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NYC Emergency Management CERT NEWSLETTER

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IS ACTIVATED DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER.
NYC CERT IS SUPPORTING THE OPERATION BY VOLUNTEERING AT RECEPTION CENTERS.
MONITOR YOUR EMAIL FOR POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER DEPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

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

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GRADUATION EDITION



NEW YORK CITY CERT
GRADUATION
& RECOGNITION



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

12/24 : No Call

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

The graduation of the 42nd cycle of new CERT volunteers was not only a recognition of the volunteer's dedication and hard work for the past couple of weeks, but to also acknowledge our CERT divisions throughout our city's boroughs and reward them for their ever working efforts to support our city.

Take a look at our new graduate's ceremony recording [here](#)



The Joanne Webb-Dixon NYC CERT Ambassador Award recognizes teams that focus on building and expanding partnerships within its community.

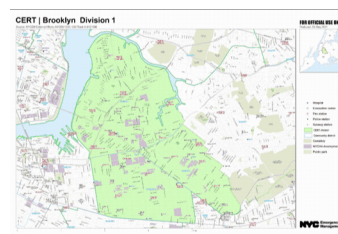
We would like to offer our congratulations to this year's winner of the Joanne Webb-Dixon NYC CERT Ambassador Award - Bronx Division 4!

The Bronx Division 4 team, led by Division Chief, Khalil Abdul-Wahhab, have been super active this past year in providing Ready NY presentations and connecting a large multipurpose church, Life Together Works NYC (LT WORKS NYC), with our Community Preparedness Unit.

[Interested in seeing more awards in the NYC CERT program 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](#)



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](#).



Here are the Ceremony and reception pictures of the cycle 42 NYC CERT Graduates. [View and download here](#)



Happy Holidays !

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.

Volunteer Survey



We are still hoping to have all of our members complete this volunteer survey. There is no right or wrong answer. NYC CERT volunteers wear many hats in the community. We are interested in what other organizations you also support. [Click Here](#) to participate in this survey.

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](#).



NYC Emergency Management wishes all New Yorkers a Happy Holiday as the celebration of Hanukkah continues and while the Christmas festivities are in full swing!

New CERT Staff member: Carlos Cruz



My name is Carlos Cruz, born in NYC but raised in New Haven, CT for most of my life! I graduated with my Master's in Emergency Management from the University of New Haven in May of 2022, I also have my undergraduate degree in History. Prior to starting at NYC Emergency Management, I was a 911/police dispatcher for 5 years. First for two years at the City of New Haven, Public safety Communications Center in New Haven, CT and then at Yale University for the remaining 3. I discovered my passion for Emergency

Management while working for New Haven Public Safety communications. Whenever a disaster was declared in the City of New Haven, the New Haven Office of Emergency Management's Standard operating procedures require that an emergency dispatcher/operator come to the Emergency Operations Center to help coordinate, dispatch resources, and delegate tasks amongst all activated stakeholders in the EOC. I enjoyed the work very much especially the fast pace but most important of all was making sure people were being helped when and where assistance was needed. I am happy to be starting my new career at NYC Emergency Management as the CERT Operations and Engagement specialist and look forward to many great things! Fun fact: I have been practicing Muay Thai for the past six Month

Share Your Space with NYCEM!

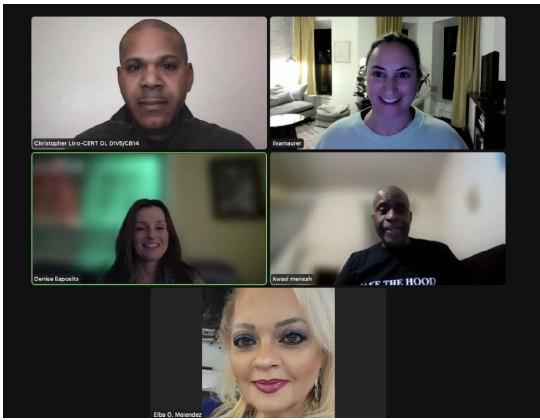


NYC Emergency Management runs a program called "Share Your Space" that allows people to offer their properties voluntarily for Emergency Management activities, such as a service center, a CERT training, a commodity distribution point, or other functions identified by the department.

Click on the video above to learn more about the program!

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

CERT Recruitment Group Info Session



An info session was held this past Monday before the regularly scheduled monthly CERT Recruitment Group meeting to train new members that were interested in joining the task force. Two current members of the group joined the info session to support the mini recruitment exercise that accompanies the training. Best practices on recruiting and details about the responsibilities of CERT Recruitment Group members were shared and some great feedback was provided! Thank you to those who joined. Welcome to the group!

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NYC CERT CALENDAR

Coney Island New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge



On January 1, 2023, CERT will assist the Coney Island Polar Bear Club in its 120th Annual New Year's Day Plunge. Here are a couple of important details on the planned deployment:

The day is expected to be cold and windy. Please plan to be outside for the full duration of the deployment.

[The Annual Polar Bear Club Plunge takes place from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.](#)

- CERT will assist the Coney Island Polar Bears with line management for participant registration before the Plunge.

- During the Plunge CERT will be positioned on the Boardwalk to assist with crowd control and on the beach with keeping the waterfront clear to allow the plungers to enter and exit the water safely.
- CERT will also assist in observing swimmers emerging from the water watching for plungers who might be in distress and getting them to emergency aid.

Dyker Heights Holiday Lights Deployment

NYC CERT will be assisting the 68th Precinct with crowd and traffic control at the Dyker Heights Holiday Lights during the upcoming holiday season. Volunteers will still be needed on Friday evening of December 23rd.

[Deployment will be from 6pm-9pm]

[To register for any of the deployment dates click here.](#)



NOAA Eastern Region Climate Services Webinar



The Northeast Regional Climate Center hosts a monthly webinar with NOAA affiliates to address timely weather and climate concerns.

The topics vary by the day the presentation is given; they are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 31 - Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation Tool

[Webinar will be from 9:30am-10:30am]

[To register click here](#)



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

Advanced Training: Point-to-Point Basic Radio Training

For this In-Person training, all members interested must complete IS-242.b: Effective Communications and send their certificate of completion by Wednesday, Jan 4th to certtraining@oem.nyc.gov

This training will include learning objectives such as:

- Local Point to Point Network
- UHF Radios 450 MHZ
- Radio Terminology
- Call Protocol and Proper Communication Procedures
- Network Control Operator (Citywide trained only)

[The advanced Training will take place January 7th at 165 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, NY 11201](#)



Ready New York Speakers Bureau Refresher

The Ready New York program is looking for trained presenters who are Interested in engaging more community members via the Ready NY program. Joining the Speakers Bureau for these events also puts you in the running John D. Solomon Award for Exemplary Service in Emergency Preparedness Education.

If you are interested in learning more or just brushing up on your presentation skills, [sign up for the teach-back event on January 17th!](#)



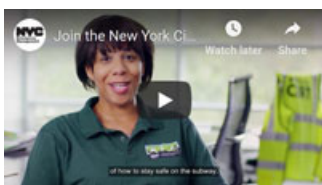
[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

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



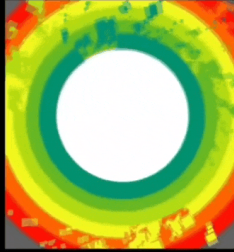
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[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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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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