

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.



NYC Emergency Management is requesting that NYC CERT members check catch basins in their area. Use [NYCDEP Citywide Catch Basins Map](#) to find the catch basins by entering your home address or using your current location. NYC CERT members can assist the Department of Environmental Protection to help avoid flooding and backups.

Operational Role:

- Safely clearing catch basins in your area using a broom or rake
- If the basin is clogged below the grate, file a report by calling 311
- DO NOT attempt to lift or remove the grate

Report any actions taken by completing the form found in the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/Uk76ezbH6hMGQNZE3>

Remember always to follow the NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures](#) when deploying (including contacting NYCEM Watch Command to deploy and stand down).



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: CERT BX

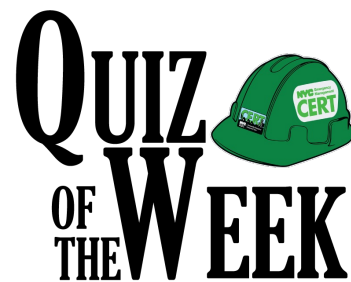
09/25 Responding Borough: Manhattan + SI

Call Scenario: How many events will you and your Division support for NPM?

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

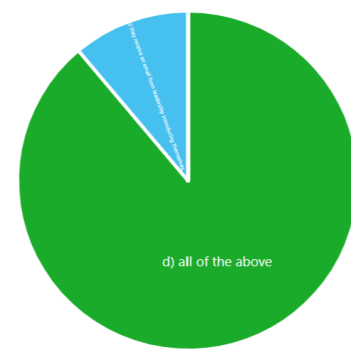


Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[CLICK HERE FOR THIS](#)

WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week's question: New graduates make a smoother transition and feel more connected to their new division when _____.



The correct answer is: **d) all of the above**
More inclusion is always best! New grads are important team members that have great potential to reinvigorate a division by bringing new ideas, skills, and community connections. They need your support to succeed.



National Weather Service has issued the following:

- > Long-duration rainfall this weekend, with the bulk of the precipitation between 9 AM and 5 PM today
- > Light to moderate showers likely linger into Monday, with dry conditions anticipated by Monday night
- > Winds will be breezy with gusts around 40 mph along the coast starting this afternoon into tonight
- > Coastal flood inundation levels have been lowered slightly, but flooding may continue into next week
- > A high risk of rip currents, large breaking waves, rough surf, and beach erosion through Sunday night



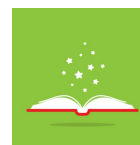
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NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISES NEW YORKERS TO PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL HEAVY RAINS AND COASTAL HAZARDS

September 22, 2023 — The New York City Emergency Management Department today issued a travel advisory for Saturday, September 23 through Sunday, September 24. According to the National Weather Service, New York City will experience a long-duration rainfall event this weekend. Steady light to moderate rain will begin Saturday morning and continue into Sunday night, with the bulk of the rainfall occurring between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. tomorrow. Lingering showers will be possible into Monday.

Overall rainfall amounts of 2 to 3 inches are forecast. Widespread areas of low lying and poor drainage flooding will be possible during periods of heavy rainfall and isolated flash flooding cannot be ruled out. General thunderstorms with lightning are also possible Saturday afternoon and again on Sunday. Coastal hazards are also expected this weekend, with minor coastal flooding possible during several high tides Saturday afternoon into Sunday, a high risk of life-threatening rip currents, large breaking waves, and rough surf at Atlantic-facing beaches.

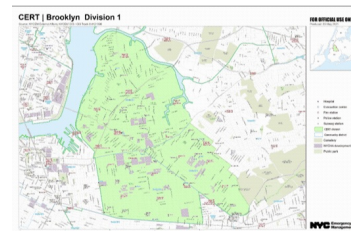
Safety Tips



[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.



- Allow for extra travel time. New Yorkers are urged to use public transportation.
- If you must drive, drive slowly. Use major streets or highways for travel whenever possible.
- If you live in a basement apartment in a flood prone area, prepare to move to higher ground.
- Do not drive into flooded streets or enter flooded subway stations.
- Check on friends, relatives, and neighbors, especially older adults and people with disabilities, access and functional needs, or health conditions. Help them to prepare if needed.
- Stay informed. Before and during an emergency, the City will send emergency alerts and updates to New Yorkers through various channels, including Notify NYC. Sign up for emergency notifications at [NYC.gov/NotifyNYC](https://nyc.gov/NotifyNYC) or call 311. You can also follow @NotifyNYC on Twitter.

[Read the full Press Release here](#)



CERT Corner

The FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division seeks to provide a forum for community emergency management groups to share information about their activities and best practices. If you would like to share your stories and/or photos here, please email fema-r2-prepares@fema.dhs.gov.



On Tuesday, September 12, 2023, the 20th Anniversary Reception of NYC Emergency Management's NYC Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Ready New York Programs was held at the Gracie Mansion with the New York City Mayor, Eric Adams, in attendance.



[Download Photos from the Event](#)

Send Us Your Photos!

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.



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 CERT in New York City by sending us your photos and videos from your events, including any you would like to share from the 20th Anniversary event at Gracie Mansion.

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!



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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



[The Wall That Heals \(TWH\) Support](#)

NYC Department of Veterans Services - Vietnam Veterans Memorial exhibit support with pedestrian and vehicle traffic control.

[Click Here to Register | Multiple dates and times](#)



Gracie Mansion Cultural Receptions

The Mayor's office of Special Projects and Community events; Asked for CERT will help with guest and line management.

Please select from the dates listed below:

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 4:00 PM

Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 4:00 PM

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 4:00 PM

National Preparedness Month Events



National Preparedness Month

Staten Island Children's Museum:
Sun, Sep 24, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Pets and Service Animals
Preparedness Event: Thu, Sep 28,
2023 at 10:00 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



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.

ADVANCED TRAINING



Point-to-Point Radio Training.

Learning Objectives

- Local Point to Point Network
- UHF Radios 450 MHZ
- Radio Terminology
- Call Protocol and Proper Communication Procedures
- Network Control Operator (Citywide trained only)

Exercise

As part of the Point to Point radio training, there's a mandatory exercise to be done outdoors.

[Registration, Sun, Oct 15, 2023 at 9:00 AM |](#)

Emergency Operations Center/ Reporting & NYCEM Watch Comand Overview

Learning Objectives:

- NYCEM 101



- Operations Division
- CERT Roles in the EOC
- Tour of the EOC

[Registration, Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM](#)

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 submits form on behalf of the event organizer.

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.

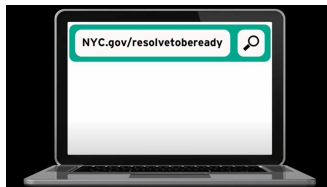
NYC CERT External Request Form: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTrequest>

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

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



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



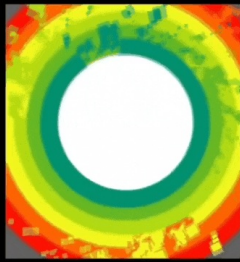
[Resolve to Be Ready Calendar](#)
Regular reminders in simple steps that can help you work preparedness into your busy schedule.



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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