

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.


Rising Above: Day Of Action Wednesday, August 23, 2023

RISING ABOVE: FLOOD PREPAREDNESS FAIR

- Free flood barriers & alarms – while supplies last!
- Learn tips to keep yourself safe in case of flooding
- Meet NYCEM Staff & ask questions you have about preparedness

**DIVERSITY PLAZA, QUEENS
37TH ROAD & 74TH STREET
AUGUST 23, 11 AM - 3 PM**



 nyc.gov/risingabove23

NYC Emergency Management Commissioner, Zach Iscol will be hosting a press conference and preparedness fair to kick off the upcoming Rising Above: 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](#)
[Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM](#)

Location: Diversity Plaza, 73-19 37th Road, Flushing, NY 11372

Role of NYC CERT

This is your last chance to support the Rising Above: Day of Action on



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Brough Channel: CERT BK

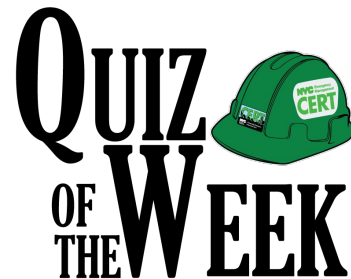
08/1 Responding Borough: BX + SI

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](#)**

Wednesday, August 23, 2023! NYC CERT members across the five boroughs are being requested to support a citywide canvassing effort. Linked below are areas in each of the five boroughs that have been severely impacted by flooding in the recent past.

CERT members will be engaging in vital conversations, sharing critical information and resources. Through these one-on-one interactions, CERT members are taking tangible steps to foster community resilience and preparedness, ensuring that the unique needs and characteristics of each neighborhood are understood and addressed in the city's ongoing emergency management efforts.

Please register to participate in your borough:

Bronx Canvassing Area

Brooklyn Canvassing Area

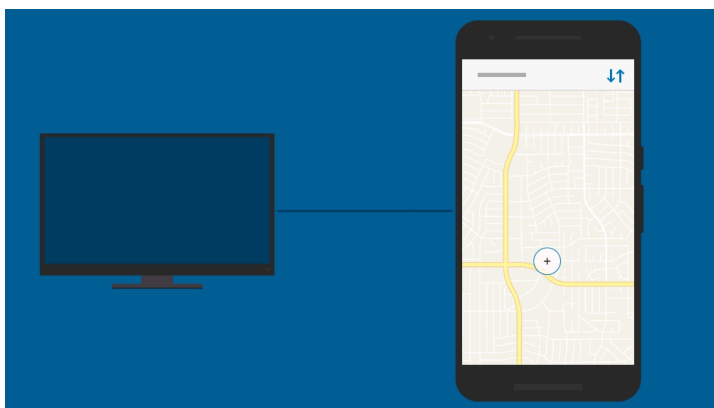
Queens Canvassing Area

Staten Island Canvassing Area

Manhattan Area

For more information on Flood education, visit the following websites:
nyc.gov/floodhelp
FloodHelpNY.org

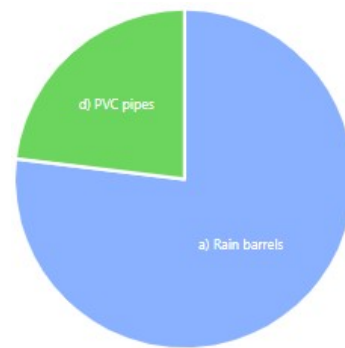
New Canvassing Application



During the Rising Above: Day of Action, NYC Emergency Management will be utilizing our new canvassing application, Field Maps. Field Maps will be the go-to resource for all canvassing operations.

Field Maps is designed to provide a centralized location for canvassing data, allowing volunteers to easily access and update information. This will help ensure that all volunteers are working together in a coordinated effort, maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of our

Last week's question: [\[Fill in the Blank\]](#)
connect directly to your property's gutter or downspout to capture rainwater that falls on your rooftop. Stored rainwater can then be used for outdoor chores, like gardening or washing your car.



The correct answer is: a) Rain barrels. You may have assisted at a NYC DEP Rain Barrell Giveaway event in your neighborhood in the past. In NYC, rain barrels also help to reduce the amount of combined sewer overflows that enter the city's sewer system, which protects the health of local waterways.

Flooding Preparedness



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



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

outreach efforts. Download now!



ArcGIS® Field Maps

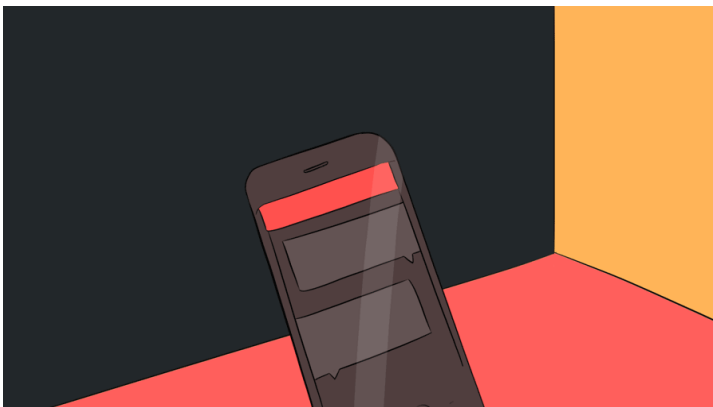
Download on your mobile device to begin your work



[Canvassing Overview Registration, Mon, Aug 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM](#)

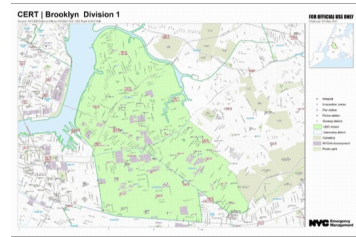
For those registering for the Rising Above: Day of Action canvassing deployment, NYCEM staff will be presenting a brief overview of expectations as well as a demonstration of Field Maps, and how it will be utilized by NYC CERT for this and future canvassing deployments.

CERT Mass Notification Test Day: September 19



NYC Emergency Management has scheduled a test of the mass notification system on September 19, between 1 PM and 3:30 PM. The purpose of this test is to ensure that the tool is functioning properly in the case of a large-scale emergency event. CERT members are not expected to take any action other than to ensure that their contact information is up to date.

It is with heavy hearts that we announced the passing of Christopher Lino, a dedicated member of the NYC Community Emergency Response Team CERT. Christopher's unwavering



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.



commitment to his friends, family, and community will forever be remembered.

A funeral service for Christopher will be held this Sunday, August 20, 2023 from 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM.

All NYC CERT members are welcome to attend.

Harmony Funeral Home
[2200 Clarendon Road](#)

[Brooklyn, NY 11226](#)

[Fundraiser by Vanessa Lino \(sister of\) Christopher Lino \(gofundme.com\)](#)

Social Media posts: [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#) | [X \(Twitter\)](#)

As a reminder, NYC CERT members have access to resources if needed. Please review the following document for information on grief support and counseling services: [Wellness Resources](#).



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

Gracie Mansion: Dominican Heritage Reception

On Tuesday Aug 8th, NYC Emergency Management staff joined CERT volunteers in celebrating Dominican



heritage at a reception held at Gracie Mansion. The event provided an opportunity for staff and volunteers to come together and recognize the contributions and importance of the Dominican community in New York City. The reception was filled with music, food, and cultural performances, creating a festive atmosphere that brought everyone together. NYC Emergency Management is proud to work alongside our CERT volunteers and looks forward to continuing our partnership in serving and supporting communities throughout the city.



On Saturday, Brooklyn hosted its first ever Disasterville event, which was facilitated by NYC Emergency Management Staff. This event was the second iteration of the 20th anniversary exercises program and was a great success. The event was organized by Brooklyn Borough Coordinator Elba Melendez and included a potluck where members from every Division in Brooklyn participated. The event was a great success and has set the stage for the upcoming Disasterville in The Bronx.



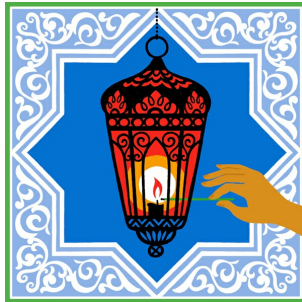
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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:



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](#)

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.

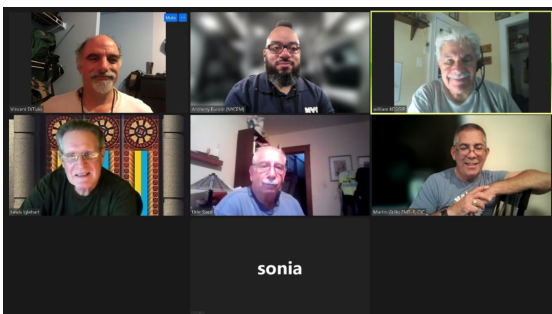
Complete the [Matching Questionnaire](#) to help pair the mentor to a mentee. Both forms must be filled out to participate in the program.

[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.

Monthly Meetings

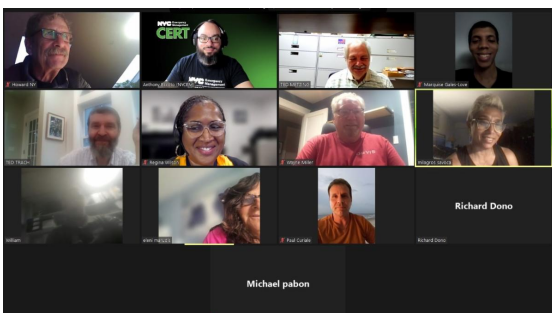
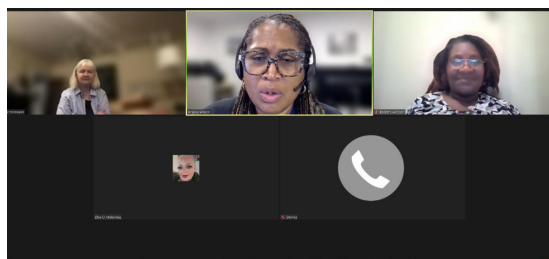


Radio Committee Regroup

The Radio Committee Group recently held a brainstorming session to prepare for the upcoming resumption of the Advanced Training program in October. The program will offer new trainings and engagements for both new graduates and veteran members. Our Committee is committed to continuing to improve this portion of the program and ensuring that it is a fun and engaging environment for all participants. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to Advanced Training in October.

Brooklyn Division 6

Brooklyn Division 6 discussed the upcoming Disaster Ville event on Saturday August 12th and their Healthy Eating- Healthy Cooking- Healthy Living – event on August 19th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. CERT members are encouraged to participate in recruiting for the CERT program and emergency preparedness education for the community



Queens Division 5

Queens Division 5 recently held their post National Night Out meeting, and it was a resounding success. Division Chief Richard Dono and program staff were on hand to answer several inquiries and provide valuable insight into upcoming events. The team is already hard at work planning for September's National Preparedness events, ensuring that coverage is locked in and everything runs smoothly. We're excited to see what this dedicated division has in store for the future!

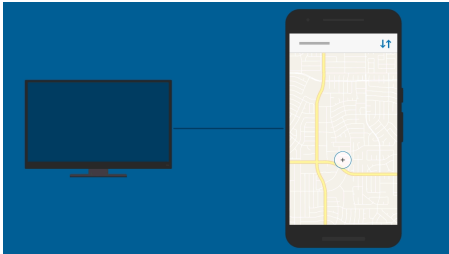
Manhattan Division 4

Manhattan Division 4 held a successful in-person meeting, marking a significant step forward in our efforts to resume normal operations following the COVID-19 pandemic. The program staff was available virtually to answer questions from general members and provide upcoming local event updates. The meeting was well-attended, and members expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to connect with



each other in person once again. We are committed to ensuring the safety of our members and will continue to follow guidelines set forth by local health authorities for future events. We look forward to more in-person meetings and events in the coming months.

ADVANCED TRAINING



If you didn't see it above, NYC Emergency Management is introducing Field Maps, a new tool that will revolutionize the way we approach canvassing deployments. With Field Maps, canvassers will have access to real-time data, advanced mapping tools, and efficient routing options to optimize their canvassing efforts.

During our overview for the upcoming canvassing deployment, there will be a brief review of how Field Maps works and how it will enhance our canvassing operations. We will cover the key features of the tool, including its integration with our existing systems, the user-friendly interface, and the powerful data analytics capabilities.

Whether you are a seasoned canvasser or new to the field, Field Maps will help you work smarter and more effectively. Join us for this exciting introduction to this innovative tool and learn how it can take your canvassing efforts to the next level.

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THINGS TO KNOW

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](#)



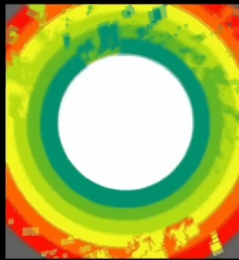
[Resolve to Be Ready Calendar](#)
Regular reminders in simple steps that can help you work preparedness into your busy schedule.



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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