

ACTIVATION STATUS: NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SITUATION ROOM IS ACTIVATED IN RESPONSE TO ASLYMN SEEKER INFLUX.
PLEASE NOTE: Program staff will respond to inquiries and requests as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and support.

Happy Mother's Day



We at NYCEM want to wish you all a Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a holiday that celebrates motherhood, maternal bonds, and the role mothers play in society. To read more on the history of Mother's Day, [please click here](#).

NYCEM Flash Flood Seminar



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: CERT QNS (Queens)

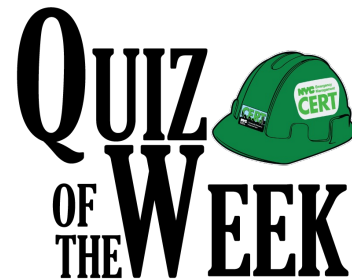
05/15: Manhattan

Call Scenario: What Evacuation Zone are you in (if any)? Where is the nearest Evacuation Center?

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)



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 FOR THIS WEEK'S QUESTION](#)

Community Engagement

Community Engagement serves as the link between community and faith partners and the EOC.

- Amplify public messaging to community partners and volunteers
- Deploy CERT to support DEP with catch basin cleanup
- Activate the Strengthening Communities network to disseminate information in communities pre and/or post event
- Coordinate language access through the language access task force (led by MOIA)
- Coordinate volunteer requests and messaging through the volunteer coordination working group (led by NYC Service)



NYC Emergency Management hosted an interagency seminar on May 10th, to provide an overview of the Flash Flood Emergency Plan to all agency partners.

The overview included a section on the support NYC CERT volunteers provide by clearing catch basins and reporting hazardous conditions before expected flooding conditions. Great work CERT!

NYCEM Tweets: Five Boro Bike Tour

NYC Emergency Management @nycemergencymgt · 16h
The @TDBank_US Five Boro bike Tour is the 2nd largest bike event in the world, with over 30K participants!

Thanks to our CERT volunteers, Our response team for keeping folks safe, @NotifyNYC for sending messages, and congrats to @nycemergencymgt staff who completed the tour!

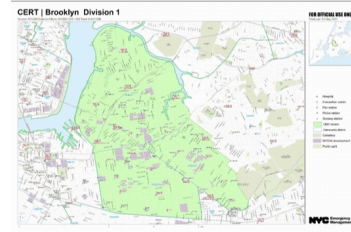


NYC CERT volunteers were highlighted for handing out [Ready New York](#) preparedness material and using their NYC CERT training to properly manage pedestrian traffic for the second largest bike event in the world.

The correct answer is: **b) the weekly Newsletter**. At the top right corner of the weekly Newsletter, you can find the current radio channel used for the Monday night roll call, as well as the information that the designated borough should be reporting out. This information changes monthly, so the other options would not work.



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](#)



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

NYC Emergency Management @nycemergencymgt · 10h
We've said it before, we'll say it again: our CERT volunteers are the best!

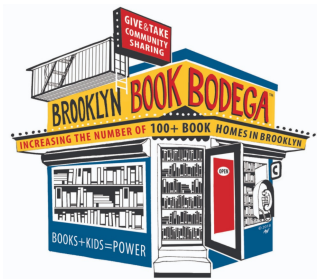
On Sunday at @TDBank_US 5 Boro Bike Tour, they helped control pedestrian and vehicle traffic to keep 30K+ cyclists safe! Here they are in action.

#20YearsRNYandCERT



[Visit NYC Emergency Management on Twitter.](#)

Books for Children



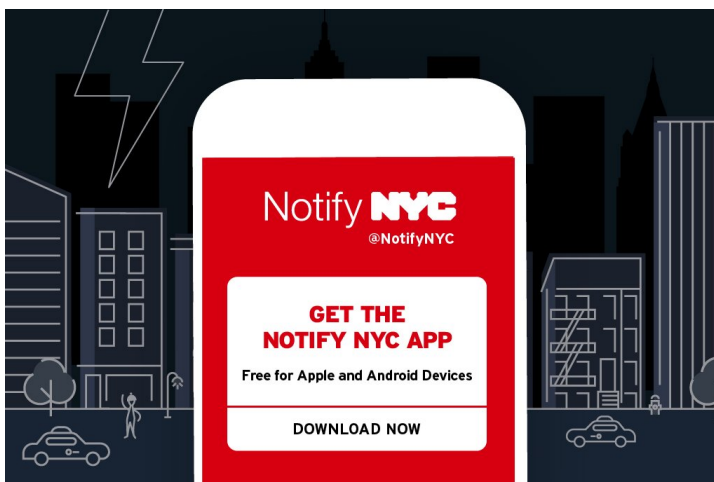
Brooklyn Book Bodega provides books for personal and educational use to individuals, schools, and community members. They will even provide you with books so that you can hold your own book giveaway since they want as many children as possible in New York City to have books they want to read.

They also provide volunteer opportunities of their own for those who would like to take advantage! To access these resources, see the links below:

<https://www.brooklynbookbodega.org/get-books>

<https://www.brooklynbookbodega.org/volunteer>

Notify NYC Update



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](#).

NOTIFICATION TYPES	
Emergency Alerts (Required)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Parking Suspensions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ferry Disruptions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Local Mass Transit Disruptions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major Traffic Disruptions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Police Advisories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Basement Alerts	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notify NYC has new notification types for extreme rain events that include people who live in basement apartments. To get notifications, select basement alerts on the [Notify NYC app](#) or go to [Notify NYC](#). Alerts are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Bengali, Haitian Creole, Korean, Arabic, French, Italian, Polish, Urdu and Yiddish.

Help us Celebrate 20 Years of NYC CERT



Send us your CERT photos or videos!

We have created a link for you to easily upload your collection of CERT related photos and videos from your time in the program. You may upload several items per event/deployment, but only a maximum of three per submission. After submitting, there will be an option to submit three more!

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

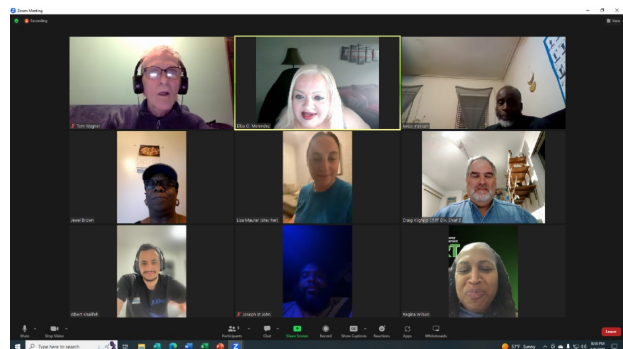
Please label the files in the following manner: **Date (including year), Borough, Division (or team), Event, members included (if available).**

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

Monthly Meetings

Borough Leadership Meeting

Brooklyn Borough Coordinator, Elba Melendez hosted a Brooklyn leadership meeting. Leadership was excited to speak to each other to start planning for the summer months while also sharing ideas on how to make the borough stronger.



VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

NYC CERT Orientation



NYC CERT applicants joined a virtual orientation session on Thursday, May 11th, to receive an overview of the program, roles and responsibilities of CERT members and the engagement that will be expected of them during their membership. It was a full session with almost 40 attendees! Every borough was represented and all applicants expressed their interest in giving back to their community and educating their neighbors about emergency preparedness. Some have already registered for the upcoming Basic training starting later this month!

Open Streets Program

NYC CERT members, Tom Wagner (Brooklyn Division 6) and Bill Vitale (Brooklyn Division 5), set up a table during a Department of Transportation Open Streets event. CERT gave out [Ready New York preparedness material](#) while also providing insight into what NYC CERT is all about! Well done!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



NYC Kids Festival Shifts

The NYC Kids Festival will be hosted by NYPD Community Affairs Bureau in Marine Park, Brooklyn on Monday, May 15th. There will be Live Music, a game truck and roughly 200 children participating in the various events.

[Register Now: Monday, May 15 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM](#)

The Fabulous 5th Ave Fair

The NYPD 78th Pct., Community Affairs Division is looking for twenty (20) CERT volunteers with supporting the Fabulous Fifth Avenue taking place at 5th Ave between 3rd & 4th St Brooklyn, NY 11215 on 05/21/23 from 9:30AM to 4pm. CERT volunteers who sign up for this deployment will assist with pedestrian and vehicle traffic management. For more details, [please click here](#).



Bay Ridge Memorial Day Parade

On May 29th, volunteers will assist Brooklyn's 156th Memorial Day Parade in Bay Ridge. NYC CERT will support crowd and traffic management along the parade route, direct parade participants to parade vehicles/floats, and help veterans on to floats at the parade assembly area.

[Register Now: Monday, May 29th | 9:30AM - 4:00 PM](#)

SSG Michael Ollis 5k Run & 2-Mile Walk

The 7th Annual SSG Michael Ollis 5k Run & 2-Mile

event will be taking place on June 11th from 7am-1pm. NYC CERT has been requested to assist with event preparation along pedestrian traffic management and various other roles.

[Register Now: Sunday June 11 | 7:00 AM - 1:00 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



MENTOR PROGRAM

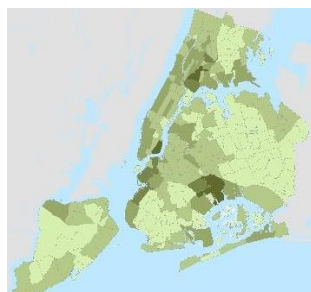
Are you interested in becoming a mentor to new NYC CERT members?

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.

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



CERT FieldMaps Training

On Sunday, May 21st, NYC CERT staff will be hosting an advanced training on the *CERT FieldMaps* web application. This new ArcGIS technology will be used in future volunteer canvassing operations.

[Register Now: Sunday, May 21 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM](#)

CPR, Narcan and Stop The Bleed

NY Presbyterian's Community Affairs Department will provide advanced training in Hands-Only CPR, Narcan administration and best practices for effective administration of Stop the Bleed techniques on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 6:30 pm, at 3700 Henry Hudson Pkwy, The Bronx, NY 10463.



[CPR/Narcan/Stop the Bleed Registration, Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 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.

THINGS TO KNOW

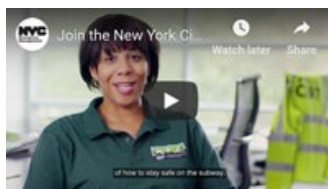
CERT Self-Deployment

We at NYCEM appreciate NYC CERT volunteer's service and dedication to public safety and want to support members in any way possible. However, as your instructors, volunteer leadership, and NYCEM staff have told all CERT members from day one of basic training: NYC CERT **NEVER** self-deploy.

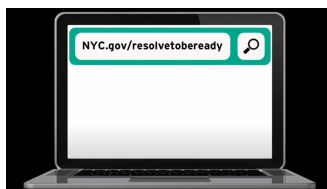
We encourage all CERT to listen to their Division leadership and ask any questions that may come to mind. We also want to encourage all members to review the NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures, Section 5: Operations, Deployment protocol.

Find the NYC CERT Protocols here: [NYC CERT SOPs](#)

Schedule a meeting with NYCEM staff: [NYC CERT Volunteer Support](#)



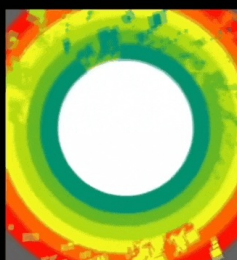
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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



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