NYC Emergency Management CERT NEWSLETTER

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC) IS ACTIVATED SUPPORTING THE RECOVERY FROM TROPICAL STORM IDA.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: WHEN INTERACTING WITH THE PUBLIC, NYC CERT MEMBERS MUST WEAR FACE MASKS AT ALL TIMES REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.

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

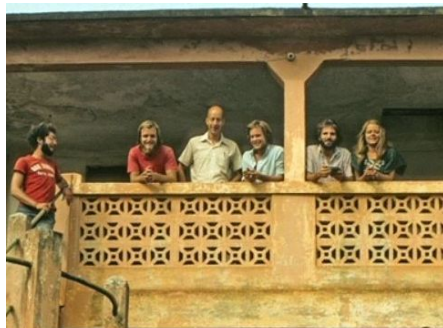If you're having difficulty viewing the newsletter **click here to view as a webpage.**

CERT SPOTLIGHT

MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: SI

Scenario: Report the number of your Radio # your Division currently has.

12/06 Responding Borough: Bronx

Documents to Review:
Citywide Radio Drill Refresher
Call signs per Radio

In honor of International Volunteer Day, we want to spotlight one our of longtime NYC CERT members, Manhattan **Division 3 Chief, Anthony Solomita**.

Mr. Solomita served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Togo, West Africa from 1976-78 working with primary school students in an agricultural education program in small villages in the Agou region of the country. He taught the students how to grow school gardens with the goal being for the students to learn how to grow food, harvest it and bring it back to their families. He also planted fruit orchards at various locations.

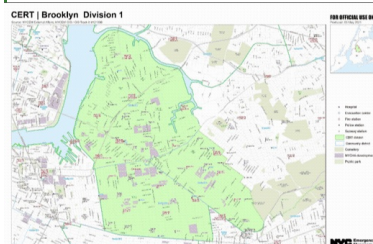To all of our incredible volunteers - Thank you.

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

hope NYC

On **Monday January 25, 2022**, the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) will conduct its annual Homeless Outreach Populations Estimate (HOPE) Count. The goal of this event is to collect vital information for DHS's outreach teams to help move homeless people from the streets to a more stable, safe environment.

This survey will be conducted throughout the City from approximately 10PM to 4AM. Volunteers will canvass parks, subways, and other public spaces to estimate the number of people who are experiencing street homelessness.

To register, please visit **www.nyc.gov/hope**.

View the **NYC CERT Event Calendar** to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

After you participate, be sure to **Submit Your Volunteer Hours**!

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**.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Dyker Heights Holiday Lights Planned Deployment

The 68 NYPD Precinct Community Affairs has requested assistance from NYC CERT to help with pedestrian and traffic management during the upcoming holiday season. Just as in past years, the precinct expects a large number of people visiting Dyker Heights, Brooklyn to view the holiday lights. Volunteers will assist where needed, which is usually in the most high traffic area, between 11th and 12th Avenue. Assistance is requested for Friday, and Saturday evenings from December 10th through December 31st .

Register Here
Friday & Saturday - 12/10/21 – 12/11/21
Friday & Saturday - 12/17/21 – 12/18/21
Thursday & Friday - 12/30/21 – 12/31/21
Shifts:
First Shift: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Second Shift: 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR

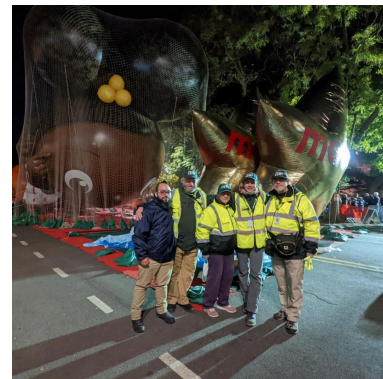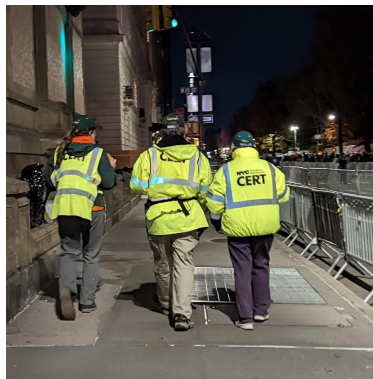### Are you interested in becoming a mentor to new NYC CERT members?

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.
1. Complete the **NYC CERT Mentor Program form** to let us know if you'd like to be a mentor or mentee.
2. Complete the **Matching Questionnaire** to help pair the mentor to a mentee. Both forms must be filled out to participate in the program.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

More photos of NYC CERT at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
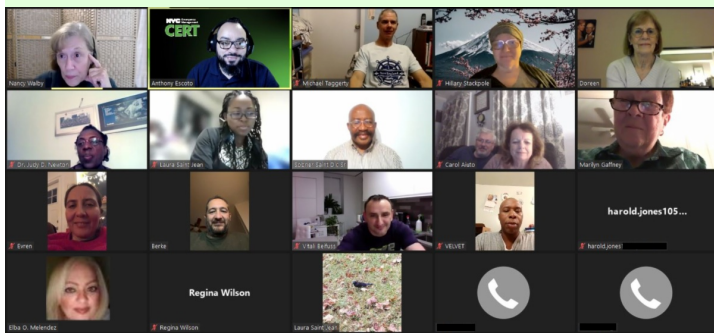

NYC CERT volunteers

SKYWARN ... will have an opportunity to help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service (including Snow measuring).)

Brooklyn Division 6 leadership joined Brooklyn Borough Coordinators and NYC CERT program staff to discuss the needs and requests from division membership. Your volunteer leadership is here to support. Please bring any issues or concerns directly to your leaders so we can work toward a solution together!

Brooklyn Division 7 had their monthly meeting this past week. The Division Chief provided a go-bag presentation for team members before together reviewing best practices including unique items a CERT volunteer may have accessible in their bag.

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

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

CERT Radio Training

Point to Point Radio Training
The CERT Radio Committee has added another in-person **Point-to-Point Radio training** at NYC Emergency Management headquarters in Brooklyn. This training is open to all members interested.
At the same time, members already citywide radio trained will have the opportunity to train towards becoming a **Network Control Operator (NCO)** and will support the point-to-point exercise portion of the class.

Sunday, December 12, 2021
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Register Here

You must register for one of the three options: Student registration, Radio Committee Member Only, or NCO training

(for Citywide trained volunteers)

Pre-requisite for members participating in the Point-to-Point training:
IS-242.b Effective Communications
Please send verification of completion to CERTTraining@ oem.nyc.gov prior to the training date.

Please join FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division for a special two-part webinar series on the Fundamentals of Climate Change and its Impacts on Region 2.

Fundamentals of Climate Change and Impacts on Region 2: Part 1 – USVI & PR
Thursday, December 9, 2021, 12:00 PM - 01:30 PM

Part one will focus on USVI and PR

Register Here

Fundamentals of Climate Change and Impacts on Region 2: Part 2 – NY & NJ
Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 12:00 PM - 01:30 PM

Part two will focus on New York and New Jersey.

Register Here

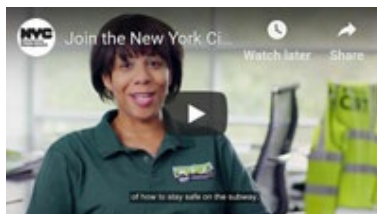| **NYC CERT online platform** includes online courses to support volunteer growth.	Schedule a free Fire Safety training for your Division at **FDNY Smart Fire Safety**.	**FEMA Region 2 (R2) Webinar Catalog** includes all recorded webinars from Jan-June of 2021.

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

NYCEM's Youtube page
NYC CERT recruitment video
2021 National Volunteer Week video
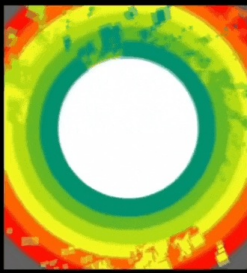

Resolve to Be Ready Calendar
Regular reminders in simple steps that can help you work preparedness into your busy schedule.

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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