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NYC CERT Newsletter | Issue 113 | 02/25/2023



This weekly newsletter should provide you with helpful information that you can share and discuss with your community members.

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Ready New York Winter Weather WordWall

**READY
NEW YORK**

Are you a Ready New Yorker? See how many winter weather facts you know!



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL
Borough Channel: CERT SI (Staten Island)

02/27: No Responding Borough
Call Scenario: How often do you conduct team meetings?

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

What app can New Yorkers use to track the progress of DSNY snow removal vehicles?



Trivia Link here!

CERT Photos for 20th Year Anniversary !



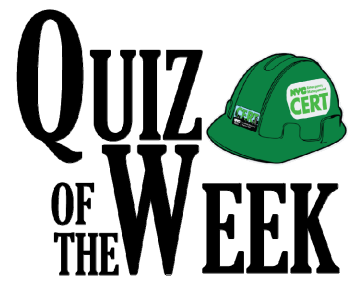
Send us your CERT photos! We have created a link for you to easily upload your collection of CERT related photos from your time in the program. You may upload several photos per event/deployment, but only a maximum of three events per submission.

You can scan the above QR code or use this link: on.nyc.gov/CERTupload

Please label the photos in the following manner: **Date (including year), Borough, Division (or team), Event, members pictured (if available).**

If you have any questions, please contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov. Thank you!

Commissioner for A Day

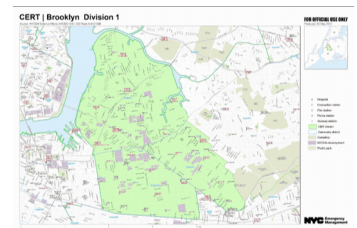


Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[CLICK HERE](#)



The [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](#)



All New York City **high school students** are invited to participate in the third annual NYC Emergency Management “Commissioner for a Day” essay contest. Entrants must submit an original essay and complete the application attached below. The NYC Emergency Management Commissioner will select the winner, who will be invited to NYCEM headquarters for a day that will culminate in an award ceremony.

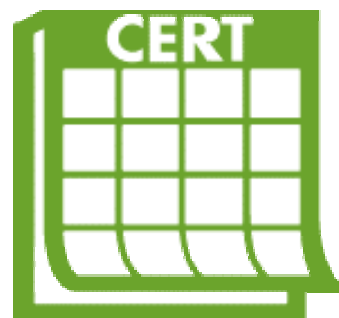
[Apply here!](#)

How Oysters are Helping New York City Combat Flooding and Sea Level Rise



Hurricanes Sandy and Ida have challenged New York’s resilience to disasters and climate change, particularly in the realm of flooding. Since 2000, tidal flooding has increased by 200% in certain areas. This concern has pushed policy makers to find short-term and long-term solutions to mitigate climate-induced flooding. One nonprofit organization, the Billion Oyster Project, has partnered with several other organizations and restaurants to restore New York’s eroded

harbor using recycled oyster shells.



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](#).

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.

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](#).

Rising global temperatures have been shown to correlate with sea level rise. The Atlantic coast is particularly vulnerable to this worrisome trend due to the density of people living in urban, coastal plains. In fact, more than half of New York's residents live in coastal communities. Communities previously not impacted by flooding are now vulnerable. Sea level rise also impacts the natural ecosystem of New York City. Wetlands act as natural sponges and barriers to reduce the impact of flooding, however they are being destroyed by urbanization and development. The combination of sea level rise and loss of wetlands increase New York City's vulnerability to climate induced flooding.

[Read the full article from Justin Guico, Student Volunteer, FEMA Region 2 Recovery Division](#)

CERT SPOTLIGHT

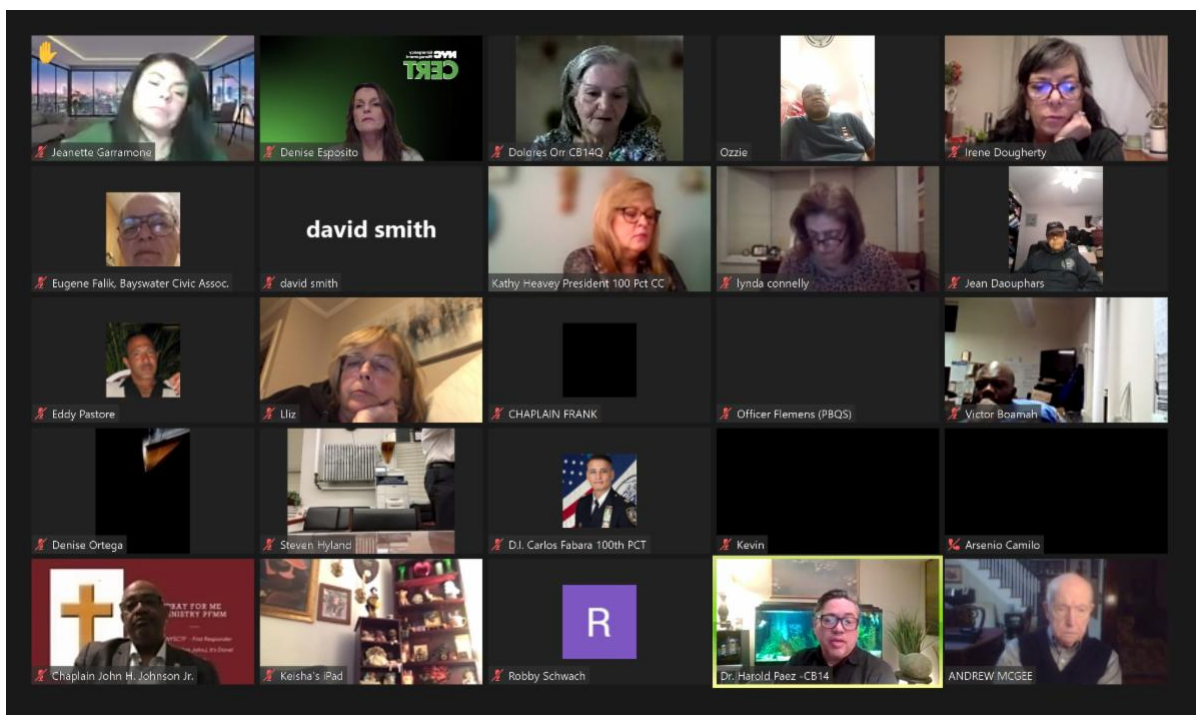
Throwback Edition

This video highlights the call for new volunteers to join NYC CERT, while showcasing the various roles our volunteers serve, from training to better support our communities in a time of need to amplifying the various Ready New York preparedness resources. Do you recognize any familiar faces in the green uniform?



VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

100th Precinct Community Council Meeting



NYC CERT Recruitment & Retention Specialist, Denise Esposito, joined the virtual monthly Community Council Meeting for the 100th Precinct in the Rockaways on Wednesday evening, February 22nd to provide information to attendees on the NYC CERT program and how to join. They were also invited to participate in the upcoming in-person orientation scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th in Far Rockaway.

NYC CERT Citywide Radio Training



Program Staff hosted a virtual Citywide (700MHz) Radio Training for interested members. These members have gone through several pre-requisites including independent study courses and other tasks to support their using the NYC Emergency Management Motorola APX 4000 radios. Participants learned all proper uses for radios from both an individual and leadership perspective. We can't wait to hear you on the Net! Standing By!

The State of Forest Hills Civic Community: Looking forward to 2023



Queens Division 3 CERT members were invited by their local elected officials to attend the State of Forest Hills Civic Community: Looking forward to 2023. Michael Dunne and Heidi Chan also presented to the group to explain how the NYC CERT program is a resource to all. Thank you Cindy, for the great pics!



The State of Forest Hills Civic Community
Looking forward to 2023

Welcome and Happy New Year!
















112th Precinct Community Council
American Legion Continental Post - 1424
Forest Hills Asian Association
Forest Hills Chamber of Commerce
Forest Hills Community & Civic Association
Forest Hills Green Team
Forest Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corp

Friends of MacDonald Park
Kiwanis Club - Forest Hills
Long Island Jewish Forest Hills Northwell Health
Musica Reginae Productions
Queens Community Board 6
Queens CB6 CERT
West Side Tennis Club Foundation

Tuesday, February 21st, 2023, 7PM, West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375



Monthly Meetings

Brooklyn Division 5



Brooklyn Division 5 members came together as they welcomed new leadership and cabinet members to the Division. Division chief Craig Kligfeld reviewed upcoming events for the year. Many of these events are organized and/or led by the division and are open to NYC CERT members citywide. Great job everyone!

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CERT Orientation with the Far Rockaway Arverne Nonprofit Coalition (FRANC)

On Tuesday, February 28th, FRANC will host an on-site CERT Orientation presented by Denise Esposito, CERT Recruitment & Retention Specialist. Rockaway residents are encouraged to attend this special in-person orientation to increase recruitment in the flood-prone neighborhoods of the Rockaways (Queens Division 5). The local newspaper, The Wave, included CERT in this Friday's edition on the Rockaway Orientation and interview with Denise Esposito.

[Interested community members can RSVP here](#)

The Wave

[View full article from The Wave](#)

ROCKAWAY COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) ORIENTATION

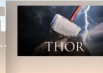
WANT TO HELP DURING A DISASTER?
COME LEARN ABOUT THE NYC CERT PROGRAM



**TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 28TH**

**6:30PM
1332 CENTRAL AVE.
FAR ROCKAWAY, 11691**

RSVP: WWW.FRANCNYC.ORG/CERT



Bayside St. Patrick's Day Parade



The Bayside St Patrick's Parade Committee has requested NYC CERT volunteers to support this year's parade, taking place in Bayside Queens, NY on March 25, 2023. Volunteers who register will be assisting the 111th NYPD precinct with pedestrian management. This is a great way to gain hands-on experience as a volunteer!

[Bayside St. Patrick's Day Parade Registration | Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 12:30 PM](#)

FEMA Needs Young Leaders!

Spread the news! FEMA wants to hear from teens ready to lead in emergency management by applying to the Youth Preparedness Council (YPC)! The Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) encourages teens to bring their unique skills and experiences to help their community. The application period is open January 23 through March 6.

If you or anyone you know that might be interested want to apply, [please click here](#)



Young Leaders – Apply to FEMA’s Youth Preparedness Council Today!

 **Represent Your Community**

 **Learn & Grow**

 **Create Change Now!**

Applications Due
March 6, 2023

 **FEMA**

11th ANNUAL COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS SYMPOSIUM AT BARUCH COLLEGE

Join us at the

11TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS SYMPOSIUM

A New Standard: Communities Ahead of Emergencies

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 FROM 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION



[BIT.LY/NYCEMSYMPIUM](https://bit.ly/nycemsymposium)

VIRTUAL REGISTRATION



[BIT.LY/VIRTUAL_NYCEMSYMPIUM](https://bit.ly/virtual_nycemsymposium)

For help registering or requests regarding accessibility please email communityprep@oem.nyc.gov or call 718 422-4654 by February 28th.



The 2023 Community Preparedness Symposium will focus on how community organizers, leaders, youth, advocates and/or government can better prepare, respond, and recover from emergencies. The 2023 theme is "A New Standard: Communities Ahead of Emergencies."

The symposium will be held on Tuesday, March 7th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Baruch College's Vertical Campus on the 14th Floor and the virtual experience will be via WorkCast.

You can register [here](#) for in-person or [here](#) for the virtual option.

You Don't Need Them Until You Do: Effective CERT Mutual Aid



On March 7th from 1pm-2:30pm, FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division in collaboration with the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the National CERT Association (NCA) are hosting a webinar for creating a CERT Mutual Aid plan.

During disaster recovery and training, CERT Mutual Aid can be a force multiplier for your CERT Program. Not only does it open up opportunities to fully staff requests from your Sponsoring Agency for disaster response, but it also establishes depth in training and revitalizes your CERT Program.

[Register Here](#) | Tuesday, March 7 | 1:00PM - 2:30PM

Communicating With People with Disabilities as First Responders



On March 21st from 1pm - 2:30pm, a webinar will be held by the National CERT Association (NCA) and the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in collaboration with the FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division to assist CERTs in better communicating with people who have disabilities.

According to disaster reports, 70 percent of disaster victims were people with disabilities or from other vulnerable groups. When disaster planning was examined, it was discovered that many emergency organizations lacked a plan for people with disabilities or only a small one. CERTS will gain a better understanding of how to better communicate with people with a variety of disabilities, how to recruit people with disabilities to your teams, and how to develop inclusive plans to assist disabled people in remaining safe in their homes from harm.

[Please click here to register.](#)

Ready Seniors Workshop

On March 23rd from 9am-4pm, FEMA Region 2 and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) will be hosting an in-person Ready Seniors Workshop. Other organizations such as the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) that provide essential senior support services are prepared for this in-person workshop and will be in attendance.

[Register here](#) | Thursday, March 23 | 9 AM - 4 PM



Bringing CERT Into The 21st Century



Taking place on April 4th from 1pm -2:30pm, a webinar highlighting new technology and its potential applications for CERTs is being hosted by the FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division in collaboration with the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the National CERT Association (NCA).

ICS4S leverages mobile technology with their patented design to enhance and transform emergency communications with a simple tap on a phone. It's more important than ever to be able to report, record and document information and share that information in a concise and effective way.

[Register here](#) | Tuesday, April 4 | 1 PM - 2:30 PM

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



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.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Emergency Operations Center & NYCEM Watch Command overview



On Wednesday, March 1st, NYCEM and Watch Command staff invite you to NYCEM HQ to learn more about NYCEM's Emergency Operation Center & Watch Command. Topics that will be covered include:

- NYCEM 101
- Operations Division
- CERT Roles in the EOC
- Tour of the EOC

[Register here | Wednesday, March 1 | 6:30 PM](#)

[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

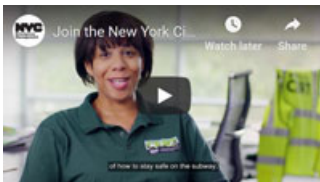
Schedule free training for your Division here : [FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#).

[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalogue](#) includes all recorded webinars.

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



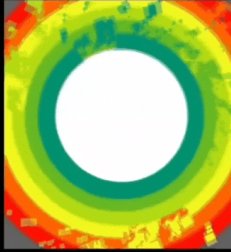
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[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](#).



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