

# NYC Emergency Management CERT NEWSLETTER

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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## NYC CERT Graduation



This past Tuesday, July 27, NYC Emergency Management hosted a virtual graduation ceremony to welcome our newest members to the NYC CERT family! We were joined by representatives from FDNY, FDNY-EMS, NYPD Auxiliary, NYC CERT Leadership, as well as NYCEM Commissioner, John Scrivani and Deputy Commissioner of Community Preparedness, Herman Schaffer. We had a nice ceremony with a great turnout. Congratulations again to all of our graduates!



### NYC CERT Graduation Ceremony



### NYC CERT Basic Training Montage

## Member Support Meeting



### MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Channel: **Brooklyn**  
Responding Borough for 8/2: **Brooklyn**  
Call Scenario: **Are your Division Radios being rotated? If so how often?**

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



View the [NEW NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments including National Night Out events that teams are scheduled to participate in.

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

# READY NEW YORK

Member Support Meetings offer members, especially new graduates joining teams, an opportunity to receive support with technology, communications and any other general inquiries. CERT Program Staff will be available to answer questions and direct members to resources. This meeting is scheduled quarterly.



**Member Support Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 12**  
**6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

## Wireless Emergency Alert System Testing

FEMA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of the Wireless Emergency Alert System (WEA) on **August 11 at approximately 2:20 PM**. The WEA system is used to warn the public about dangerous weather, missing children, and other emergencies by targeting cell phones. For example, you likely received the most recent WEA issued by our Public Warning Team that encouraged New Yorkers to conserve energy.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the following steps no later than **Thursday, August 5**:

1. Opt-in to State/Local Test alerts on your mobile device. Instructions for Android and iPhone users are available here:  
[https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/weatest\\_opt-in\\_instructions.pdf](https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/weatest_opt-in_instructions.pdf)
2. Complete a brief enrollment survey:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2TGG3JM>
3. Next week, we will send participant instructions, as well as the FCC post-test survey link, to the email provided in the above enrollment survey.

Leadership should add this to your agenda for any upcoming meetings prior to August 5. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming WEA test or need further assistance opting-in, please email [CERT@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:CERT@oem.nyc.gov).

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.



Submit your **Ready New York Material Request** for upcoming events.

*\*All National Night Out material requests will be sent out this week. For those picking up, NYCEM staff will contact you when ready.*



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**.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### National Night Out

This Tuesday, August 3rd, NYPD is hosting National Night Out Against Crime events throughout the city. Click below to view all of the reported NNO events that NYC CERT is participating in throughout the City.

**NYC CERT National Night Out Events**

All submitted Ready New York Material requests for these events have been mailed and tracking information has been provided to the recipient. If you have not received a Ready New York fair box, please contact us at [CERT@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:CERT@oem.nyc.gov).



**POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

## NYC CERT On-Scene Procedure

- Upon arrival on Event the **Volunteer Lead** should check in with Watch Command by calling (718)-422-8700 or Using your 700 MHz Radio on the CW Channel and provide the following information:
  - Your name
  - CERT Division
  - Location
  - Volunteer assignment
  - Arriving on scene
  - How many volunteers are with you
  - Your contact information

The safety of all members is the top priority at all times.

The team lead should develop a relief plan working with his/her team.

- When leaving the event the site, the Volunteer Lead should check in with Watch Command by calling (718)-422-8700 / Using your 700 MHz Radio on the CW Channel
  - Your name
  - CERT Division
  - Location
  - Standing down
  - Confirming how many volunteers are with you
- Submit [Deployment Form](#)

## National Night Out

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The TD Five Boro Bike Tour will once again welcome participants from across New York and around the country on Sunday, August 22, 2021.

### Packet Pickup

On the two days prior to the TD Five Boro Bike Tour Bike New York will hand out registration packets and host a select number of exhibitors at our new Packet Pickup location in Chelsea. They rely on volunteers like CERT to guide their many visitors and create an efficient and welcoming experience for all participants.

### Friday, August 20, 2021

Shift 1: 7:30 AM-3 PM  
Shift 2: 1:30 PM-8:30 PM

### Saturday, August 21, 2021

Shift 1: 7:30 AM-2 PM  
Shift 2: 12:30 PM-6:30 PM

## Five Boro Bike Tour on Sunday, August 22

Bike New York relies on a small army of more than 2,000 volunteer each year to ensure the riders have the best possible experience. As in years past, they are requesting NYC CERT to support. Please select the site and shift you are interested in registering for below.

*If you've already registered through the Five Boro Bike Tour website but plan to support as CERT, you must re-register through the private links below create by Bike NY specifically for NYC CERT.*

[Brooklyn](#)  
[Gowanus Water Stop](#)  
[8:30 AM-4:30 PM](#)

[Commodore Barry](#)  
[Rest Area](#)  
[7:00 AM-5:00 PM](#)

[Bronx](#)  
[Bronx Water Stop](#)  
[6:45 AM-12:45 PM](#)

[Queens](#)  
[Astoria Rest Area](#)  
[6:30 AM-3:30 PM](#)

[Con Edison](#)  
[Rest Area](#)  
[7:00 AM-3:30 PM](#)

[Manhattan](#)  
[FDR Rest Area](#)  
[6:30 AM-2:00 PM](#)

[Staten Island](#)  
[Bay Street](#)  
[Water Stop](#)  
[Shift 1: 9:30 AM-2:00 PM](#)  
[Shift 2: 11:00 AM-6:30 PM](#)  
[Shift 3: 3:00 PM-8:00 PM](#)

**Brooklyn Bridge Park  
Water Stop**

Shift 1: 7:30 AM-12:00 PM  
Shift 2: 11:30 AM-4:00 PM

**Finish Festival  
(New Location)**

Shift 1: 6:30 AM-12:00PM  
Shift 2: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Shift 3: 3:00 PM-8:00 PM

[Click Here](#) for a detailed list of site locations and volunteer roles for the event.

**All Registration Links**

The NYC CERT Program has partnered up with the Mayors Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety to support local events through October. Local Stat events are for community to come together and vote on project suggestions for the participatory budget. Projects can range from physical space to social programming, to enhance the community. Partner presence will provide residents with access to resources as well as begin discussions around collaboration. Below are just a few of the upcoming events:

Wagner Stat Fair in Manhattan  
**Saturday, August 7**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Stapleton Stat Fair in Staten Island  
**Wednesday, August 11**  
**3:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Tompkins Stat Fair in Staten Island  
**Friday, August 13**  
**3:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR**

The Hudson in Dyckman Marina  
in Inwood Hill Park  
**Mondays, 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM**

Roosevelt Island  
Food Pantry Support  
**Fridays, 12 PM - 7 PM**

Bay Ridge 5th Avenue  
Open Street  
**Fridays, 4 PM - 7 PM**

**Join the Mask Force**

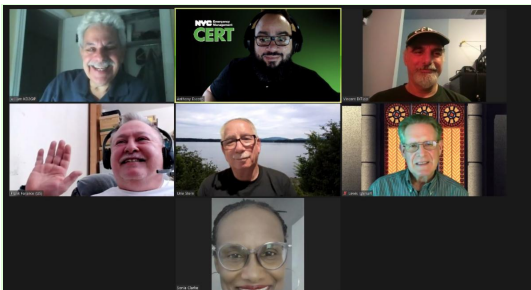
NYC CERT continues to support the MTA by helping to distribute masks to MTA customers. Please register for one of the various locations and sites throughout the five boroughs.

[Register Now](#)



**MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**Radio Committee**



**Radio Committee** members attended a virtual meeting this week to address the use of the citywide radio network during upcoming events to support more volunteers practicing radio communication. There was also much discussion on developing a hybrid model of the Point to Point radio training. More updates will be provided to borough and division leadership in the upcoming weeks so that they may schedule training with committee members.

**Divisions**

**Bronx Division 3** welcomed new graduate Michael Aponte as they walked through upcoming events like National Night Out. They also discussed how to continue to build more local relationships including one with NY Presbyterian's Security and Emergency management department. CERT Program staff was also present on the meeting to provide updates and reminders on how and where to report hours and events.



**Bronx Division 4** leadership cabinet members gathered this past Sunday to practice basic radio communication with the team's short-distance walkie talkies. Pictured in photo: Anna Berry, Michele Torrioni, Ella Owens, and Mario Tolisano.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**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**.

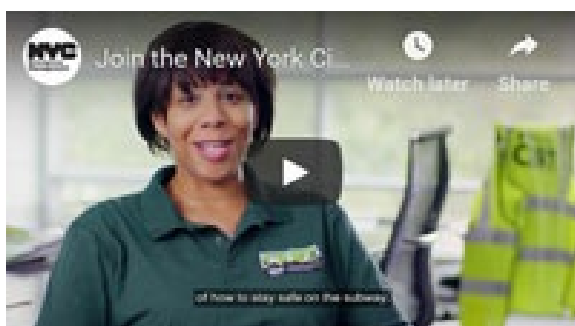
**FEMA Region 2 (R2) Webinar Catalog** includes all recorded webinars from Jan-June of 2021.

**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



On the latest episode of NYCEM's *Prep Talk* podcast **NYC Brings Emergency Preparedness Training to Puerto Rico**, NYCEM Deputy Commissioner Henry Jackson and Director of Government Relations Yokarina Duarte discuss their multiple deployments to Puerto Rico and reflect on some of the challenges still facing the island following Hurricane Maria in 2017 and the 2020 earthquakes. Listen to all previous episodes on **SoundCloud, iTunes & Spreaker**. Don't forget to check out NYCEM's Spanish speaking podcast *¡Prepárate!* on **SoundCloud**.



**NYCEM's Youtube page**



**Resolve to Be Ready Calendar**

# COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

For information on COVID-19 in New York City visit the [COVID-19 Citywide Information Portal](#)

## NYC CERT COVID-19 Response Data as of 07/24/2021 :

- Unique Deployments: 51
- Days for COVID-19 Operation: 363
- Shifts Covered: 1,268
- Volunteers Deployed: 285
- Volunteer Hours Reported: 8,968.65

Submit all of your [Volunteer Hours](https://on.nyc.gov/CERTHours) (<https://on.nyc.gov/CERTHours>)

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