

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

**ACTIVATION STATUS: NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SITUATION ROOM IS ACTIVATED IN RESPONSE TO A FIVE-ALARM FIRE IN THE RBONX. BRONX SERVICE CENTER IS OPEN.**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY: PLEASE READ THE UPDATED NYC CERT VACCINATION PROTOCOL BELOW.**

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

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**NEW YORK CITY COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (NYC CERT) PROGRAM WELCOMES 33 NEW MEMBERS**

*New graduates are joining more than 1,200 volunteers to help their communities during emergencies*

**January 20, 2022** – The New York City Emergency Management Department welcomed 33 new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers to its program during a virtual graduation ceremony on Tuesday, January 11. The NYC CERT basic training cycle includes 10 sessions that focus on disaster preparedness and emergency response, equipping volunteers with skills in basic fire safety, search and rescue, traffic management, and first aid and triage. New York City Emergency Management offered the training program with instructors from the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) and New York City Police Department (NYPD) Auxiliary Unit. New York City Emergency Management Acting Commissioner Christina Farrell was on-hand to deliver remarks at the ceremony. This marks the 19-year anniversary of the NYC CERT program.

[View Graduation Ceremony](#)  
[View Full Press Release](#)



**MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL**

**Channel:** CERT SI

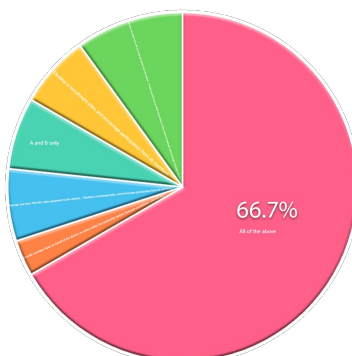
**Call Scenario:** Does your team have an emergency plan?

**1/24 Responding Borough:** Bronx

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

**Quiz of the Week**

Thank you to all who participated in last week's **Quiz of the Week**. Most of you selected **D. All of the Above (66.7 %)**. This question was a little tricky because it mentions the Leadership Cabinet, which includes the District Leader. However, the Division Chief provides input to the Leadership Cabinet and communicates with Borough Coordinators and NYCEM. Also - while there is a role for Communications Liaison, overall responsibility for NYCEM designated radios falls under the purview of Division Chief.



This question was tailored to those in leadership roles . You can always review leadership roles in the [NYC CERT SOPs \(page 11\)](#).

**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](#)



## Health & Safety Protocol

**Update:** All NYC CERT members MUST provide proof of vaccination (as per below protocol) or receive approval for an accommodation prior participating in any in-person CERT-related activity, including deployment.

Beginning **Tuesday, February 1, 2022**, volunteers who have not submitted appropriate documentation to meet the vaccine mandate and have not applied for a medical or religious reasonable accommodation through NYCEM will be placed as inactive and unscheduled from volunteer shifts until they are in compliance.

- To submit vaccination records, please e-mail an approved proof of vaccination to: [CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov).
- To request a reasonable accommodation for either religious or medical please follow the steps [HERE](#)



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

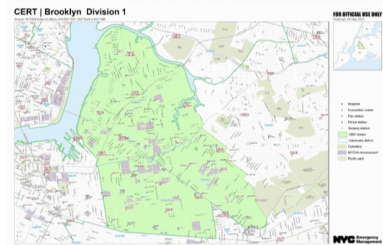


## Speak Up About the Future of Our City

How should the new mayor and his team approach issues like schools, streets, safety? How should they approach challenges like COVID-19 and climate change? **Fill out the NYC Speaks survey** by January 28th to make your voice heard.

**NYC Speaks** is a six month public engagement effort engaging New Yorkers to help inform the priorities and policies of our new mayor, Eric Adams.

**Take the survey!**



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

**Brooklyn - Bronx - Manhattan - Queens - Staten Island**



## Share Your Space



View the **NYC CERT Event Calendar** to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

After you participate, be sure to **Submit Your Volunteer Hours!**

Monroe College in the Bronx has answered the call to serve their fellow New Yorkers in a time of great need. Monroe College is where the service center for the residents of 333 E. 181st Street is located. Monroe College generously offered its space and services to help these individuals and families.

NYC Emergency Management runs a program called *Share Your Space* that allows people and organizations to offer their properties on a voluntary basis for Emergency Management activities, such as a service center, a CERT training, a commodity distribution point, or other functions identified by the department.

Please encourage your local connections to learn more about the Share Your Space program [HERE](#) or sending them the [YouTube video](#) above.

# 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.



## Winter Weather

New York City winters, which often bring extreme cold, heavy snow, ice, sleet, and freezing rain, can pose serious hazards.

It's important to prepare for winter weather-related dangers. There are several steps you can take to stay safe before, during, and after winter storms.

Visit the [NYC Hazards: Winter Weather](#) page for winter safety tips.

Download the [Winter Weather Health & Safety Tips Guide](#).

Visit [PlowNYC](#) to track the progress of DSNY spreader/plow vehicles and more.



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

### Bronx 5 Alarm Fire: Service Center Emergency Deployment



NYC CERT members from around the city continue to respond to the Bronx service center open to support those affected by the recent five-alarm fire this past Sunday. Thank you to all who have and continue to support as the operation continues to evolve based on the needs of the community. Current Operations have extended through **Sunday, January 23, 2022**.

[Register here for available Shifts](#)

### 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

## NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR



## MENTOR PROGRAM

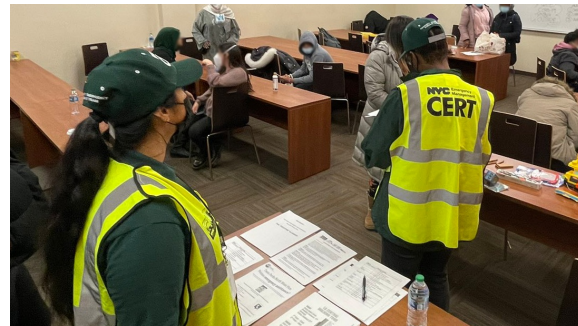
Are you interested in becoming a mentor to new NYC CERT members?

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

### NYC CERT Deployment



Pictured above are NYC CERT members from around the city providing support to the Bronx Service Center this week. NYC Emergency Management staff was on site supporting the operation in a leadership role.

### NYC CERT Virtual Meetings

**Manhattan Division 3 CERT** held their first monthly meeting of 2022, during of which they welcomed three recent NYC CERT graduates. Newly appointed Division Chief Beth Rowan reviewed the Division calendar highlighting the upcoming planned events throughout the year that Division members will be requested to support, attend and coordinate.



Chief Susan Flaschenberg and members of **Brooklyn Division 5 CERT** held their first meeting of the new year. They welcomed new probationary members to the team and discussed NYC CERT program and team updates.

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



## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### Human Trafficking Awareness 101 Presentation by Safe Horizon

**[Register for Wednesday, January 26th | 6:30 pm | Virtually on Zoom](#)**

Our Anti-Trafficking Program (ATP) is dedicated to supporting survivors of labor and sex trafficking in New York City. ATP is one of the largest direct service providers to victims of human trafficking on the east coast. Help us stop human trafficking.

We provide both legal and case management services to all victims of human trafficking – labor and sex trafficking – including men, women, children, foreign nationals or U.S. citizens.

ATP helps children and adults regardless of gender or gender identity so they can heal emotionally, find justice, and rebuild their lives.

To make a donation:

<https://www.safehorizon.org/donate-human-trafficking/>

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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.

## FEMA Region 2 Webinar Series

### Residential Fire Life Saving Strategies

[Register for Wednesday, January 26th | 12:00 pm | Webinar](#)

# FEMA Region 2 Webinar Series

## Residential Fire Life Saving Strategies

Wednesday January 26, 2022 from 12:00 PM ET - 1:00 PM ET

Please join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division for a special webinar on Fire Prevention and safety.

This webinar featuring subject matter experts from the US Fire Administration and the American Red Cross will discuss how you and your family can prevent a home fire and steps you can take to increase your ability (and that of your loved ones) to survive in the event of a fire. Fire prevention is your first step in protecting yourself and loved ones at home. Knowing what to do if a life-threatening situation occurs is a very important step that helps prevent injuries and loss of life.

**Who should attend?** Whole Community, Parents, Students, Local, State, Federal government, Private Sector, Faith-based, Non-profit, Philanthropic entities and Emergency Managers,

**Registration:** <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/firesafety/event/registration.html>

Make sure to [test your Adobe Connect](#) before the meeting.

This event will include live captioning. If you need additional accommodations, please email [fema-r2-prepares@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-r2-prepares@fema.dhs.gov)



FEMA



American  
Red Cross



U.S. Fire Administration  
Working for a fire-safe America

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## Ready Up NYC Webinar Series

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February  
17

**Topic: Financial Emergency  
Planning with FEMA**

- 4 steps to financial preparedness
- Disaster assistance resources

**Register via: <https://bit.ly/ReadyUp2022>**

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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](mailto:CERTTraining@oem.nyc.gov) prior to the training date.

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includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

training for your Division at [FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#).

[Catalog](#) includes all recorded webinars from Jan-June of 2021.

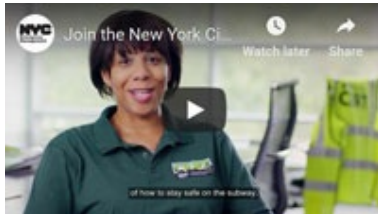


FDNY Smart offers [free](#) hands-only CPR classes through the FDNY Mobile CPR Program. The goal of these classes is to equip New Yorkers with the basic skills needed to take action in the event of a cardiac arrest emergency. To sign up for one of our free classes or to schedule a class in your community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

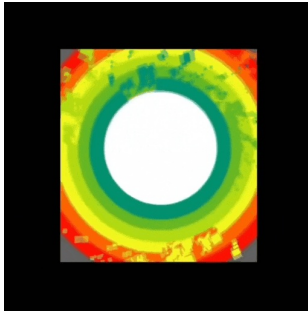


[Resolve to Be Ready Calendar](#)

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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