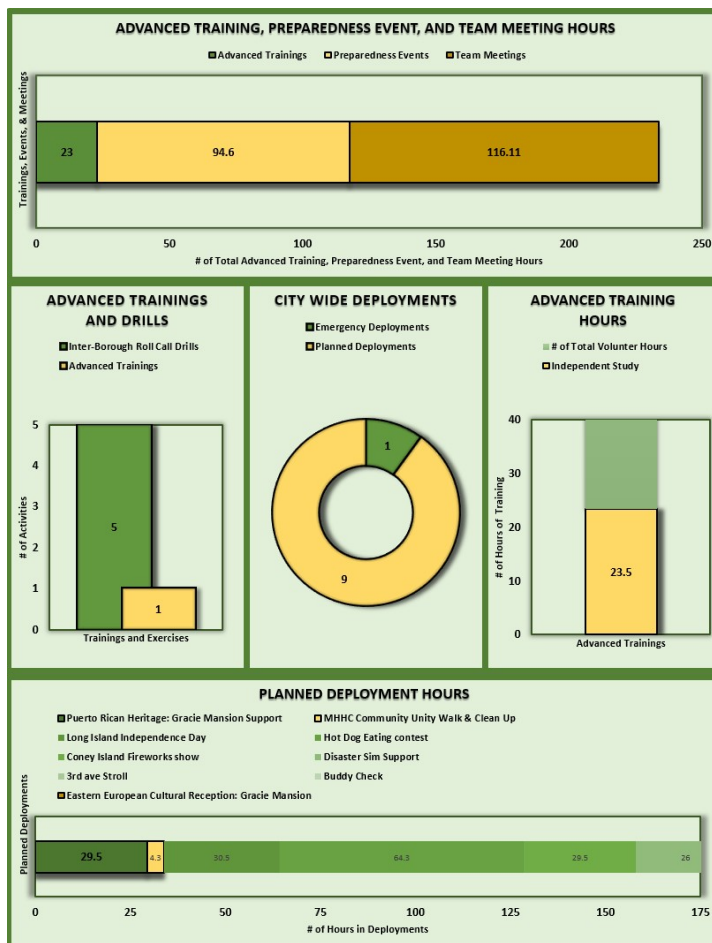


ACTIVATION STATUS: NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IS ACTIVATED.

PLEASE NOTE: Program staff will respond to inquiries and requests as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and support.

July After Action Review



This past month, NYC CERT had a busy and fulfilling time celebrating our independence day with a series of planned events throughout the city. From independent study courses to buddy checks and leadership hours, our dedicated volunteers have reported a total of 828.86 hours of service. We are immensely proud of their commitment and dedication to our community.

We would like to remind all our volunteers that if you haven't done so already, please remember to report your volunteer hours for the year at any time. Your contributions are vital to the success of our organization and the safety of our city.



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Brough Channel: CERT BK

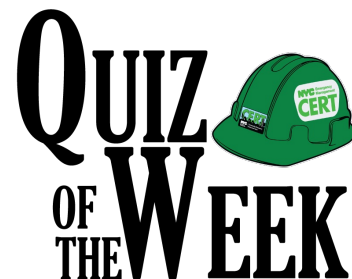
08/07 Responding Borough: Bronx + SI

Call Scenario: Is your team radio being rotated? How often?

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](#)

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers for their hard work and support. Together, we are making a positive impact in the lives of our fellow New Yorkers. Keep up the great work!

National Night Out Against Crime



Hey everyone, we just wrapped up another awesome National Night Out Against Crime, and we couldn't be more pumped! We want to give a huge shoutout and thank you to all of you who came out to support and promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. You guys are the absolute best!



This year's event was all about making our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live, and boy did we succeed! We had an incredible turnout, with people from all walks of life coming together to show their love for their communities. From fun activities and games to delicious food and live music, there was something for everyone.

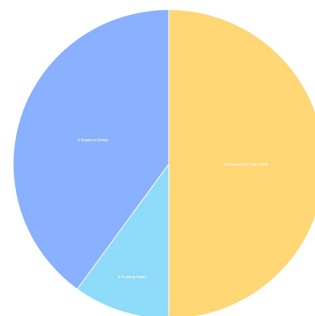
But it wasn't just about the entertainment. It was about fostering stronger relationships between the police and the community, building trust, and working together to keep our neighborhoods safe. We had police officers, community leaders, and local businesses all joining forces to make a real difference.

The energy and enthusiasm were off the charts! We saw neighbors laughing, dancing, and bonding over shared experiences. It was a true celebration of unity and positivity. We even had some surprise guest appearances from local celebrities who wanted to show their support for this incredible cause.

Queens Division 3 CERT members were even highlighted in the Queens Chronicle as part of their NNO coverage following the event. Very cool!



Last week's question: **National Preparedness Month** is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. A theme is selected each year to focus on a specific type of preparedness. This year's theme is _____.



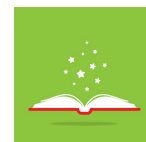
The correct answer is: **b) Preparing for Older Adults**

The Ready Campaign's 2023 National Preparedness Month campaign will focus on preparing older adults for disaster, specifically older adults from communities that are disproportionately impacted by the all-hazard events, which continue to threaten the nation.

We know older adults can face greater risks when it comes to the multitude of extreme weather events and emergencies we now face, especially if they are living alone, are low-income, have a disability, or live in rural areas.

Follow Ready.gov's Preparedness Calendar to help you prepared throughout the year:

<https://www.ready.gov/calendar>



[View and Download the Complete NYC CERT Basic Training Student Manual](#)

So, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you to each and every one of you who made this National Night Out Against Crime a huge success. Your presence and participation made a world of difference. Let's keep this momentum going and continue to build strong, safe, and caring communities together. We can't wait to see you all again next year for an even bigger and better event!



[Click here for 2023 National Night Out photos](#)

New NYC CERT Recruitment Cards

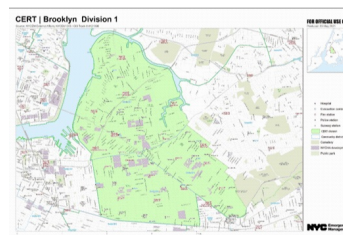


NYC CERT is proud to announce the launch of our new recruitment postcards. As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, we are excited to share this new promotional material with the community. These postcards will be sent to those who have requested materials for National Night Out and will also be available for all future events.

Our new postcards feature updated graphics and messaging that showcase the importance of emergency preparedness and the vital role that NYC CERT plays in keeping our city safe. They also provide information on how to join our team and become a trained volunteer.

National Preparedness Month 2023

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.

Your NYC CERT Ready New York Liaison can submit a [Ready New York Material Request](#) for upcoming events.



As an older adult, you may have specific needs after a disaster. Use the information on this page to assess your needs and take simple, low-cost steps that help you get better prepared.

- Know what disasters could affect your area, which could call for an evacuation, and when to shelter in place, and plan what you need to do in both cases.
- Keep a NOAA Weather Radio tuned to your local emergency station and monitor TV and radio for warnings about severe weather in your area.
- Download the FEMA app and get weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five different locations anywhere in the United States.



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](#).

Help us Celebrate 20 Years of NYC CERT

Send us your CERT photos and 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

3rd Avenue Stroll in Bay Ridge

NYC CERT members have been lending a hand to the 3rd Avenue Merchants Association to ensure a smooth and safe experience for pedestrians and motorists during the Bay Ridge's 3rd Avenue Stroll and Open Streets event. CERT has continued to provide valuable assistance in managing vehicular and pedestrian traffic management along 3rd Avenue, from 68th Street to 83rd Street, with other high-traffic cross streets also covered. With their help, the event was able to run

seamlessly, providing an enjoyable experience for all who attended, including a visit from NYCEM Deputy Commissioner, Herman Schaffer! CERT's dedication to community service is commendable, and their efforts are greatly appreciated by everyone involved in the event.



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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Flood Preparedness Day Of Action - Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Are you ready to turn the tide? We're thrilled to announce our latest effort to increase coastal storm awareness and support the Know Your Zone campaign. NYCEM will be providing resources and information to prepare the public for extreme rain events and basement flooding.

As part of this, we're also working hard to increase Notify NYC subscriptions, especially in languages other than English. So no matter what language you speak, you can stay up-to-date on the latest weather alerts and emergency notifications.

So let's ride the wave of storm preparedness together, NYC! Stay safe, stay informed.



NYC Emergency Management Commissioner, Zach Iscol will be hosting a press conference on the Day of Action, inviting local elected officials and community leaders to participate. We want to see the green! We're hoping to have NYC CERT volunteers there for the conference and prepared to do some canvassing with Commissioner Iscol to some local businesses.

[Press Conference Support Registration, Wed, Aug 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM](#)



Citywide Canvassing Operations

As part of this Day of Action (08/23/2023), NYC CERT members across the five boroughs will be requested to support a citywide canvassing effort. NYCEM will be providing locations based on areas severely impacted by flooding in recent years. More details will be provided soon, including a date for a virtual pre-meeting to discuss the operation.

Bronx
Canvassing Area

Brooklyn
Canvassing Area

Queens
Canvassing Area

Staten Island
Area TBD

Manhattan
Ara TBD



Gracie Mansion Cultural Receptions

The Mayor's office of Special Projects and Community events; Asked for CERT will help with pedestrian and line traffic management.

Please see below for each registration page:



Dominican Republic Heritage Reception

[Registration: Tue, Aug 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)

Haitian Heritage Reception

[Registration, Thu, Aug 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)



Arab Heritage Reception

[Registration, Thu, Aug 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)

German American Heritage Reception

[Registration, Thu, Aug 31, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)



3rd Avenue Summer Stroll/Open Streets in Bay Ridge



CERT volunteers have joined forces with the 3rd Avenue Merchants Association to help keep things moving and grooving at Bay Ridge's 3rd Avenue Stroll and Open Streets event! That's right, you heard it here first! Our CERT team will be on hand to lend a helping hand with vehicle traffic management and crowd control. So don't miss out on the fun! Come on down and join us for an awesome day of strolling and rolling!

[Several Dates](#)

[3rd Ave Summer Stroll Registration at](#)

[5:00 PM - 10:00 PM](#)

46th Annual Brighton Jubilee

Get your gear ready and join us for a day of fun, excitement, and community service at the 46TH Brighton Beach Jubilee. We need your help with vehicle and pedestrian control, and to distribute RNY preparedness material to the attendees. Let's show our community how much we care and make this event a huge success! So put on your superhero capes, grab

your walkie-talkies and join us for a day filled with adventure and service! Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference and be a part of something amazing!

[Registration, Sun, Aug 27, 2023 at 7:30 AM](#)



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.

[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.

Advanced Training



Are you ready to take your leadership skills to the next level? We've got just the thing for you! Our volunteer leadership development class is coming up and you won't want to miss it. This isn't your average leadership course - our program is designed to be hands-on, interactive, and fun yes, FUN!

You'll learn practical skills that you can use in all areas of your life, not just as a volunteer. We'll cover everything from communication and teamwork to problem-solving and decision-making. You'll have the chance to connect with other volunteers in your community and build a network of like-minded individuals who are passionate about making a difference.

Don't hesitate - seats are limited and they're filling up fast. Sign up now to secure your spot in our volunteer leadership development class. Let's level up together!

[Registration, Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM](#)

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.

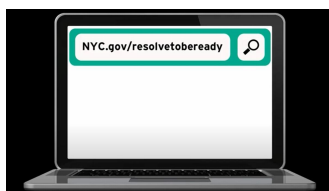
We encourage all CERT to listen to their Division leadership and ask any questions that may come to mind. We also want to encourage all members to review the NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures, Section 5: Operations, Deployment protocol.

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

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



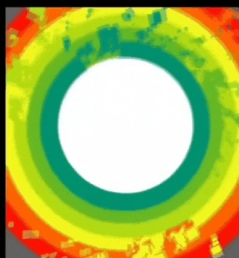
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[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](#).



[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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