

National Preparedness Month

NYC Emergency Management Webinars

How to Keep Critical Services Going After Emergencies - 3 Steps to Organizational Preparedness

Wednesday, September 18
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

This is an introductory training that outlines the three steps organizations can take to ensure that they can continue to provide services following an emergency, and best practices for managing disaster volunteers and donations.

[Register Here](#)



Strengthening Communities Info Session – Opportunity #1

Wednesday, September 18
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

Strengthening Communities Info Session – Opportunity #2

Thursday, September 19
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

Join this information session to learn about the Strengthening Communities program, the benefits of prospective applicants and



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Radio Channel
CERT SI

09/09/2024

Responding Borough: Bronx

Scenario: Is your Division having a holiday gathering?

Documents to Review:
[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)
[Call signs per Radio](#)



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

UPDATE COMING SOON!

considerations for community and/or faith-based coalitions interested in applying for Strengthening Communities Cohort #4. Emergencies affect every community differently, but you can help your community be prepared and resilient. For the NYC Emergency Management's Strengthening Communities program, it pays to be prepared: The program offers grants to community networks to build their emergency preparedness plan and support local community resources. For more information, visit [our Strengthening Communities Page](#).

Check out NYC Emergency Management website for a list of complete events: <https://www.nyc.gov/npm>

¡Prepárate! El Podcast En Español



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On this episode of ¡Prepárate!, NYCEM Chief of Staff Yokarina Duarte and Community Engagement Specialist Emely Rodriguez sit down with NYPD Chief of Staff Raul Pintos to discuss his remarkable career at the NYPD, the importance of Hispanic leader, and some of the latest NYPD initiatives aimed at keeping the city safe. Pintos, who has dedicated over three decades to the NYPD, shares invaluable insights and advice for young people, particularly those considering a career in law enforcement. This episode offers a rare opportunity to learn from some of the most influential Hispanic leaders in New York City's public safety landscape

Listen to this episode of Prepare [here](#)
Read the full press release [here](#)



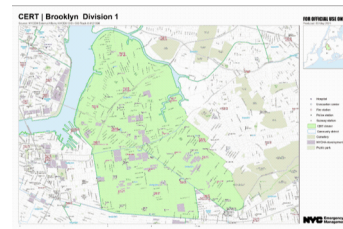
[View and Download the Complete NYC CERT Basic Training Student Manual](#)



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](#).



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

[Brooklyn](#) - [Bronx](#) - [Manhattan](#) - [Queens](#) - [Staten Island](#)

**READY
NEW YORK**

National Preparedness Month

Take steps to prepare with your family.



Start a Conversation

Imagine the profound impact we could have if every NYC CERT volunteer took the initiative to spark a conversation with someone in their network who may be lacking an emergency plan or a go bag for their family and pets. By the end of National Preparedness Month, we could potentially prepare around one thousand New Yorkers for unforeseen emergencies, all stemming from just one meaningful dialogue. Since the onset of the 2020 Pandemic, we have empowered our volunteers to support one another through Buddy Checks, allowing them to earn credit for their invaluable contributions. Now, let's build on that spirit of community and collaboration—together, we can ensure that more New Yorkers are prepared than ever before. Join us in this vital mission; your voice can make a difference in someone's life.

[Fore more information Click here](#)



COVID-19 is still around and poses a threat to the health of New Yorkers. COVID-19 testing, treatment and vaccination are available for New Yorkers. Options are available for people regardless of immigration status or insurance.

Everyone should stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations, get tested if they have symptoms or have been exposed, and wear a high-quality mask when sick, following an exposure and when COVID-19 levels increase.

For questions about COVID-19 testing, results, paid leave and long COVID, or to speak to a nurse about symptoms, call 212-COVID-19 (212-

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.



Update on Material requests

All requests will contain the following:

- My Emergency Plan - 50
- Hurricane Map - 50
- Notify NYC card - 50
- NYC CERT card - 50
- Give-a-ways will depend on availability

Note: Ready New York plastic bags and tablecloths are no longer available.

All Divisions 1, 3, and 5 IDs are Ready



Leadership: All Division 7 member credentials are ready.

Also, if you have any members that graduated in November 2023, please remember to schedule a pick-up, or permit them to schedule a pick-up for their permanent ID using this link: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTpickup>

If the pick-up options do not work with your schedule, please reach out to: desposito@oem.nyc.gov

Get Notified with New York City's official source for information about emergency alerts and important city services.

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Vaccines

Updated COVID-19 vaccines for the 2023-2024 season are recommended for everyone 6 months and older. They are designed to protect against newer COVID-19 variants and to increase people's protection against the virus.

- To find a vaccine, visit the [NYC Vaccine Finder](#)
- [Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines.](#)

Testing

The NYC Health Department offers free PCR testing at our [COVID-19 Express Testing](#) locations. Private insurance may no longer reimburse you when you purchase at-home test kits.

Treatment

COVID-19 treatments are available.

- Find a location on the [COVID-19 Test to Treat Locator](#) or call 212-COVID-19.
- Visit [NYC Health + Hospitals ExpressCare](#) or call 631-EXP-CARE (631-397-2273).

Long COVID

Long COVID is a condition that some people develop after having COVID-19. Learn more about [long COVID](#).

For more information please

visit <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page>

Download the free [Notify NYC](#) mobile app, available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

Send Us Your Photos!



Please continue to share an and all photos and videos from your NYC CERT events at [on.nyc.gov/CERTupload](https://www.nyc.gov/CERTupload)

Please note **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 OPPORTUNITIES

National
Preparedness ✓
Month

National Preparedness Month Events

Ready NY requested CERT staffing for a few events during National Preparedness Month. CERT members will assist with CERT recruitment and

Notify NYC app registration at these events. National Preparedness Month is a great opportunity to build up membership for the program. Please check out the dates and locations below and consider registering to support this effort - even if it is outside your division. Stay tuned for more events to come!

Tabling (Outreach)

[Ready NY Fair - Staten Island Children's Museum | Sun, Sep 8, | 11:00 AM](#)

[Ready NY Fair - Union Square Park North Plaza | Thu, Sep 12 | 11:00 AM](#)

[Ready NY Fair - Lieutenant Frank McConnell Park | Sat, Sep 21 | 12:00 PM](#)

[Ready NY Fair - 34th Avenue Open Streets \(Jackson Heights\) | Sun, Sep 22 | 12:00 PM](#)

Recruitment

To continue our efforts of building up recruitment in our focus areas this year, we have scheduled a few events for September in each borough. We also encourage each division to think about high-traffic locations in their neighborhoods where membership may be low and consider setting up an outdoor event where a few members can distribute CERT recruitment materials and actively recruit for the program. Our greatest resource for recruitment is YOU!

Bronx: [Ready NY Fair - Banknote - September 7th, 11am - 3pm](#)

Manhattan: [Ready NY Fair - Paws for a Cause - September 7th, 9:30am - 2pm](#)

Staten Island: [Ready NY Fair - Staten Island Children's Museum - September 8th, 11am - 3pm](#)

Queens: [DEP Flooding Preparedness Event - Rockaways - September 17th, 5:30pm - 9pm](#)

Brooklyn: [Ready NY Fair - Medgar Evers College - September 26th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm](#)

Deployments

[\(CERT Support\) Ready NY Fair - Staten Island Children's Museum Sun, Sep 8 | 11:00 AM](#)

[\(CERT Support\) Ready NY Fair - Medgar Evers College Thu, Sep 26 | 6:30 PM](#)

9/11 Remembrance at the American Veterans Memorial Pier



On September 11, 2024, from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM, CERT volunteers will assist with crowd control at the 9/11 Remembrance at the American Veterans Memorial Pier. Volunteers will ensure the event runs smoothly, support NYPD with spectator safety, and honor those lost on September 11, 2001, while demonstrating their solidarity and respect for the 23rd anniversary of the attacks.

[Register here](#) | [September 11](#) | [6:30 PM - 9:30 PM](#)

3rd Avenue Festival in bay Ridge

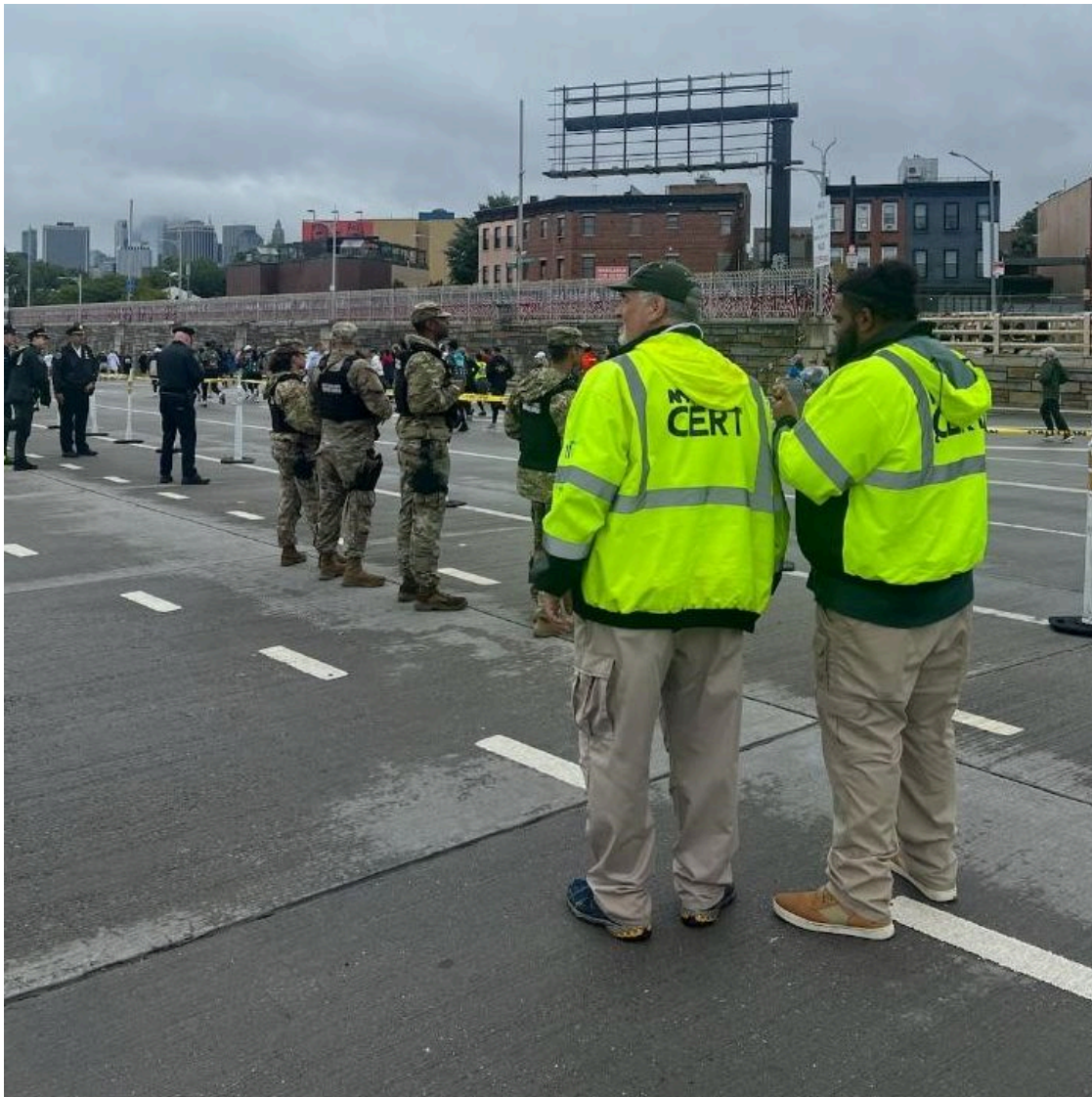


CERT volunteers are needed at the 3rd Avenue Festival in Bay Ridge on September 29th to promote emergency preparedness.

- Shift 1 (9:00 AM - 1:30 PM): Set up and staff the Ready NY table, walk the festival route to raise awareness about preparedness, and assist the 68th Precinct with visitor safety.
- Shift 2 (1:00 PM - 6:00 PM): Continue staffing the Ready NY table, walk the festival route, and support the 68th Precinct with crowd control and safety.

Volunteers will play a key role in ensuring the event's success and spreading essential safety information. [Please click here to register !](#)

Tunnel to Towers



CERT members are needed to assist with directing runners and managing pedestrian control for the 23rd Annual Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk NYC on September 29, 2024. This event honors those who lost their lives on 9/11 or from related illnesses. In addition to supporting the event, CERT members are also invited to volunteer and participate in the walk or run, offering a meaningful way to support the cause while engaging in the event.

The link to register for the 5k walk and run is here: <https://volunteernyc.t2t.org/>
To assist with directing runners and managing pedestrian control, please click [here](#).

NYC Emergency Management Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Full Scale Exercise



DETAILS:

DATE: Tuesday, October 1st (October 8th alt date)

Arrival Time: 8:00 AM

Exercise Start Time: 10:00 AM

Expected End Time: 4:30 PM

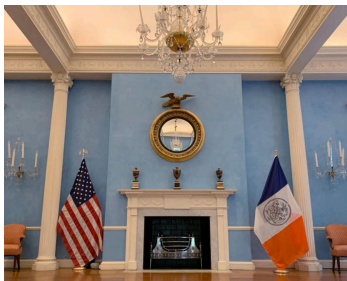
Location: Seaview Sanitarium/ Fox Beach

Muster Point: TBD

This exercise will unite all NYC capabilities when it comes to Drone/ Robotics response with all of our city partner agencies.

An exercise orientation will be scheduled ahead of the exercise with final details and scenarios for all who register.

[Registration: UAS Full-Scale Exercise Role Player](#)



Gracie Mansion City Recognition and Cultural Receptions

Mayor's Office of Special Projects and Community Events has requested CERT volunteers to continue supporting the city recognition and cultural receptions being held at Gracie Mansion. For individual details and event registration please see below:



Mid-Autumn Moon Festival:
[Thur, Sep 12, 2024 | 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM](#)



****New Date****
Eastern European Heritage Reception
[Tue, Sep 17, 2024 | 5:30 PM](#)



[African Heritage Reception:](#)
[Tue, Oct 1, 2024 | 5:30 - 7:30pm](#)



[Hispanic Heritage Reception:](#)
[Tue, Oct 8th, 2024 | 5:30pm - 7:30pm](#)



[Italian Heritage Reception:](#)
[Thur, Oct 17, 2024 | 5:30 - 7:30pm](#)



[Diwali Heritage Reception:](#)
[Thur, Oct 17, 2024 | 5:30 - 7:30pm](#)

Manhattan Borough Meeting



The Manhattan volunteer leadership cordially invites you to an engaging evening dedicated to socializing and networking, featuring distinguished guests and a selection of exciting surprises. This event promises to be an excellent opportunity for you to connect with like-minded volunteers, share ideas, and foster collaborative relationships within the NYC CERT program. We encourage you to sign up and join us for what promises to be an enriching experience. Your participation will not only enhance your network but also contribute to the spirit of camaraderie and support among volunteers.

[Register Here | Thur, Sep 12th | 6:30 PM](#)



Brooklyn Cyclones Preparedness Events

The Brooklyn Cyclones have invited CERT, Ready NY and Notify NYC to table at Maimonides Park during several upcoming games. CERTs are being requested to join NYCEM staff to distribute NYC CERT recruitment materials with park visitors. Check out the dates below and register through the links provided. Game times vary by date.

[Registration | Wed, Sep 4, 2024 | 6:30PM](#)

DEP Flooding Preparedness Events



Environmental Protection

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has requested the support of NYC CERT volunteers at their upcoming Flooding Preparedness Events. During the events, DEP will be providing presentations to the public throughout the City.

NYC CERT volunteers are expected to support with sign-in and the distribution of preparedness materials.

Please register for any of the following dates and locations:

9/17 — Rockaways @ Beach Channel HS, 100-00 Beach Channel Drive (QNS)

9/19 — Staten Island @ Susan E. Wagner School HS, 1200 Manor Road (SI)

9/24 — East Harlem @ PS 146 Anna M. Short School, E. 106th St. and 1st Ave. (MAN)

[Click Here to register for one of the dates/locations](#)

NYC CERT CALENDAR



What is a Buddy Check?

A simple check-in can mean the world. Reach out to family and friends, especially those who might be isolated. Your call, text, or visit could brighten their day and provide essential support. Don't underestimate the power of human connection. Be a good neighbor, be a good friend. Check in today!

[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.

NYC CERT ADVANCED TRAINING

NARCAN Training



The goal of this training is to provide the necessary skills to non-medical responders to recognize a suspected opioid overdose and to take appropriate action to prevent negative consequences and possibly death.

Pre-requisite:

Please fill out [the Narcan recipient form](#) and send it to CERTtraining@oem.nyc.gov by Friday, September 13th. If needed, we will have physical copies available for you to complete the day of training.

Learning Objectives:

- List four risk factors for overdose
- Recognize three signs of an overdose
- Perform techniques to stimulate someone who appears to have overdosed
- Correctly perform rescue breathing
- Correctly administer naloxone

[Registration](#) | [Mon, Sep 16](#) | [6:30 PM](#)

Cybersecurity Awareness Training for CERT Volunteers Now Available

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available. Volunteers who participate in CERT training have a better understanding of potential threats to the community, along with actionable steps they can take to mitigate risk and improve outcomes.

To provide additional support to CERT volunteers and the important role they play in their communities, FEMA partnered with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) to provide a list of cybersecurity awareness training courses CERT volunteers can take to improve their ability to prepare for and respond to cybersecurity threats. The courses are self-paced and publicly available at no cost from the Federal Virtual Training Environment and the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium (NCPC). Course topics range from cyber essentials and

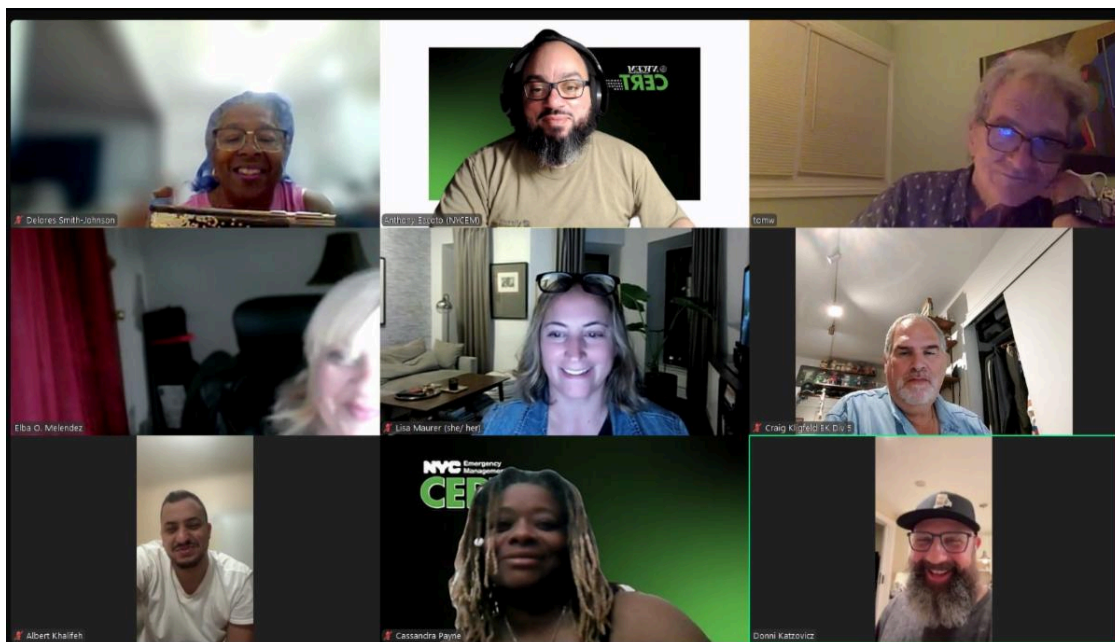
fundamentals of cyber risk management to cyber ethics and mobile device security. To access these courses, visit the [Cybersecurity Awareness Training website](#).
[Read more . . .](#)



NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

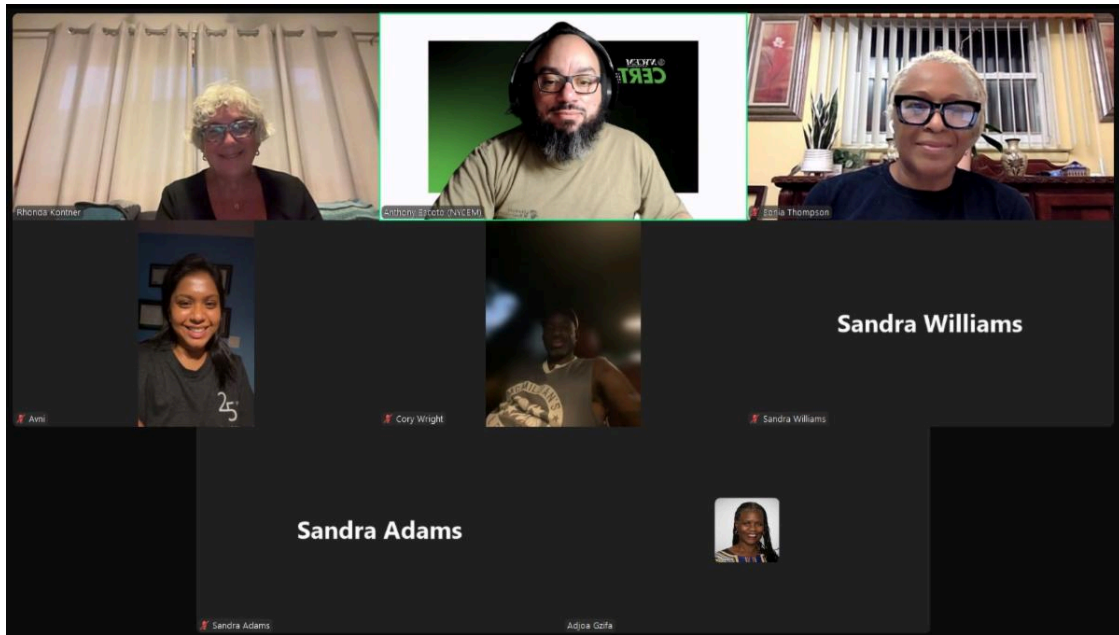
Meetings

Brooklyn Leadership



On Tuesday, September 3rd, Borough Coordinator Elba Melendez had her monthly roll call of the Brooklyn Leadership. This is where volunteer needs inquiries and voices in general are funneled through the Borough Coordinator and program staff. Looks like a busy month for National Preparedness Month is on the Brooklyn Forecast!

Queens Division 6



This past Tuesday, Queens Division 6 gathered for an ad hoc meeting where volunteers and leadership had a recap of the month of August, where staff had the opportunity to address questions to the National Night Out Cancellation due to inclement weather. While members continue to plan many preparedness events locally in the borough.

Manhattan Leadership



These amazing leaders continue to meet weekly in anticipation of the upcoming Manhattan Borough Meeting they continue to organize for their members. Thank you all for the incredible work you are doing!

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

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THINGS TO KNOW



How To Request NYC CERT

If approached to support an event in your community, the following steps must be taken:

- Event organizer submits an official request using the [NYC CERT External Request Form](#).
- NYC CERT Leadership *should not* submit form on behalf of the event organizer.
- For events lead by a NYC CERT Division, volunteer leadership (Ready New York Liaison, if a preparedness event) should submit this [Event Request form](#).

NYC CERT program staff will review all requests. If approved, program staff will add the volunteer opportunity to the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) with a

registration link. If more details are required for approval, program staff will use the contact information provided in the request form to connect with the organizer.

NYC CERT External Request Form: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTrequest>

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

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

What is the NYC CERT Uniform?

While the NYCEM agency logo has changed, there will not be an immediate change in NYC CERT uniforms. More information on the NYCEM/NYC CERT logo and its usage will be provided in the coming months.

We are a Team! To ensure we all represent NYC Emergency Management with professionalism, this message serves as a friendly reminder about our uniform policy. Whether it's a preparedness event or an emergency response, being in proper uniform allows us to be easily identified by the public and first responders. It signifies our commitment to safety and fosters a sense of unity.

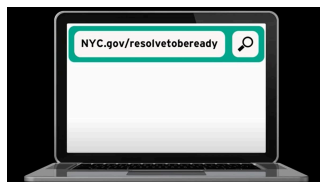
Here's a quick rundown of the NYC CERT uniform:

- Green NYC CERT polo shirt (mandatory)
- Khaki pants (mandatory)
- NYC CERT reflective vest (always most visible outer layer)
- NYC CERT credential on lanyard, visible at all times (mandatory)
- Optional items: NYC CERT baseball hat, windbreaker, green helmet (for emergency responses), green CERT response bag (for emergency responses), NYC CERT branded sweaters/jackets (produced with NYCEM approval)

Not sure about an item? Don't hesitate to reach out! Contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov and we'll be happy to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.



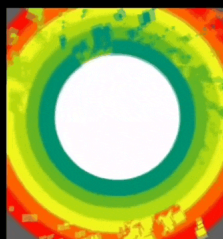
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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

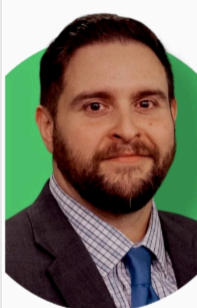


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