



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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PREPÁRATE

UN PODCAST EN ESPAÑOL



NYC Emergency Management's latest ¡PREPÁRATE! episode highlights Anthony Escoto of the New York City Community Emergency Response Team program (NYC CERT) and the program's volunteers

¡Prepárate! [{Click to listen to episode 10}](#)

Read the full press release: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
You can listen to all ¡Prepárate! episodes on [SoundCloud](#).

Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's **Quiz of the Week**. The correct answer is **A) Assist public safety agencies and local community orgs with the public (89.5%)**. This can be found in the History and Mission of CERT section at



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel:
Brooklyn

2/28:
No Response

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

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

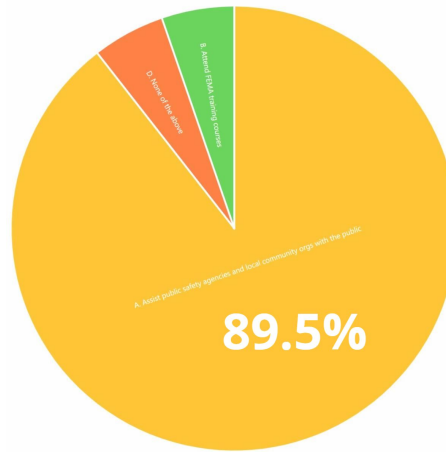
Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[CLICK HERE](#)

the start of the **NYC CERT**
Standard Operating
Procedures.

The mission of the NYC CERT program is to train and manage community-based volunteers that will:

- Inform, educate, and train their neighbors in disaster preparedness.
- Respond to locally occurring disasters by strictly following NYC CERT protocols and supporting emergency personnel upon their arrival and request.
- Assist public safety agencies and local community organizations with the public.



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

You can find this information on page ii of the **NYC CERT SOPs**.

Coastal Storm Plan Training

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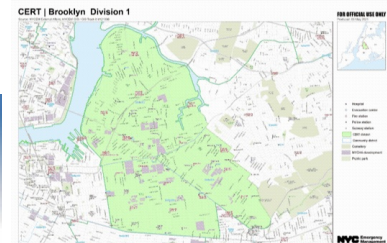
- For All Staff Levels
- Shelter Manager Training
- Disabilities, Access and Functional Needs (DAFN) Coordinator
- Shelter Command Center
- Clinical Provider Training
- CERT Member Courses
- Logistics Training
- CSP Just-in-Time (JIT) Training
- Additional Resources

As we are fast approaching the upcoming flood season the Coastal Storm Plan Training Learning Management System is available to volunteers 24/7 to be done as either Just In Time training or a self-paced training. This is the new training for shelter managing and all Coastal Storm Plan staff levels.

If you have not created an account you can easily do so on the home page of the site. These credentials are independent of any other credentials you have created in the past for NYC CERT.

<https://csptraining.org>

NYC Emergency Management Commissioner for a Day



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**

"COMMISSIONER FOR A DAY" AT NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

All New York City high schools students are invited to participate in NYC Emergency Management's "Commissioner for a Day" essay contest.

Visit on.nyc.gov/commissionerforaday for details.



New York City high school students are invited to participate in the NYC Emergency Management "Commissioner for a Day" essay contest. One winner will be selected to visit the agency headquarters to participate in the Commissioner for a Day Award ceremony. Submissions must be made by April 1, 2022.

[VIEW HOW TO APPLY HERE](#)



HERricane

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NYC Emergency Management invites New York City high school students to participate in the inaugural HERricane NYC program, designed to encourage young women in grades 9 through 12 to pursue careers and leadership roles in emergency management. The program consists of a weeklong session from April 18, 2022 through April 22, 2022 that will be hosted at NYC Emergency Management's headquarters in Brooklyn. NYC Emergency Management intends to select up to 20 students to participate in the 2022 program.

There is no cost for students to participate in the program. Upon the conclusion of the program, participants will have the option to attend monthly "aftermath" sessions throughout the remainder of the year.

For eligibility and more information please visit [HERricane NYC Program - NYCEM](#)



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 are considered 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](#).

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.



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NYC Emergency Management Presents:

A Day in the Life



In the latest episode of NYC Emergency Management's "A Day in the Life" series, we highlight Althea Samuels, our chief contracting officer. Learn more about her role, responsibilities, and dedication to public service.

[A Day in the Life: Althea Samuels - YouTube](#)

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



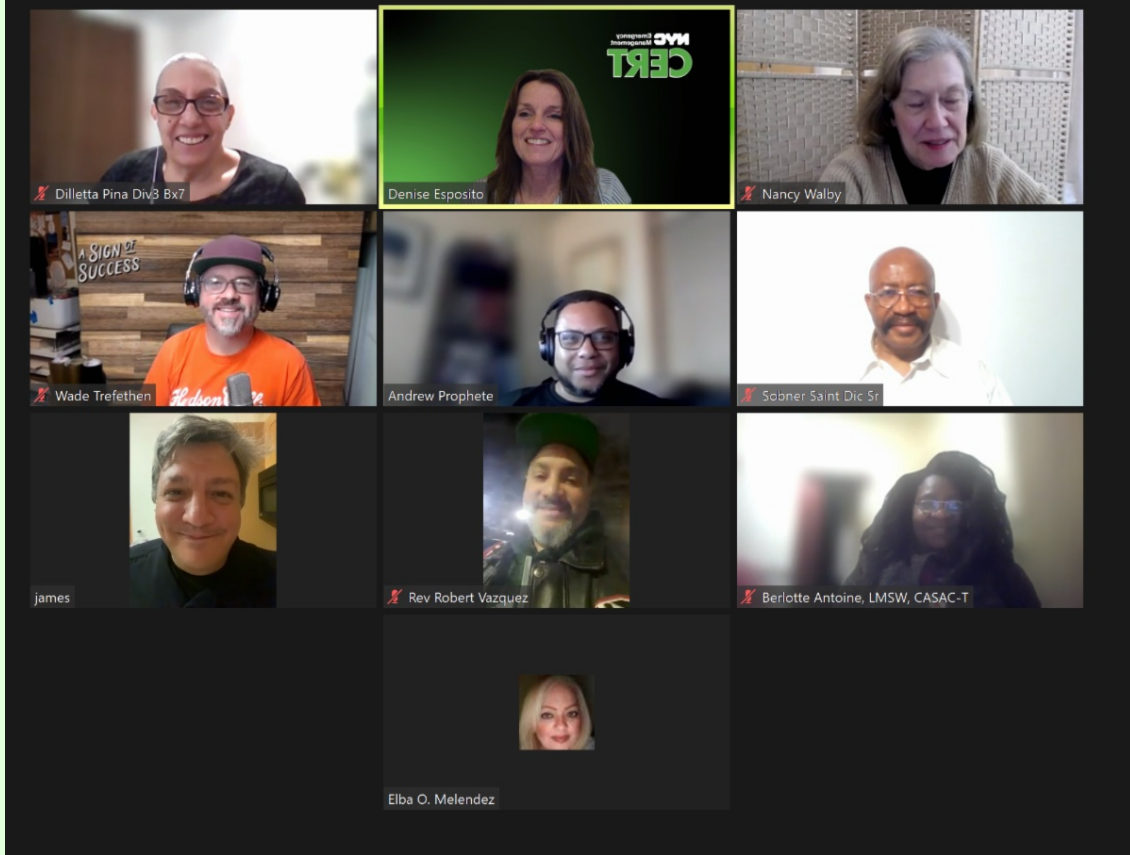
MENTOR PROGRAM

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.

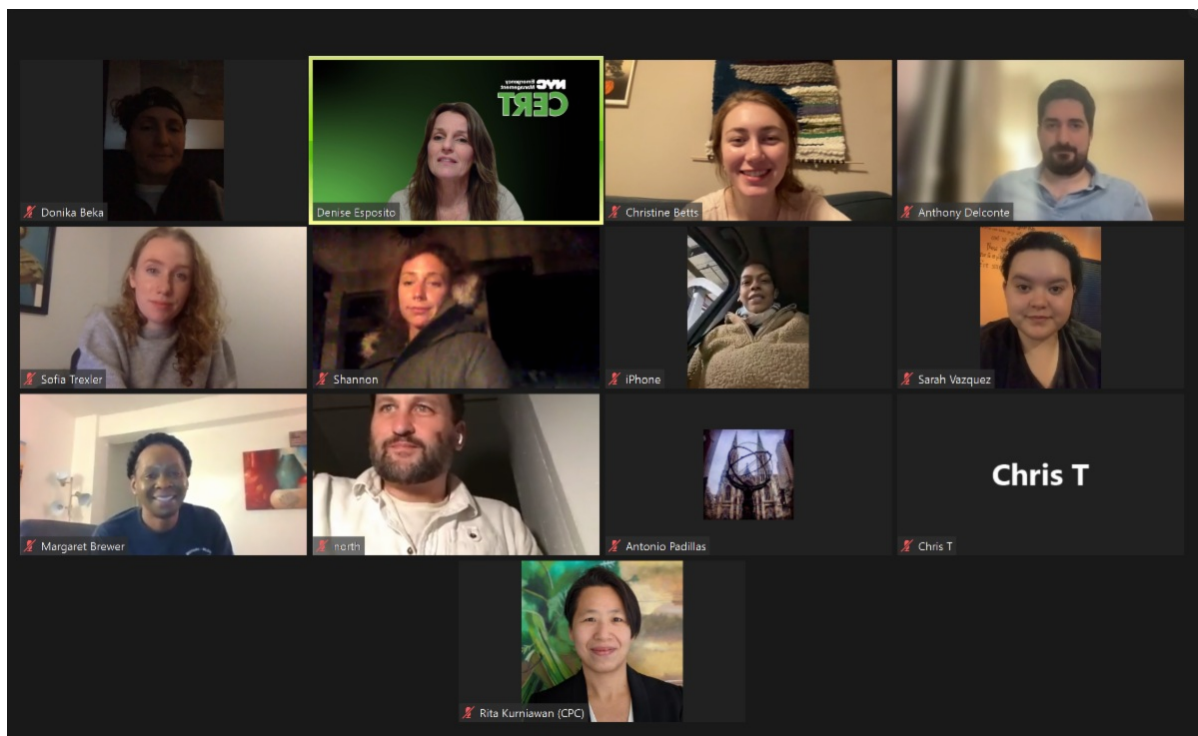
1. Complete the [NYC CERT Mentor Program form](#) to let us know if you'd like to be a mentor or mentee.
2. Complete the [Matching Questionnaire](#) to help pair the mentor to a mentee. Both forms must be filled out to participate in the program.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY



CERT Recruitment Group Meeting

Members of the CERT Recruitment Group held their monthly meeting on Tuesday evening to receive some updates from NYC CERT Staff, share upcoming recruitment events they will be attending, and to continue discussions on their communications with division leadership on developing outreach plans for the year ahead.



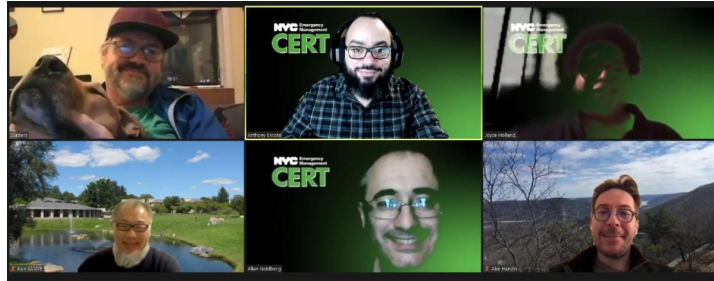
CERT Orientation

On Wednesday evening, CERT applicants joined a virtual orientation session to learn more about the program and the expected commitment and responsibilities following NYC CERT basic training. Candidates were given an opportunity to share their interest in joining and some of the skills they can bring to the role. We hope to see many of these faces in the upcoming Basic training next month!

NYC CERT Virtual Meetings

Manhattan Division 4

Division members joined Division Chief and Manhattan Deputy Borough Coordinator for a briefing that included information available in last week's newsletter and the importance of these resources for members. NYC CERT program staff provided more details on available training to all.

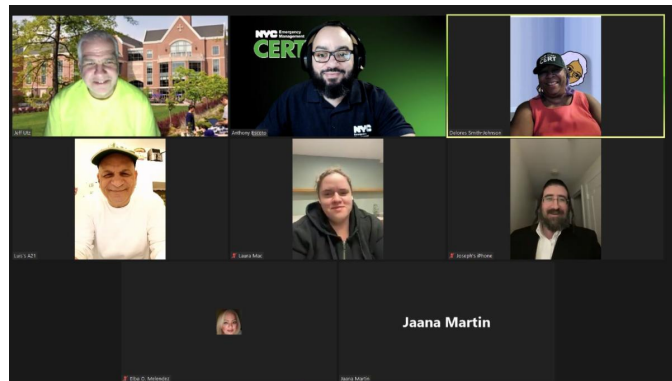


Brooklyn Division 5

Members gathered as a few plans in the upcoming months to have some Fire prevention information amplified will be ongoing in the upcoming month and encouraging other members and districts to look for possible ways to engage and have active participation in their local area.

Brooklyn Division 1

NYC CERT program staff and the Brooklyn Deputy Borough Coordinator hosted this monthly meeting with the goal to encourage division members to join an upcoming leadership training if interested in serving in a leadership position in the future.



Manhattan Division 5

Members joined their Division Chief and the Manhattan Deputy Borough Coordinator to discuss questions on the current vaccine mandate and also the current Coastal Storm Plan training available through the Learning Management System for upcoming sheltering and coastal storm positions.



Brooklyn Division 3

We saw a great turnout of division members due to extensive outreach from the current Division chief. Many members are very much interested in becoming more active and supporting their local community with upcoming projects. This was the first meeting of the year for the members.

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

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Leadership Development Training

Program staff will be hosting a leadership development training course open to all current and newly appointed leadership, as well as those those interested in becoming future leaders within the NYC CERT program.

*Unfortunately, this week's NYC CERT Leadership development class was postponed.
New dates will be announced later this week.*



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.

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.



FDNY Smart offers free hands-only CPR classes through the FDNY Mobile CPR Program. The goal of these classes is to equip New Yorkers with the basic skills needed to take action in the event of a cardiac arrest emergency. To sign up for one of our free classes or to schedule a class in your community visit www.fdnysmart.org/cpr/.

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



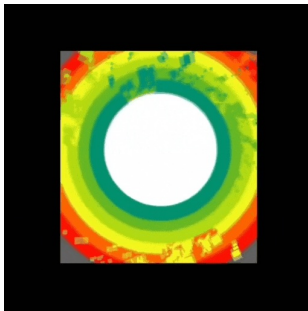
[NYCEM's Youtube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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



[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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