

ACTIVATION STATUS: NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IS ACTIVATED.

PLEASE NOTE: Program staff will respond to inquiries and requests as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and support.

DECEMBER 9, 2023

NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISES NEW YORKERS TO PREPARE FOR STRONG WINDS, HEAVY RAIN, AND POTENTIAL COASTAL FLOODING

December 9, 2023 — The New York City Emergency Management Department today issued **atransel advisory for Sunday, December 10 and Monday, December 11**. The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Watch in effect citywide from 4 p.m. Sunday to 6 a.m. Monday for 2 to 3 inches of rain. A High Wind Watch is also in effect for Brooklyn and Queens from 4 p.m. Sunday to 6 a.m. Monday for sustained winds of 30 to 40 mph and gusts up to 60 mph.

[View full press release](#)



NYC Emergency Management wishes all a happy and safe [Hanukkah!](#)



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel:

CERT SI

12/11 Responding Borough:

Brooklyn

Call scenario:

Report the unit #'s of the radios your Team possesses.

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.

Eligible New York City residents and businesses affected by the significant flash flooding event on September 29, 2023, may now apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. These loans are made available for those whose homes and/or businesses were damaged due to flooding. The filing deadline to submit applications is February 2, 2024 for physical damage, and September 4, 2024 for economic injury. For more information about the loan terms, [click here](#). For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/>



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

You can also submit an application in person at two Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOC), which are staffed by SBA personnel. The DLOCs opened on Wednesday December 6 at 11:00 am, and close December 22, Friday.



UNITED JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OF WILLIAMSBURG AND NORTH BROOKLYN
פאראייניגטע אידישע ארגאניזאציעס פון וויליאמסבורג
United Jewish Organizations
32 Penn Street
Brooklyn, NY 11249

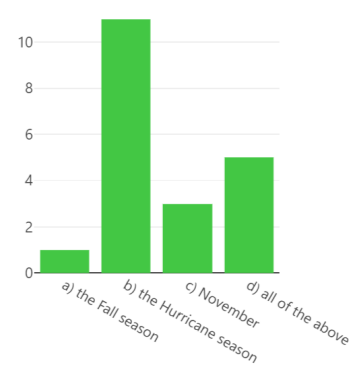
Each week we will propose a quiz question that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or from your experience as an active member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter.

[CLICK HERE FOR THIS WEEK'S QUIZ](#)

The previous question was:
This past Thursday, November 30th, marked the end of _____.

華人健康協會
HealthEssentialAssociation
Health Essentials
2336 86th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11214

Monday-Friday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday: Closed
Permanently closes December 22, 2023, at 4:00 pm



Be sure to read the two documents listed below:
<https://lending.sba.gov/search-disaster/SBA Commonly Asked Questions>

Correct Answer(s): **d) All of the above**
The Atlantic Hurricane Season is from

More information can be found here:



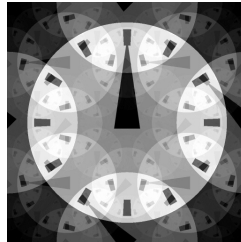
How to report your volunteer hours?

What accounts for your volunteer hours?

For more questions on how to submit your service hours you can view the [Hours Submission FAQs](#).

Volunteer Hours

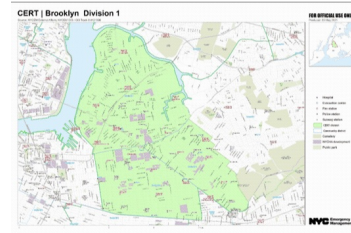
Deadline for submitting 2023 volunteer hours is January 24th



June 1-November 30 and the meteorological winter season in New York City begins on December 1.

Winter is here!

Visit [NYC Emergency Management's Winter Weather page](#) for tips and tricks to get through the season.



NYC CERT Division maps are available (pdf format) to support recruitment and preparedness planning in your community.

[Brooklyn](#) - [Bronx](#) - [Manhattan](#) - [Queens](#) - [Staten Island](#)



[View all photos and video from the recent NYC CERT Graduation](#)



View the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

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

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UN Disaster Risk Reduction: Stop Disasters Simulation



READY NEW YORK

If your division is hosting or participating

UNDRR stands for the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and brings many organizations, governments, universities, institutions and members of the civil society together for a common objective: implement the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the global plan to reduce disaster losses by 2030.

For more information and gameplay please click [here](#)

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.



LIVE YOUR LIFE.

Need to talk to someone about your mental health or substance use? We're only three numbers away. Call or text.

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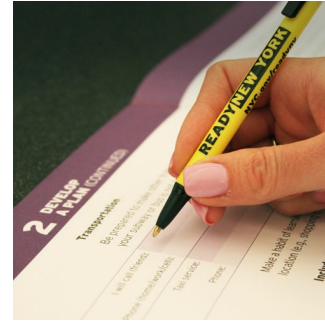
988 is your connection to free, confidential mental health support. Talk, text or chat with a counselor and get access to mental health and substance use services. Available 24/7 in your language.*

Call or text **988** or chat online at nyc.gov/988.

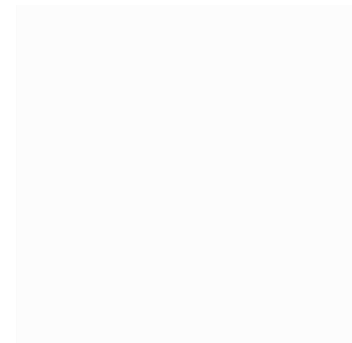
988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

NYC Health Eric L. Adams Mayor, Ahsahn Vassan, MD, PhD Commissioner

*Text and chat are only available in English and Spanish.



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Send Us Your Photos!



As 2023 comes to a close and we move into our 21st year, help us to celebrate CERT in New York City by sending us your photos and videos from your event 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

Asylum Seeker Reticketing Center Support



NYC CERT volunteers have been requested to support the Reticketing Center at St. Bridget with line management and redirecting clients within the building to provide the appropriate services. For those NYC CERT volunteers who are multilingual, we are also requesting support with language interpretation.

Future volunteer support requests for the Reticketing Center will be released on a week-by-week basis determined by the need.

New Shifts for Food Distribution on Sundays please see below for more information!

Choose from the following days:

[Sunday | 12/11](#)

[Monday | 12/11](#)

[Tuesday | 12/12](#)

[Wednesday | 12/13](#)

[Thursday | 12/14](#)

SBA Canvassing Deployment

The NYC Emergency Management is currently requesting NYC CERT volunteer Support for a local community outreach effort. NYC CERT is deployed today to the Bath Beach section of Brooklyn (request was sent yesterday) and on Monday to Williamsburg. The assignment is to provide information on available resources to local residents, community organizations, and businesses who are eligible for the current US Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster assistance declaration.

Williamsburg Area:

NYC CERT will meet at the following location at 6:00 pm:
United Jewish Organizations
32 Penn Street
Brooklyn, NY 11249

Time/ Date:

Monday 12/11
Muster: 6:00 pm
Stand-down: 9:00 pm

Canvassing Area:

Registration:

[Registration, Mon, Dec 11, 2023, at 6:00 PM](#)



Dyker Heights Lights

NYC CERT continues to assist the 68th Precinct with pedestrian and traffic management for the annual Dyker Heights Holiday Lights the next few Saturday evenings.

Select from the below dates:

[Registration | Sat, Dec 9, 2023, at 6 PM](#)

[Registration | Sat, Dec 16, 2023, at 6 PM](#)

Regina Pacis Church Procession

NYC CERT will also be assisting the 68th Precinct with traffic and pedestrian safety for the Regina Pacis Church Procession through streets of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn this coming Tuesday, December 12th. Please dress comfortably and appropriately for the weather!

[Registration: Tue, Dec 12, 2023, at 5:00 PM](#)



Operation Santa Claus

CERT will assist the Community Mayors for Children with Special Needs, Inc. with the annual Operation Santa Claus event at JFK Airport, Port Authority.

[Registration | Wed, Dec 13, 2023 at 8AM](#)

Dialysis in Disaster

Join the FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division and Quality Insights Renal Network for a webinar on Dialysis in Disaster.

[Registration | Wed, Dec 13, 2023, at 1PM](#)



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.

[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.

ADVANCED TRAINING

Active Shooter Training

CISA instructs on how to better prepare you to deal with an active shooter situation, focusing on behaviors that represent pre-incident indicators and characteristics of active



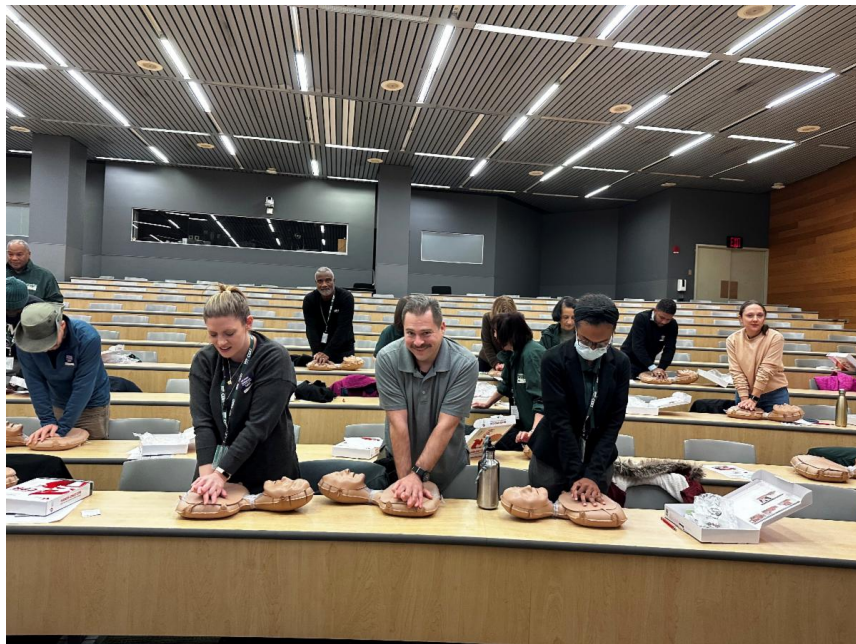
shooters, potential attack methods, how to develop emergency action plans, and the actions that may be taken during an incident.

[Registration](#) | [Wed, Jan 24, 2023 at 6:30PM](#)

NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Basic Training Cycle 45

 **New York- Presbyterian**





Thank You, New York Presbyterian Columbia University Team and Manhattan Division 4 Chief, Allan Goldberg!

We had a great turnout for the CPR, AED, Naloxone, and Stop the Bleed training. 39 NYC CERT members were in attendance learning life-saving skills to support in their CERT role and also as good samaritans in their community.



Dyker Heights Lights Kick off!

This past Saturday, December 2nd, CERT volunteers gathered to support the Dyker Heights lights show. This event is being supported the next few Saturday evenings. Come out and support the volunteers with this great event performing pedestrian and vehicle traffic control.

[Registration | Sat, Dec 9, 2023, at 6 PM](#)

[Registration | Sat, Dec 16, 2023, at 6 PM](#)

Brooklyn Division 5 & 7 Holiday Gathering

On Sunday, December 3rd, 2023. Brooklyn members from Division 5 and 7 gathered to celebrate the holidays together. Awesome to see volunteers gathering for events together. Happy Holidays!

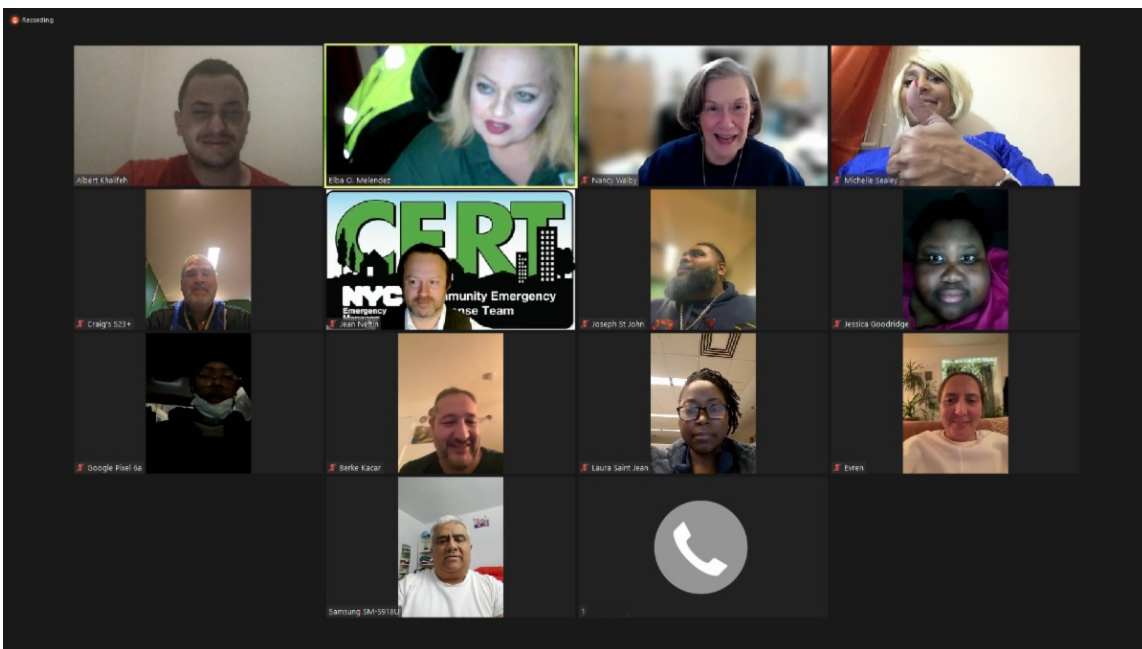


Brooklyn Leadership Meeting



Brooklyn CERT leadership gathered virtually on December 5th, 2023. Led by Borough Coordinator Elba Melendez. As we close the year, Many Brooklyn leaders are halfway into their terms. During the meeting all discussed the amazing year of growth and great accomplishments throughout the borough. Thank you all for putting in the incredible amount of time and effort to continue building a stronger Brooklyn CERT!

Brooklyn Division 7 Monthly Meeting



Division 7 held a meeting this past Thursday, Dec 7th, to reflect on the year's events Looking forward to another amazing and active year volunteering in the community! Great work!

Bronx Division 4 Holidays Gathering



On Friday December 8th, Bronx Division 4 all came out for the largest Division gathering of the year to celebrate the holidays while taking moments to honor previous members including those who recently passed. Members from the local community were also in attendance such as local pct leaders and Community Board members. This event was put together by District Leader William Rivera who was kind to book the space and food for the Division. Happy holidays all!



[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](#)



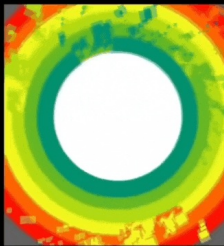
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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

Choose a Topic:

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