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NYC Emergency Management CERT NEWSLETTER

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

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

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Meet with the NYC CERT Staff



NYC Emergency Management
CERT
VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

You can now schedule a meeting with a NYC CERT Staff member to discuss specific support topics relating to your volunteer activity.

Topics to choose from:



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: CERT BX (Bronx)

03/21: Manhattan

Call Scenario: Report out how many team members have completed FEMA IS-100.

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

- General Questions: speak with an available member of the NYCEM team.
- ID Renewal: speak with a member of the NYCEM team who deals directly with NYC CERT credentialing.
- Leadership Interest: those interested in a volunteer leadership position can discuss the expectations of each role.
- Advanced Training: speak with a member of the NYCEM team who deals specifically with the development and scheduling of advanced training sessions.
- Exercises/ Drills/ Tabletops: speak with a member of the NYCEM team who supports the planning and development of NYC CERT exercises.
- NYC CERT Operations: speak with a member of the NYCEM team who deals directly with the NYC CERT Deployment Protocol and can assist you with any inquiries.
- Borough/ Division Discussion: current members of volunteer leadership can connect with a member of the NYCEM team for support.

**[Schedule a meeting with a
NYC CERT Staff member!](https://on.nyc.gov/bookCERT)**
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Do you know your Notify NYC Trivia?


Public Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	Information to alert those living in basement apartments
Planned Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	Information about health issues
Major Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disruption message about significant roadway closures, disruptions, or detours
Weather Emergencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disruption messages about large or widespread disruptions to transit
Emergency alerts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Information about preplanned activity that may cause local disruptions
Parking Suspensions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Messages about current or forecast weather events
Basement Alerts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Critical incidents involving your safety or the safety of others in the area
Mass Transit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Updates about unscheduled emergency suspension of citywide parking rules

Are you a Ready New Yorker? Test your knowledge on this edition of our trivia game relating to emergency preparedness where you need to match multiple emergency notifications to its corresponding title.

[Use this link to test your knowledge!](#)

Anthony Escoto Emerging Leader

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

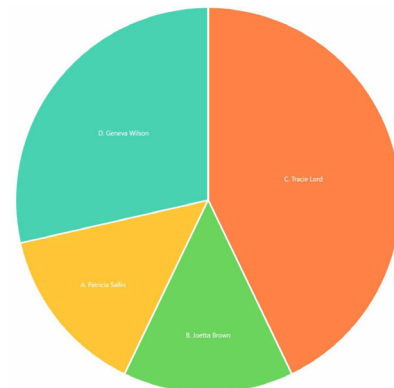


QUIZ OF THE WEEK IS BACK!

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!

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

The correct answer to last week's question is: **C) Tracie Lord**. You may remember Tracie's story of how she utilized her CERT training and the flashlight function on her phone to alert the motorman on an incoming train, to stop the train because a man had fallen on the tracks. Her heroic actions, along with other commuters that day, helped to save a life!



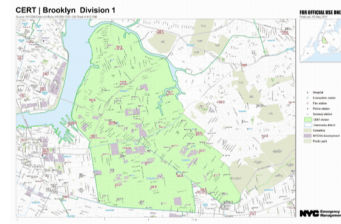


Congratulations to Anthony Escoto, our CERT Training and Exercises Program Manager, who completed the Big City Emergency Managers Emerging Leaders program yesterday. What a great collaboration with colleagues from across the country!

[Click Here to View Post](#)

National Poison Prevention Week!

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](#).

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.



VIRTUAL EVENT FOR
COMMUNITY PROVIDERS

EMERGING TRENDS IN POISON EXPOSURES

Join us during National Poison Prevention Week to learn about commonly used products we need to be careful with and how you can share poison prevention in your community.



Please join us for a community partner webinar on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Emerging Trends in Poison Exposures. This webinar will teach you about commonly used products, trends in calls to the NYC Poison Center, and how to share information about poison prevention.

[Please click the link to sign up for this webinar.](#)



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](#).

CERT SPOTLIGHT

Throwback Edition

This video from 1 years ago highlights CERT and its members throughout National Volunteer Week. This video stands as an acknowledgement to those who serve and as a thank you message to our dedicated CERT members that continue to help our community day in and day out no matter the occasion. [#NYCCERTStrong](#)



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!

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

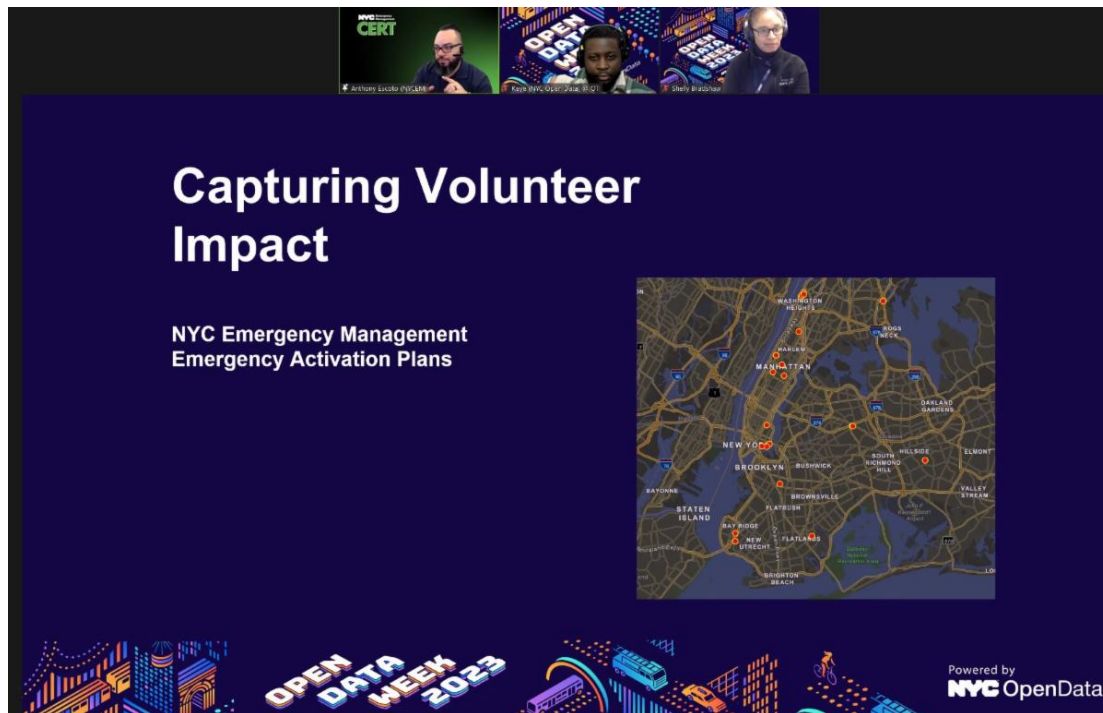
Port Authority Bus Terminal Move



This past Monday, CERT members Dilletta Pina, Anthony Solomita, and Giovani Contreras accompanied NYCEM staff at the Port Authority Bus Terminal. Members assisted with loading materials such as clothing, hygiene products, and

storage containers into a box truck to be unloaded at a separate location and be used in accordance with the ongoing Asylum Seekers Operation. Great work to everyone involved!

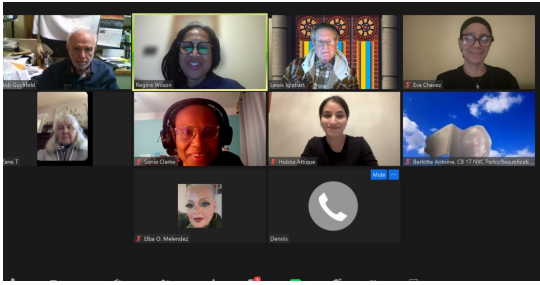
Open Data Week 2023



This past Thursday, NYC Open Data presented Open Data Week 2023! NYC Emergency Management staff presented on how they leverage data to report critical operations and promote the impact of NYC CERT volunteers as they support emergency preparedness and response efforts throughout all five boroughs. Presenters included Anthony Escoto, CERT Training and Exercises Program Manager, and Shelly Bradshaw, Geospatial Data Program Manager from NYCEM.

Monthly Meetings

Brooklyn Division 6



On March 9th, Brooklyn Division 6 met for their monthly division meeting. Members went out into the community and bringing back two scheduled events for April. Members also requested advance training in order to strengthen bonds within the division and borough. CERT staff is on it!

Manhattan Leadership Meeting

Volunteer leaders from Manhattan met with NYC CERT staff to discuss volunteer activities for Manhattan's plentiful divisions. Plans for upcoming events in Manhattan, along with a brief talk on the Manhattan team exercise held in March, occurred as well.



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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade

The NYPD 68th precinct Office of Community Affairs is looking for twenty (20) CERT volunteers to support the St. Patrick's Day parade deployment taking place in Bay Ridge Brooklyn, NY on March 26, 2023.

Those volunteers who sign up will be assisting the NYPD 68th precinct with pedestrian and vehicle traffic control. At the request of Brooklyn Division 5 chief, this opportunity is open to all CERT members citywide.

[Bay Ridge St Patrick's Day Deployment | Sunday, March 26, 2023](#)



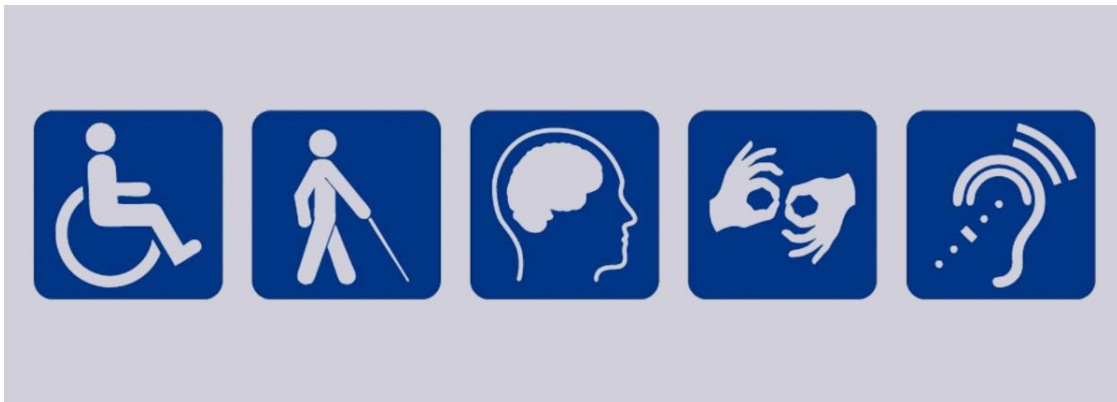


Bayside St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Bayside St Patrick's Parade Committee has requested NYC CERT volunteers to support this year's parade, taking place in Bayside Queens, NY on March 25, 2023. Volunteers who register will be assisting the 111th NYPD precinct with pedestrian management. This is a great way to gain hands-on experience as a volunteer!

[Bayside St. Patrick's Day Parade | Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 12:30 PM](#)

Communicating With People with Disabilities as First Responders



On March 21st from 1pm - 2:30pm, a webinar will be held by the National CERT Association (NCA) and the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in collaboration with the FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division to assist CERTs in better communicating with people who have disabilities.

According to disaster reports, 70 percent of disaster victims were people with disabilities or from other vulnerable groups. When disaster planning was examined, it was discovered that many emergency organizations lacked a plan for people with disabilities or only a small one. CERTS will gain a better understanding of how to better communicate with people with a variety of disabilities, how to recruit people with disabilities to your teams, and how to develop inclusive plans to assist disabled people in remaining safe in their homes from harm.

[Please click here to register.](#)



Ready Seniors Workshop

On March 23rd from 9am-4pm, FEMA Region 2 and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) will be hosting an in-person Ready Seniors Workshop. Other organizations such as the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) that provide essential senior support services are prepared for this in-person workshop and will be in attendance.

[Register here](#) | Thursday, March 23 | 9 AM - 4 PM

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



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



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

Emergency Operations Center & NYCEM Watch Command



On March 27th from 6:30pm - 9:30pm, NYCEM Watch Command staff invite you to NYCEM HQ to learn more about NYCEM's Emergency Operation Center & Watch Command. Topics that will be covered include:

- NYCEM 101
- Operations Division
- CERT Roles in the EOC
- Tour of the EOC

If you are interested in attending, [please click here.](#)

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](#).

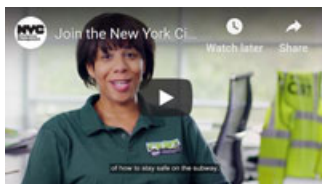
[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalogue](#) includes all recorded webinars.

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 Credentials Ready for Pick-Up!

Just a reminder to coordinate with your leadership if your current CERT credential is expired. If you are a leadership member, please contact Denise Esposito to schedule a date/time to pick up your division's credentials, or to arrange for a member of your team to do the pick-up. Thank you!



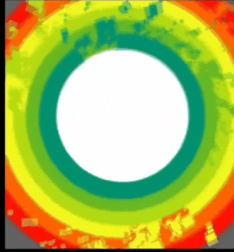
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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