

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

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Randall's Island Exercise



Last Saturday, NYC Emergency Management was hosted by FDNY with support from FDNY-EMS and NYPD for a functional exercise at Randall's Island FDNY Fire Academy.

Throughout the day volunteers rotated through a number of refresher training sessions and

exercises including a disaster simulation where members were expected to plan and execute an emergency deployment.

Again, NYCEM would like to thank everyone who traveled through poor weather conditions and participated in the exercise. We hope that everyone left with an increased sense of readiness for future planned and unplanned events in New York City.

[Click here to view some photos from the exercise.](#)



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: CERT QNS (Queens)

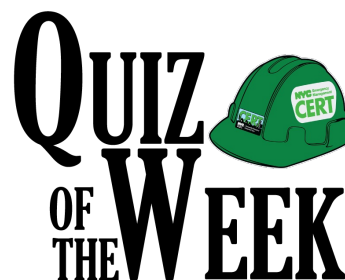
05/08: Brooklyn

Call Scenario: What Evacuation Zone are you in (if any)? Where is the nearest Evacuation Center?

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!

Press Release: Disaster Simulation Exercise

“Volunteers with Community Emergency Response Teams are

[CLICK HERE FOR THIS](#)

an important asset to New York City's emergency responders," said **New York City Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol**.

"Simulation exercises allow these volunteers to practice what they learned in class, so they are better prepared to assist during an emergency. And as we celebrate 20 years of CERT, we are extremely proud of the New Yorkers who generously give their time and energy to participate in our programs as they serve their communities across the five boroughs."



[Click here to view read the full press release .](#)

GRADUATION EDITION

The NYC CERT Newsletter released on 4/15 posted links that contained CERT Graduation photos, but unfortunately, there was an error made with those links making them inaccessible. We apologize for any and all inconveniences!

Here are the correct links:

[Graduation Photos](#)

[Graduation Video](#)

Hurricane Preparedness Week



May 1st kicks off [Hurricane Preparedness Week](#). Sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) before the June 1 start of the Atlantic hurricane season, the week raises awareness of the hazards posed by hurricanes.

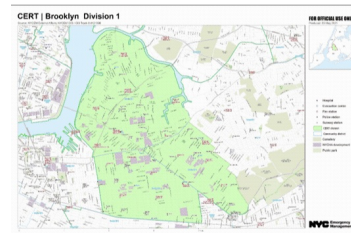
FEMA and NOAA continue their partnership to urge anyone living along coastal areas as well as inland communities to take steps to be better prepared.

WEEK'S QUESTION

The correct answer to the last question is: **C) Strengthening Communities**
NYC Emergency Management's Strengthening Communities program offers grants to community networks focusing on key areas to build an emergency plan specific to their communities. All training courses, coaching and innovative collaborations are provided by NYC Emergency Management's Community Engagement unit. For more information visit the [NYCEM Strengthening Communities webpage](#).



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.

You can help increase awareness and motivate your friends, families, and communities to get prepared and stay informed before hurricane season. **Determine your risk.**

[Click here to read the full article published by FEMA.](#)

CERT on TV



On a recent episode of ABC comedy, Home Economics (Season 3, Episode 13), a natural disaster strikes, trapping the main characters under one roof with no power. The skit depicts a CERT member jumping into action and utilizing her go-bag to help the situation!

[Click here to view the full episode!](#)

The NYC CERT program would have open volunteer leadership opportunities. We are currently looking for **Borough Coordinators** in Manhattan, Bronx and Queens and **Deputy Borough Coordinators** in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bronx and Queens. Ways to contact us for more information on the exciting opportunity:

Schedule a meeting by visiting <https://on.nyc.gov/bookCERT> and selecting "Leadership Interest" or contact Regina Wilson directly at 347-203-3614 / rewilson@oem.nyc.gov.



Press Release

**NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT ENCOURAGES NEW
YORKERS TO PREPARE FOR THE START
OF ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON**

[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.

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](#).



Hurricane Preparedness Week is an opportunity to prepare ahead of The Atlantic Hurricane Season. As NYC CERT members, it is important to share this information with your local community members! [View Full Press Release](#)

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.

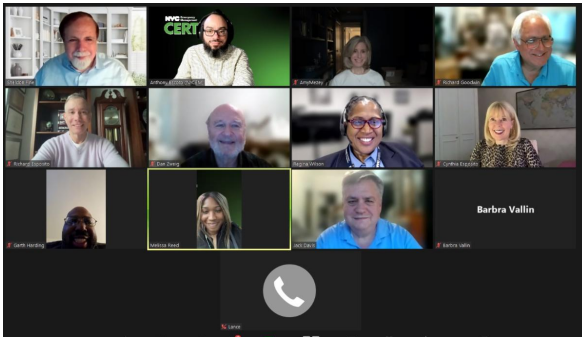
You may upload several items per event/deployment, but only a maximum of three per submission. After submitting, there will be an option to submit three more!

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!

Monthly Meetings

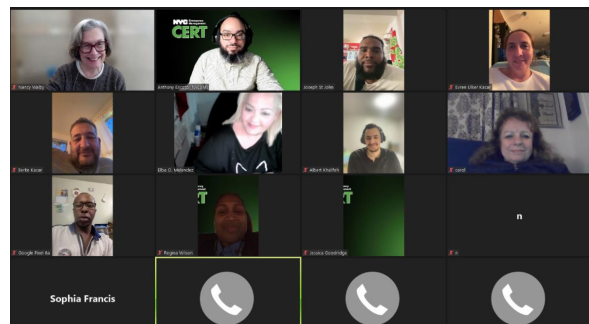


Manhattan Division 2

Manhattan Division 2 gathered virtually for a Randall's Island Exercise debrief. Membership also started planning their next meeting as a picnic to welcome new division members.

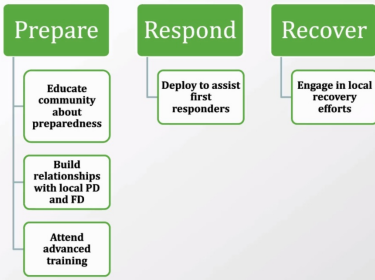
Brooklyn Division 7

Brooklyn Division 7 members reviewed a number of upcoming events borough-wide, urging their members to increase participation at these events. They also took time to discuss the Randall's Island Exercise and the importance of all stations and refreshers involved.



VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

CERT Program's Mission



Orientation



NYC CERT Orientation

An orientation was held on this past Wednesday for new CERT applicants. Attendees shared an interest in assisting their neighbors during emergencies and educating them on how to prepare before emergencies happen. They heard about the NYC CERT program in various ways, including, through college courses, different organizations, as well as attending events where CERT volunteers were presenting. We hope to see many of these candidates in basic training later this month!



Rego Park Annual Health Fair



This past Sunday, Queens Division 3 CERT shared a space with the local Lions Club to distribute Ready New York preparedness material and recruitment for an upcoming basic training cycle. Senator Joseph Addabbo and new 112th Precinct Commander, Capt. David Cordano stopped by to visit and thank the CERT members for their service.

NYC CERT and Lions Club members were also joined by 112th Precinct officers, seen here with Community Affairs officer, Keith Tuohey. Despite the bad weather on Sunday, everyone who attended the event found a way to power through and make it a great event.



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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Five Boro Bike Tour - Watch Command Support



The Five Boro Bike Tour needs your support! The following sites are light on support, and we are asking for CERT volunteers to sign up to assist NYC Emergency Management and Bike New York with NYC CERT's participation in the event. For more details, please click on the sites/shifts that you are interested in supporting.

FBBT Sites Requesting Volunteers!

Queens

[Astoria Rest Area \(6:30 am-3:00 pm\)](#)

Brooklyn

[Con Edison Rest Area Shift 1 \(7 am-12 pm\)](#)

[Commodore Barry Rest Stop \(7 am-5 pm\)](#)

[Brooklyn Bridge Shift 1 \(7:30am-12 pm\)](#)

[Brooklyn Bridge Shift 2: \(11:30 am-4 pm\)](#)

Staten Island

[Bay Street Water Stop Shift 1 \(9:30am-2:00 pm\)](#)

[Bay Street Water Stop Shift 2 \(11:30am-6:30 pm\)](#)

[Finish Festival Shift 1 \(6:30 am-12 pm\)](#)

[Finish Festival Shift 2 \(9 am-4 pm\)](#)

[Finish Festival Shift 3 \(3 pm-8 pm\)](#)

Bronx

[Bronx Water Stop \(6:45 am-12:45 pm\)](#)

[Bronx \(Stationary\) \(6:30 am-6 pm\)](#)

Manhattan

[Battery Park \(5:30am-11am\)](#)

[FDR Rest Area \(6:30 am-2:00 pm\)](#)

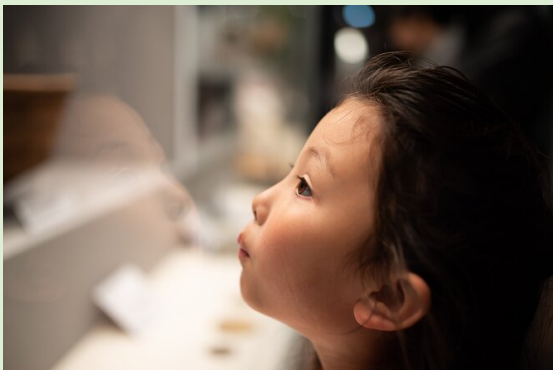
[VIP Area \(Manhattan\) \(5 am-11 am\)](#)

[Central Park \(6am-11am\)](#)

Japan arade

The Japan Parade is requesting twenty (20) NYC CERT volunteers to assist with pedestrian and vehicle traffic management at 68th Street & Central Park West, Manhattan on Saturday, May 13th from 12pm to 4pm.

[Register Now: Saturday, May 13 | 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM](#)



NYC Kids Festival Shifts

The NYC Kids Festival will be hosted by NYPD Community Affairs Bureau in Marine Park, Brooklyn on Monday, May 15th. There will be Live Music, a game truck and roughly 200 children participating in the various events.

[Register Now: Monday, May 15 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM](#)

The Fabulous 5th Ave Fair

The NYPD 78th Pct., Community Affairs Division is looking for twenty (20) CERT volunteers with supporting the Fabulous Fifth Avenue taking place at 5th Ave between 3rd & 4th St Brooklyn, NY 11215 on 05/21/23 from 9:30AM to 4pm. CERT volunteers who sign up for this deployment will assist with pedestrian and vehicle traffic management. For more details, [please click here](#).



SSG Michael Ollis 5k Run & 2-Mile Walk

The 7th Annual SSG Michael Ollis 5k Run & 2-Mile event will be taking place on June 11th from 7am-1pm. NYC CERT has been requested to assist with event preparation along pedestrian traffic management and various other roles.

[Register Now: Sunday June 11 | 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM](#)

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

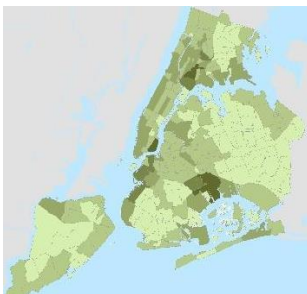
Are you interested in becoming a mentor to new NYC CERT members?

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.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



CERT FieldMaps Training

On Sunday, May 21st, NYC CERT staff will be hosting an advanced training on the *CERT FieldMaps* web application. This new ArcGIS technology can be used in future volunteer canvassing operations.

[Register Now: Sunday, May 21 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM](#)

[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.

THINGS TO KNOW

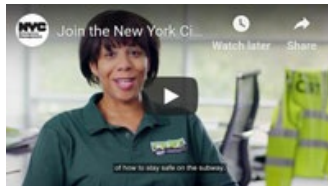
CERT Self-Deployment

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, Division/Borough leadership, and NYCEM staff have told all CERT members from day one of basic training: NYC CERT members/teams **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](#)



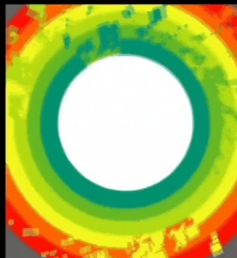
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[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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