

Gabrien Zervos

From: NYC Emergency Management <cert@oem.nyc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 12:01 PM
To: Gabrien Zervos
Subject: [BULK] [EXTERNAL] NYC CERT Newsletter

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Forward suspect email to phish@oti.nyc.gov as an attachment (Click the More button, then forward as attachment).

NYC CERT Newsletter | Issue 114 | 03/04/2023



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

[{Click here to view as a webpage}](#)

February After Action Report



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: CERT BX (Bronx)

03/07: No Responding Borough


Call Scenario: Report out how many team members have completed FEMA IS-100

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

QUIZ OF THE WEEK



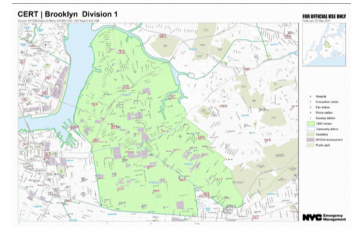
QUIZ OF THE WEEK IS BACK!

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](#)

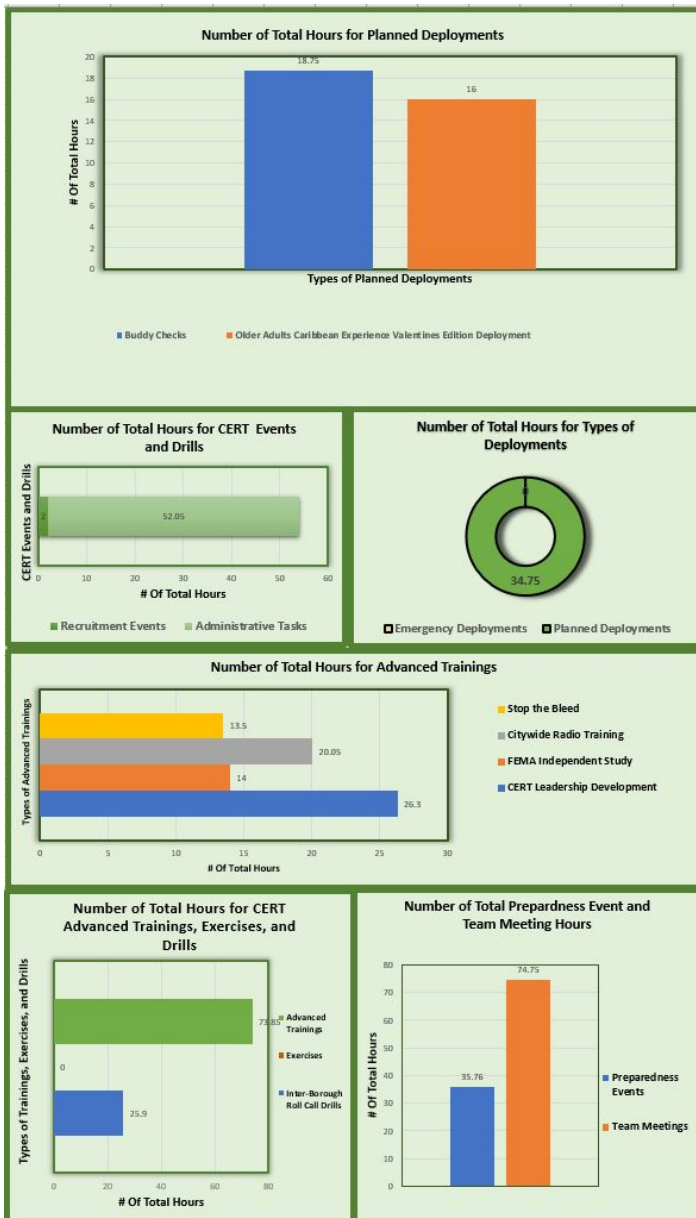


The [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#) provides guidance and outlines policies and procedures for you and your team to follow.



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

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



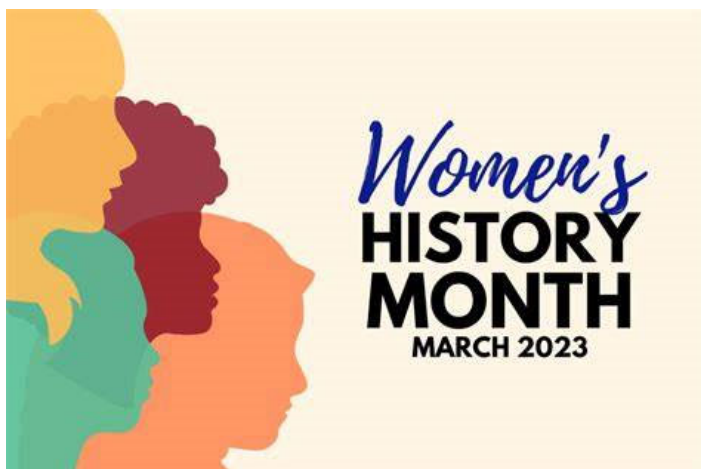
As we move into March, it's time to review our February after-action-report! There were several volunteer opportunities, advanced training sessions and planned deployments, totaling a reported 108.6 hours; 73.85 hours and 34.75 hours respectively.

The most attended advanced training this month was the CERT Leadership Development Course (26.3hrs).

As of today, February's total reported volunteer hours tally up to 306.06 hours.

Thank you to everyone who has served this month and let's continue with the great work in March!

Women's History Month!



Since 1987, the United States has observed Women's History Month annually in March to honor women's contributions to history, culture, and society. Ladies' Set of experiences Month outgrew a weeklong festival coordinated by the school locale of Sonoma, California, in 1978. A "Real Woman" essay contest attracted hundreds of students, dozens of schools hosted presentations, and Santa Rosa's downtown hosted a parade.

The concept spread throughout communities, school districts, and organizations all over the country after a few years. The first presidential proclamation recognizing March 8 as Women's History Week was issued by Jimmy Carter in 1980. The following year, a resolution establishing a weekly national celebration was approved by Congress. The National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress in 1987 to include the entire month of March in the celebration, and since then presidents have designated March as "Women's History Month" in a series of annual proclamations since 1995. These proclamations recognize women's specific accomplishments in a variety of fields throughout American history and the contributions they have made to the nation.

The National Women's History Alliance states that the theme for this year is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories." It encourages the recognition of women, past and present, who have been active in print, radio, television, stage, and screen storytelling, as well as blogs and podcasts. Women who have devoted their lives and talents to creating art, pursuing truth, and illuminating the human condition are honored by the theme. Women's experiences have been depicted by a wide range of artists and educators since the earliest storytellers. Scholars, playwrights, performers, and grandmothers from various eras are among these. Our comprehension is enhanced and our bonds with one another are strengthened by women's stories and the larger human story.

Commissioner for A Day



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](#).



All New York City **high school students** are invited to participate in the third annual NYC Emergency Management “Commissioner for a Day” essay contest. Entrants must submit an original essay and complete the application attached below. The NYC Emergency Management Commissioner will select the winner, who will be invited to NYCEM headquarters for a day that will culminate in an award ceremony.

[High School Students May Apply Here!](#)

CERT SPOTLIGHT

Throwback Edition

This video from 4 years ago highlights CERT staff members that assist and coordinate within and outside of the program, whilst also showcasing their respective roles and thoughts on the program and how its specifically benefit's the community of our city.



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!

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Planning Committee for Upcoming SAREX

This past Saturday on the 25th, Brooklyn Borough Coordinator Elba O. Melendez help bring together a planning committee in response for an upcoming search and rescue exercise. CERT division chiefs and members hailing from division 4-7 were present for the planning committee to ensure clear communication across the board.



CERT Orientation with the Far Rockaway Arverne Nonprofit Coalition (FRANC)



On Tuesday, February 28th, Denise Esposito, CERT Recruitment & Retention Specialist, along with Chris Lino, CERT District Leader for Queens District 14, and Sanasa Kaba, from NYCEM's Community Preparedness unit, conducted an in-person orientation at FRANC's headquarters in Far Rockaway, Queens. FRANC members did extensive outreach to partners and the community to spread the word about this special orientation session in order to build up recruitment on the flood-prone peninsula. An article sharing the details of the orientation and recruitment push was published in the local newspaper, The Wave, on Friday, February 4th.

Manhattan Borough 2023 (In-Person) Meet and Greet Event



On March 1st, Manhattan Borough Leadership invited their fellow Manhattan members to come and meet other fellow Manhattan borough members to gather and network with each other, NYC CERT program staff, and NYC Emergency Management executive staff. This event started the celebration of NYC CERT's 20th anniversary year with the NYC CERT Disasterville Exercise! The exercise revolved around a flooding scenario in a community as the situation progresses and other mitigating circumstances arise, all while local members utilize their experience to figure out the best way to handle the ongoing situation. If you're interested in hosting a Disasterville tabletop exercise in your borough contact us at certtraining@oem.nyc.gov.

Monthly Meetings

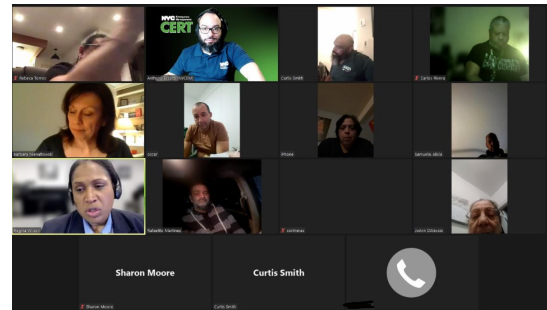


Brooklyn Division 2

Brooklyn Division 2 held their monthly meeting on February 27th. During this meeting they discussed changes in volunteer leadership and planning events for the spring and summer. The division is looking forward to the 20th anniversary events being planned spring and summer.

Manhattan Division 5

Manhattan Division 5 held their monthly meeting this past Monday. Led by CERT staff, they discussed upcoming volunteer opportunities, along with leadership roles and ways to strengthen the division.



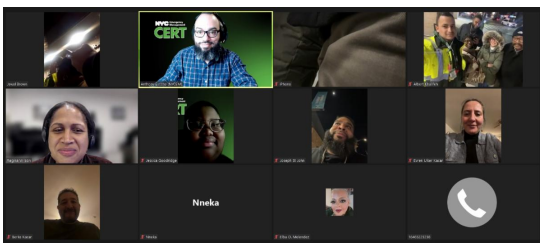
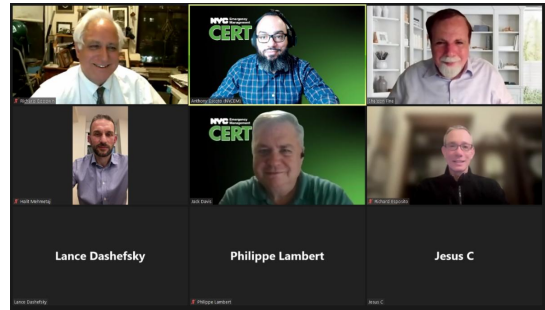
Bronx Division 1

Bronx Division 1 held their monthly meeting, led by Anthony Escoto, CERT's Training and Exercise Coordinator. Members discussed the 20th Anniversary of CERT, along with upcoming volunteer opportunities and how they can get more involved in

the community as a division.

Manhattan Division 2

Manhattan Division 2 participated in a special presentation by one of their own member, Richard Goodwin on Suicide awareness and resources for prevention. Volunteers shared personal stories and how to apply some of these items to the community they serve and most importantly each other. Great presentation, Richard!



Brooklyn Division 7

Brooklyn Division 7 had their first Hybrid meeting of the year, with a great turnout on both ends. Volunteers discussed several precinct meetings and a number of upcoming events listed on the NYC CERT Calendar that they would either like to attend or help to organize

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade

The NYPD 68th precinct Office of Community Affairs is looking for twenty (20) CERT volunteers to support the St. Patrick's Day parade deployment taking place in Bay Ridge Brooklyn, NY on March 26, 2023.

Those volunteers who sign up will be assisting the NYPD 68th precinct with pedestrian and vehicle traffic control. At the request of Brooklyn Division 5 chief, this opportunity is open to all CERT members citywide.

[Bay Ridge St Patrick's Day Deployment | Sunday, March 26, 2023](#)



Bayside St. Patrick's Day Parade



The Bayside St Patrick's Parade Committee has requested NYC CERT volunteers to support this year's parade, taking place in Bayside Queens, NY on March 25, 2023. Volunteers who register will be assisting the 111th NYPD precinct with pedestrian management. This is a great way to gain hands-on experience as a volunteer!

[Bayside St. Patrick's Day Parade | Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 12:30 PM](#)

FEMA Needs Young Leaders!

Spread the news! FEMA wants to hear from teens ready to lead in emergency management by applying to the Youth Preparedness Council (YPC)! The Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) encourages teens to bring their unique skills and experiences to help their community. The application period is open January 23 through March 6.

If you or anyone you know that might be interested want to apply, [please click here](#)

A blue rectangular graphic with white and yellow text and icons. At the top right is the Youth Preparedness Council logo, which is a red seal with a white sword and the text "YOUTH PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL". Below the logo, the text reads "Young Leaders – Apply to FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council Today!". There are three icons: a yellow person with a megaphone, a red heart, and a green circular arrow. To the right of each icon is text: "Represent Your Community", "Learn & Grow", and "Create Change Now!". At the bottom left, it says "Applications Due March 6, 2023". At the bottom right is the FEMA logo, which is a circular seal with an eagle and the text "FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY" and "FEMA".

11th ANNUAL COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS SYMPOSIUM AT BARUCH COLLEGE

Join us at the
**11TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY
PREPAREDNESS SYMPOSIUM**

A New Standard: Communities Ahead of Emergencies

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 FROM 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION



BIT.LY/NYCEMSYMPIUM



VIRTUAL REGISTRATION



BIT.LY/VIRTUAL_NYCEMSYMPIUM

For help registering or requests regarding accessibility please email communityprep@oem.nyc.gov or call 718 422-4654 by February 28th.



Here's your last chance to participate in this year's Community Preparedness Symposium! This event will focus on how community organizers, leaders, youth, advocates and/or government can better prepare, respond, and recover from emergencies. The 2023 theme is "A New Standard: Communities Ahead of Emergencies."

The symposium will be held on Tuesday, March 7th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Baruch College's Vertical Campus on the 14th Floor and the virtual experience will be via WorkCast.

You can register [here](#) for in-person or [here](#) for the virtual option.

You Don't Need Them Until You Do: Effective CERT Mutual Aid

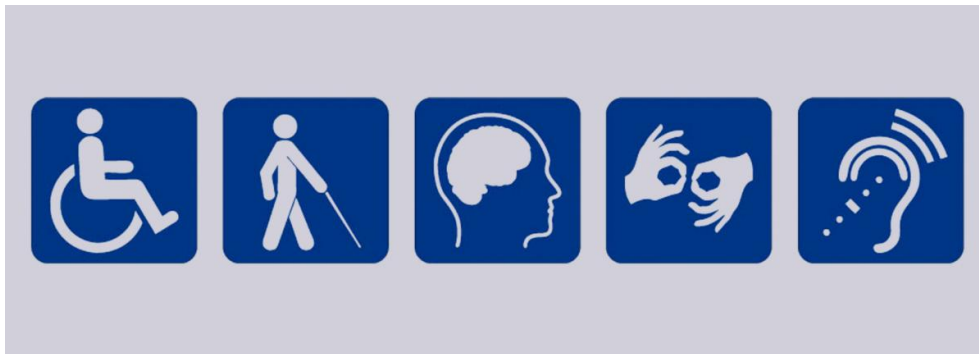


On March 7th from 1pm-2:30pm, FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division in collaboration with the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the National CERT Association (NCA) are hosting a webinar for creating a CERT Mutual Aid plan.

During disaster recovery and training, CERT Mutual Aid can be a force multiplier for your CERT Program. Not only does it open up opportunities to fully staff requests from your Sponsoring Agency for disaster response, but it also establishes depth in training and revitalizes your CERT Program.

[Register Here](#) | Tuesday, March 7 | 1:00PM - 2:30PM

Communicating With People with Disabilities as First Responders



On March 21st from 1pm - 2:30pm, a webinar will be held by the National CERT Association (NCA) and the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in collaboration with the FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division to assist CERTs in better communicating with people who have disabilities.

According to disaster reports, 70 percent of disaster victims were people with disabilities or from other vulnerable groups. When disaster planning was examined, it was discovered that many emergency organizations lacked a plan for people with disabilities or only a small one. CERTS will gain a better understanding of how to better communicate with people with a variety of disabilities, how to recruit people with disabilities to your teams, and how to develop inclusive plans to assist disabled people in remaining safe in their homes from harm.

[Please click here to register.](#)

Ready Seniors Workshop

On March 23rd from 9am-4pm, FEMA Region 2 and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) will be hosting an in-person Ready Seniors Workshop. Other organizations such as the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) that provide essential senior support services are prepared for this in-person workshop and will be in attendance.

[Register here](#) | **Thursday, March 23 | 9 AM - 4 PM**



Bringing CERT Into The 21st Century



Taking place on April 4th from 1pm -2:30pm, a webinar highlighting new technology and its potential applications for CERTs is being hosted by the FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division in collaboration with the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the National CERT Association (NCA).

ICS4S leverages mobile technology with their patented design to enhance and transform emergency communications with a simple tap on a phone. It's more important than ever to be able to report, record and document information and share that information in a concise and effective way.

[Register here](#) | **Tuesday, April 4 | 1 PM - 2:30 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



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

[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

Schedule free training for your Division here : [FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#).

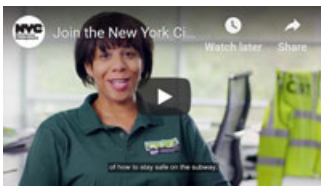
[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalogue](#) includes all recorded webinars.

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

CERT Credentials Ready for Pick-Up!

Just a reminder to coordinate with your leadership if your current CERT credential is expired. If you are a leadership member, please contact Denise Esposito to schedule a date/time to pick up your division's credentials, or to arrange for a member of your team to do the pick-up. Thank you!



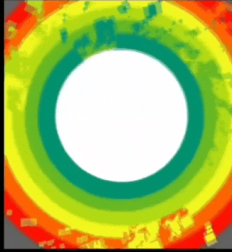
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[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.

NYC Emergency Management



JOSEPH PUPELLO
DIRECTOR
VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS



ANTHONY ESCOTO
PROGRAM MANAGER
TRAINING & EXERCISES



DENISE ESPOSITO
SPECIALIST
RECRUITMENT & RETENTION



REGINA WILSON
SPECIALIST
CERT



GABRIEN ZERVOS
AMERICORPS FELLOW
CERT



CARLOS CRUZ
SPECIALIST
OPERATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT



NYC Emergency Management | nyc.gov/emergencymanagement
[\[Click here to view as a webpage\]](#)



NYC Emergency Management Communications Network | 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, NY 11201

[Unsubscribe gzervos@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:gzervos@oem.nyc.gov)

[Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by cert@oem.nyc.gov in collaboration with



Try email marketing for free today!