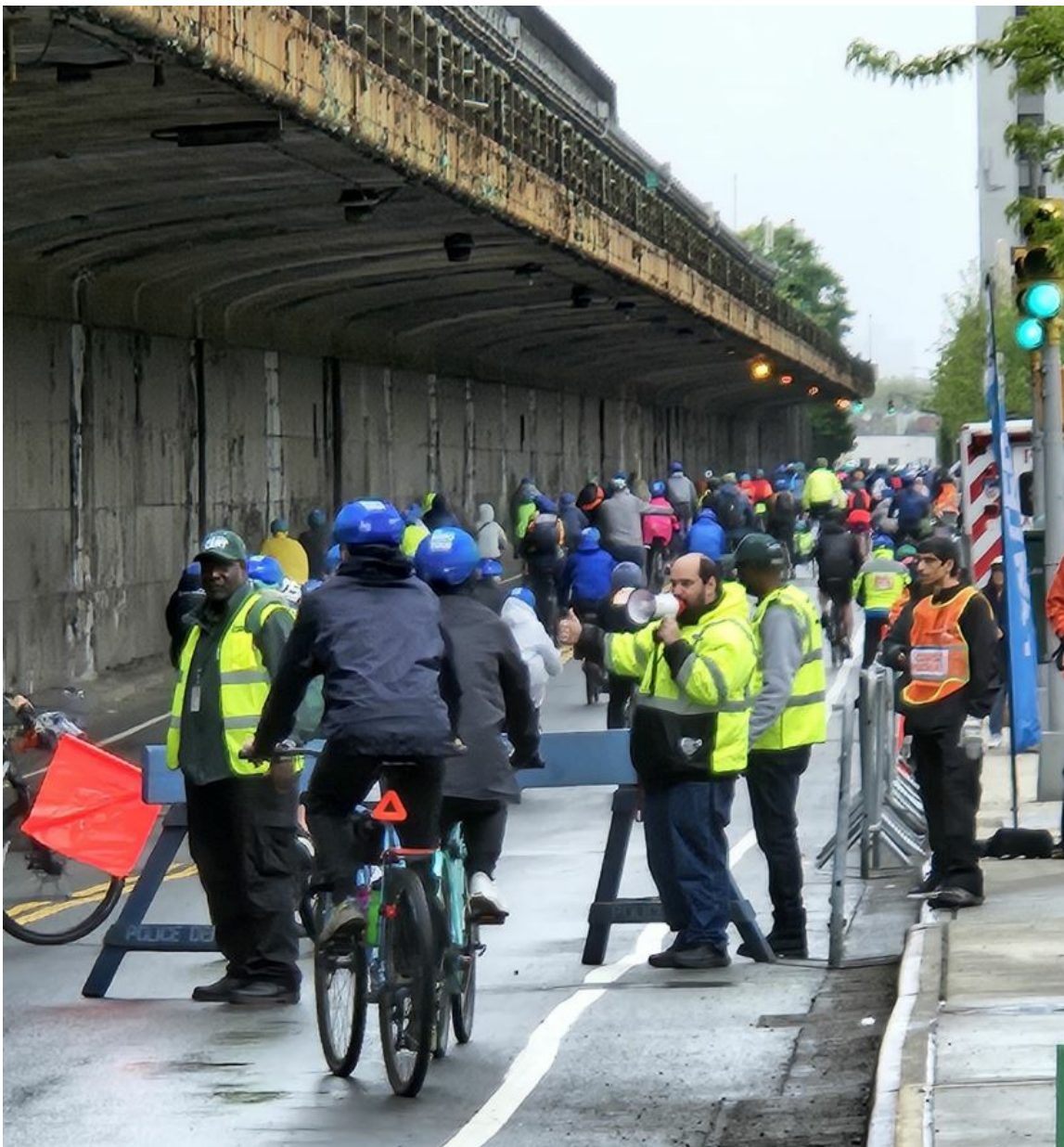


NYC CERT members are out in Brooklyn today with our NYPD instructors for an Advanced Traffic Management training. During this training they are reviewing the following:

- Identifying traffic intersection and construction hazards on your post.
- Understanding basic principles of how to safely control an intersection.
- Properly addressing inquiries from the public.
- Handling emergency vehicles approaching your intersection.

Nice work everyone!

CERT at the Five Boro Bike Tour

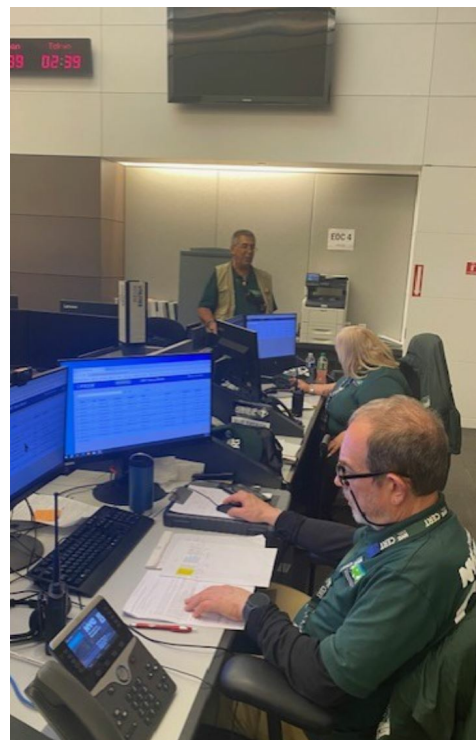


CERT Members supported TD's annual Five Boro Bike Tour. On May 2nd to the 4th, they contributed to the efficiency at the welcome-packet pick up locations. On May 5th, they provided support at rest areas and water stations along the bike tour's routes. We'd like to thank all of you for providing this vital assistance and continuing

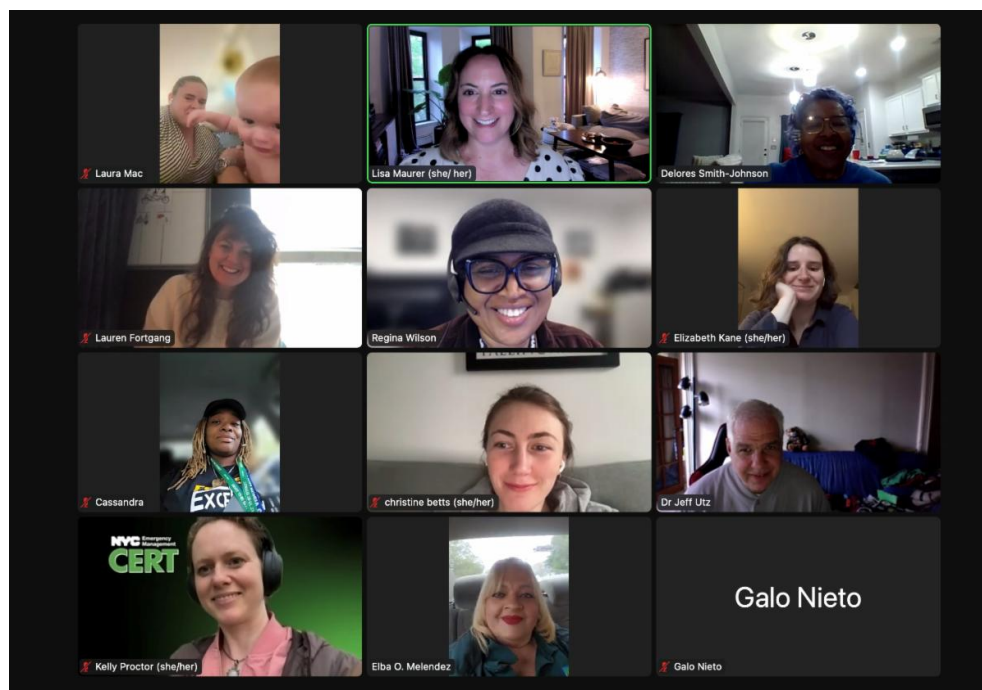
to promote the NYC CERT program.



While divisions were deployed at specific stations on May 5th, CERT Network Control Operators (NCO) were ready to guide and assist from NYCCEM's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).



Brooklyn Division 1



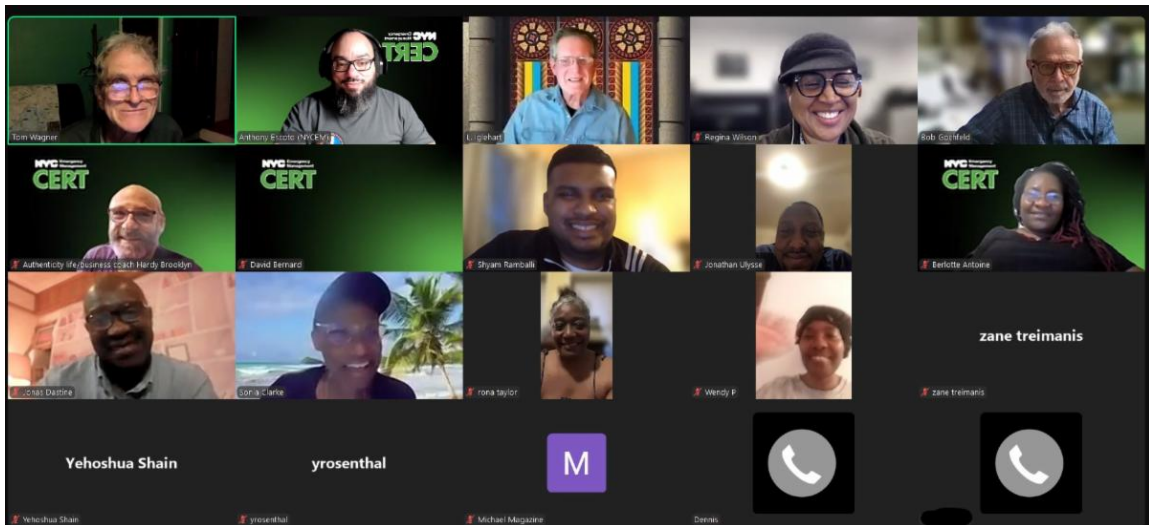
On Tuesday April 30th Brooklyn Division 1 is really active and engaged. From no activity 2 years ago to now having several local deployments and preparedness events. Delores Smith Johnson continues to engage Division members with Buddy Checks on a weekly basis which has been very much appreciated by all and welcoming new graduates to the Division. Great job Lisa and Team!

Queens Division 6 Monthly Team Meeting



On May 6, 2024, Queens Division 6 held a virtual monthly team meeting. They planned for several events over the summer. They discussed the strategy to host local advanced trainings. They will receive support for the Queens Disaster Simulation refresher from Borough Leadership. Congratulations, Team, for being the recipient of a City Council grant!

Brooklyn Division 6



On Thursday May 9th, Newly appointed Division chief Toma Wagner led a very well and engaged Division meeting. Including many new graduates with the support of our amazing veteran members. Congrats Tom looking forward to the upcoming months of Brooklyn Division 6.

CERT Recruitment Event at the Brooklyn Public Library



NYCEM Staff and Brooklyn CERT members supported a CERT recruitment event at the Brooklyn Public Library at Grand Army Plaza on Wednesday, May 8th, to build up membership in district 9. Thank you to David and Britta for helping to spread the word about NYC CERT to library visitors. First Deputy Commissioner, Christina Farrell, stopped by to support the effort, as well!

[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](#)

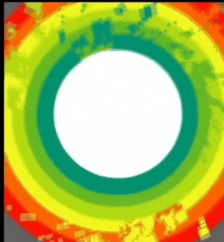


[Resolve to Be Ready Calendar](#)

Regular reminders in simple steps that can help you work preparedness into your busy schedule.



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