

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

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Functional Exercise at Randall's Island!



This daylong event will be comprised of a series of stations with exercises, refreshers, and classes that will aim to increase NYC CERT volunteer's readiness for future events and hazards to New York City.

Classes will revolve around topics such as Search and Rescue, Stop the Bleed, and Crowd Management. A Subway Simulator will be in use during the functional exercise, and a Disaster Simulation will be conducted as well.

Please dress appropriately for the weather, wear a complete CERT uniform with your valid CERT ID, and make sure to wear comfortable shoes.

[CERT Randall's Island | April 29 | 8:30am - 5:30pm](#)

March After Action Report!



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

[Suspended for CERT
Graduation]

Borough Channel:

04/04:

Call Scenario:

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

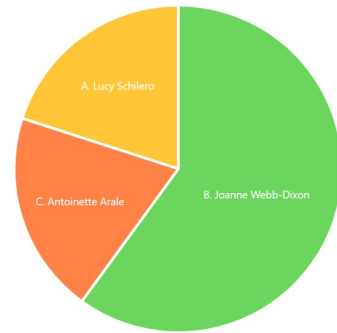
QUIZ OF THE WEEK IS BACK!

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!

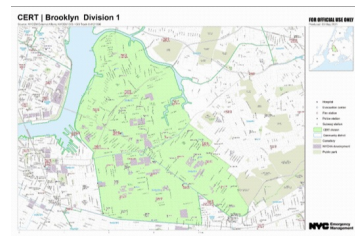
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WEEK'S QUESTION

The correct answer to last week's question is: The correct answer is: **B) Joanne Webb-Dixon**. To refresh, this award recognizes teams that focus on building and expanding partnerships within its community.

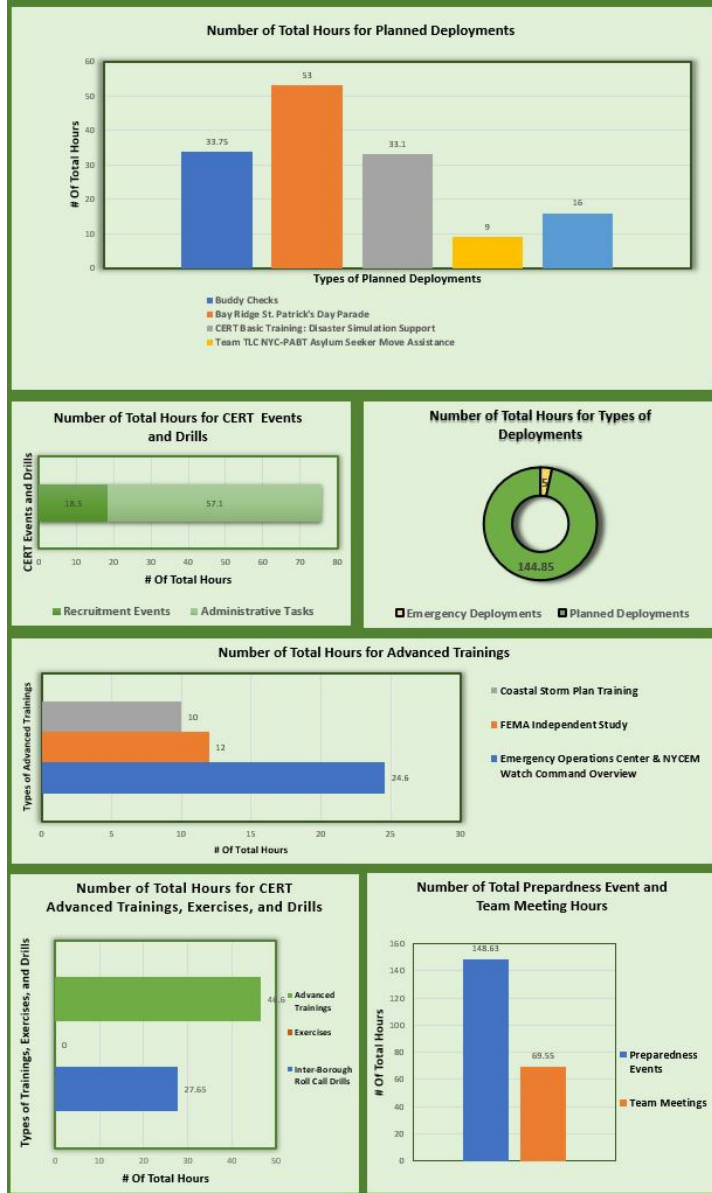


The [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#) provides guidance and outlines policies and procedures for you and your team to follow.



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

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



As we move into April, it's time to review our March after-action-report! There were several volunteer opportunities, advanced training sessions and planned deployments, totaling a reported 191.45 hours: 46.60 hours and 144.85 hours respectively.

The most attended advanced training this month was the Emergency Operations Center & NYCEM Watch Command Overview (24.6hrs).

As of today, March's total reported volunteer hours tally up to 523.88 hours.

Thank you to everyone who has served this month and let's continue with the great work going into April!

Spread Love NYC



NYC Service invited nonprofit leaders, schools, faith-based organizations, government agencies, and other not-for-profit organizations based in New York City to the Museum of the City of New York to kick off the Spread Love NYC campaign.

The goal of this campaign is to engage New Yorkers in volunteer service whilst assisting in co-designing the 9-month campaign. Individuals attended the event to attend workshops as well as panel discussions on corporate volunteer programs, measuring impact of service, and embedding equity and accessibility into volunteer programs.

Acting as one of the panelists during the kickoff event was our own Anthony Escoto, the CERT Training and Exercise Program Manager at NYC Emergency Management, where he showcased the impact of volunteer work through data collection and storytelling.



Stop the Bleed!



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](#).



Stop the Bleed provides people with the tools and knowledge to stop life-threatening bleeding in the event of an emergency situation. Bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death after injury, and the actions of immediate responders can be crucial in determining the outcome of the situation.



Virtual

**The first
Wednesday
of each month**
12-1PM
-or-
4-5PM

The focus of the course:

- The immediate response to bleeding
- Recognize life-threatening bleeding
- Appropriate ways to stop bleeding

To register for one of our free courses, visit bklynlibrary.org/calendar and search "Stop the Bleed"



This 'Stop the Bleed' course will be taking place virtually this April 5th, If you are interested in registering for this free course, [please click here.](#)

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!

Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade

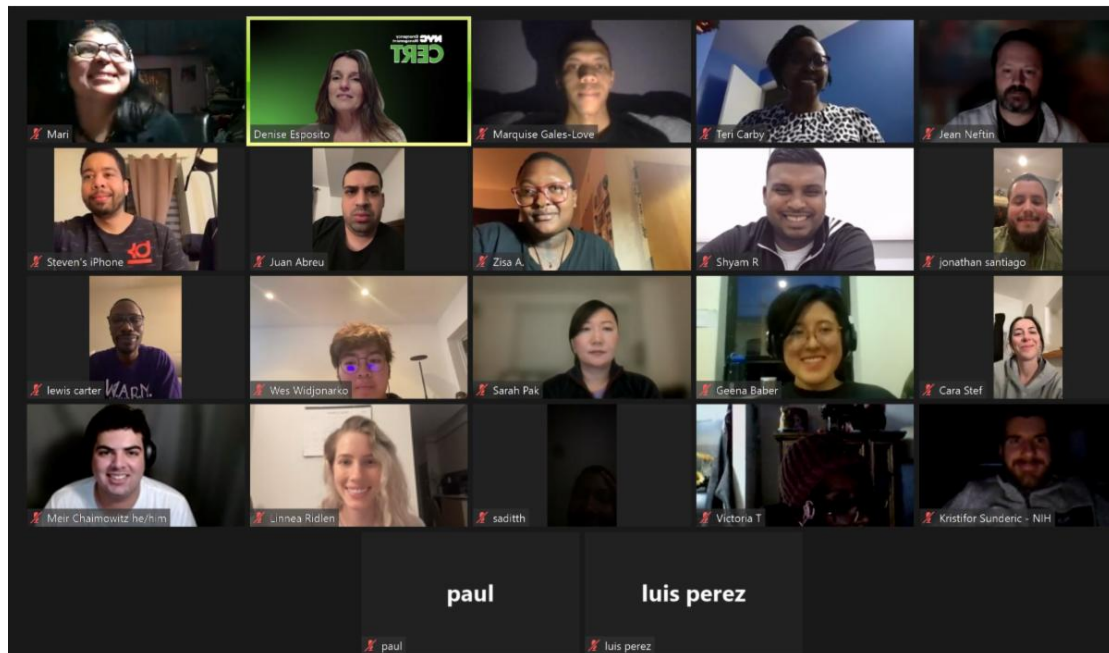
For the St. Patrick's Day Parade that took place in Bay Ridge this past Sunday, CERT members from Brooklyn Division 5 assisted the 68th Precinct Community Affairs Office.

Division 5 members utilized their training in crowd management and traffic control to assist the precinct during this busy deployment.

Great Job Bk Division 5!



CERT Orientation



A NYC CERT Orientation session was held on Wednesday, March 29th, to provide an overview of the program for new applicants. Twenty one participants joined from around the city and shared their skills, and interest in training and assisting their communities. We are seeing more applicants with emergency management backgrounds joining these orientation sessions, which is a great trend. We hope to see many of these applicants in

CERT at Health Fair in Sunset Park



This past Sunday, Grisel Amador and Carmen Echevarria from Brooklyn Division 2 went to the United Senior Center of Sunset Park on a planned deployment. There they distributed preparedness material, talked about what the CERT Program is all about, and even took a picture with Councilmember Alexa Aviles!

EOC & WC overview and CERT board reporting



CERT Staff while we had our students in the rain putting out fire through disaster sim, we had our active members were in our EOC learning how we activate our EOC the integration with NYCEM and our ESF and how to report on the CERT board on our intranet.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Gerritsen Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade

The St. Patrick's Day Parade on Gerritsen Beach will take place on Saturday, April 1st and will be starting at 11:00 AM. Volunteers should expect to be assisting with crowd management and traffic management.

[Click here to register.](#)



Annual Blessing of the Rides in Coney Island

On April 2nd from 9:30am to 12:30pm, CERT members have been requested by the Alliance for Coney Island, as well as the 60th Precinct, to help assist with crowd control at the Annual Blessing of the Rides at Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park on Palm Sunday.

[Please click here to register](#)

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](#)

Pet Preparedness at Maria Hernandez Dog Run

Prep for Your Pets!



Pets and service animals are part of the family. Make them a part of your emergency plan, too.

on.nyc.gov/pets

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Resolve to Be Ready

On April 15th from 10am to 1pm, CERT members will be assisting the Dog Running Event to hand out ReadyNY material regarding Pet Preparedness!

[To register, please click here](#)

Support the Five Boro Bike Tour



Bike New York is thrilled to announce that the TD Five Boro Bike Tour will once again welcome bike riders from across New York and around the country on Sunday, May 7, 2023.

NYC Emergency Management is working closely with Bike New York to plan NYC CERT's participation in the event. Check your emails for private registration links made specifically for NYC CERT members for each location of the tour. Registration links are also listed on the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#). If you've already registered through the Five Boro Bike Tour website but plan to support as NYC CERT, you must re-register through the private links.

[Click here for Roles and Shift Descriptions](#)

Good Friday Procession in Bensonhurst



The Good Friday Procession deployment will take place in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, NY, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday, July 23.

The Community Affairs Division from NYPD's 62nd Precinct is looking for 20 CERT volunteers to support the event. Volunteers who sign up will be managing pedestrians and vehicles traffic; this is an excellent chance to gain practical experience with a large deployment.

[To register please click here](#)

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

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

Cultural Awareness Training

This April 24th at 6:30pm, a training will be held virtually with the goal of improving cultural competence and awareness in the workplace and on the job when interacting with the various communities we serve.

Through self-reflection, participants will challenge their biases and assumptions, learn vocabulary that is culturally appropriate, and develop innovative strategies for cross-cultural interactions, all of which can help reduce cultural misunderstandings and improve collaboration and trust.



[To register please click here.](#)

[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).

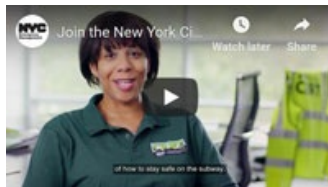
THINGS TO KNOW

CERT Self-Deployment

It has come to our attention that a CERT member was seen self-deploying this week. We at NYCCEM appreciate CERT's service and dedication to public safety and want to support members in any way that we can. However, as your instructors, Division/Borough leadership, and NYCCEM staff have told all CERT members from day one during training that NYC CERT members, or teams, never self-deploy.

This is not to discourage participation and only serves as a reminder that this is for your own safety as an emergency responder. We encourage all CERT to listen to their Division leadership and to ask any questions that may come to mind, we also want to encourage all CERT members to review the CERT Standard Operating Procedures, Section 5: Operations, Deployment protocol.

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



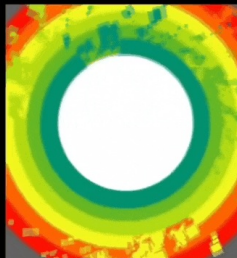
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[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](#) & [Spreker](#)) 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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