

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

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

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We need your support!



The vaccine mandate for NYC CERT membership is now in effect as of February 1, 2022.

If you are aware of any members having trouble sending in their vaccine information, please ask them to reach out to us by email. We will assist with any issues they are experiencing and work with the NYC Emergency Management Human Capital Bureau to resolve.

As of this week, **only** members in compliance will continue receiving messaging from NYCEM CERT Program staff. Volunteers who did **not** submit appropriate documentation to meet the vaccine mandate, or request a reasonable accommodation through NYCEM, will be considered inactive until they submit following the below steps.

- To submit vaccination records, please e-mail an approved proof of vaccination to: CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov.
- Please review the necessary steps [HERE](#)

Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's **Quiz of the Week**. The correct answer is **A) True (79.2%)**.

Division and District leadership may delegate some of their responsibilities to other members within their division, if needed. More information on this and the full roles and responsibilities of leadership can be found in Section 3:



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

No call until further notice

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

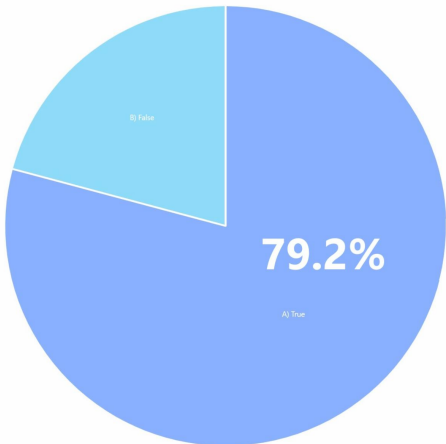
Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[CLICK HERE](#)

Program Organization D:
Division Leadership and Cabinet
Responsibilities in the **NYC
CERT Standard Operating
Procedures**.

A good leader is able to appropriately delegate tasks to other members as a way to both engage and elevate membership to the next level. Leaders should not feel like they are on their own. All members are volunteers and should support one-another to the best of their ability. Both Borough Leadership and NYC CERT Program staff are also here to support if needed.

You can find details for Division Leadership and Cabinet Responsibilities beginning on page 11 of the **NYC CERT SOPs**.



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

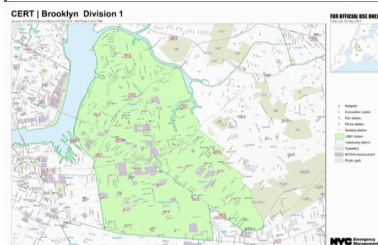
Spring Forward



March 13, 2022 - Daylight Savings Begins. When local standard time reaches 2:00 AM this Sunday, clocks are turned forward one hour to 3:00 AM local daylight time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on March 13, 2022 than the day before meaning it will now be lighter for longer each evening.

Why do we do this? When did it start? **[Learn more here.](#)**

IDs are ready!



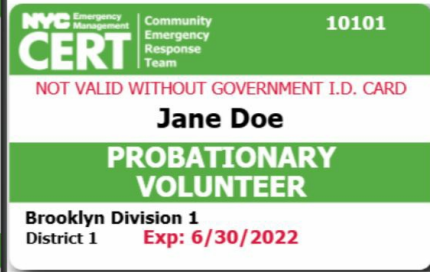
NYC CERT Division maps are available (pdf format) to support recruitment and preparedness planning in your community.

[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](#)**



Updated Member ID - Members will now see their Division affiliation and current membership or leadership role listed above their photo.

Probationary member ID. These credentials are given to new graduates until the volunteer completes their six-month probationary period and leadership confirms that they have remained active. At that time NYC CERT program staff will issue a CERT photo ID.

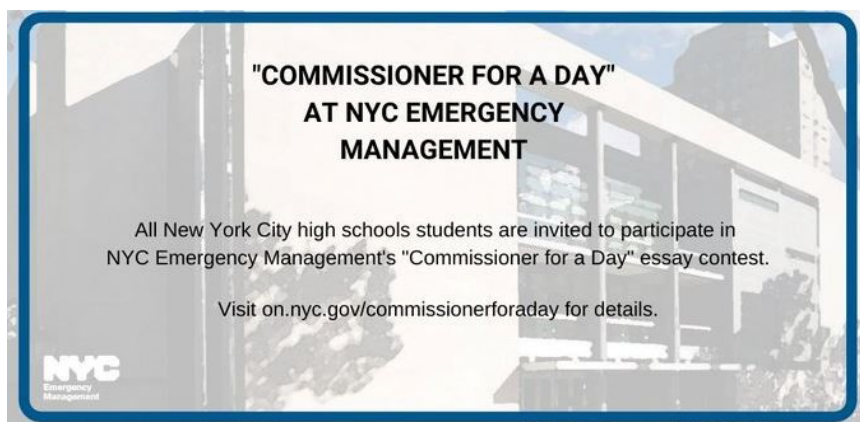
Leadership may choose to pick up IDs for their divisions at NYCEM headquarters or send a representative from the division, in their place. Please be sure to schedule an appointment with CERT Staff **BEFORE** coming to the office, to be sure that a staff member is available to distribute IDs and to provide NYCEM Security with details on pick up. Receipts will be prepared for the pick-up person to sign. Please return old/expired IDs at the time of pick up. If unable to pick up or distribute IDs to members, please let us know and we will work on an alternate method for distribution for your division.

As NYCEM's Human Capital Bureau continues to review submissions relating to the Vaccine Mandate, NYCEM will continue sharing updates including the NYC CERT Newsletter and requests with membership with the understanding there is approval needed prior to any in-person deployments and events.

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NYC Emergency Management Commissioner for a Day



New York City high school students are invited to participate in the NYC Emergency Management "Commissioner for a Day" essay contest. One winner will be selected to visit the agency headquarters to participate in the Commissioner for a Day Award ceremony. Submissions must be made by **April 1, 2022**.

[VIEW HOW TO APPLY HERE](#)

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.



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HERricane

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NYC Emergency Management invites New York City high school students to participate in the inaugural HERricane NYC program, designed to encourage young women in grades 9 through 12 to pursue careers and leadership roles in emergency management. The program consists of a weeklong session from April 18, 2022, through April 22, 2022, that will be hosted at NYC Emergency Management's headquarters in Brooklyn. NYC Emergency Management intends to select up to 20 students to participate in the 2022 program.

For eligibility and more information please visit [HERricane NYC Program - NYCEM](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Report your Volunteer Hours
Search for *Buddy Check* Event

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.



The TD Five Boro Bike Tour will once again welcome participants from across New York and around the country on **Sunday, May 1, 2022.**

Bike New York relies on a small army of more than 2,000 volunteers each year to ensure the riders have the best possible experience. As in years past, they are requesting NYC CERT to support. NYC Emergency Management have

worked closely with organizers to provide these specific registration links. All interested NYC CERT members MUST register for their site and shift using the links below. We're excited to have another successful Five Boro Bike Tour!

Brooklyn	Bronx	Queens	Manhattan	Staten Island
<u>Gowanus Water Stop</u> <u>8:30 AM-4:30 PM</u>	<u>Bronx Water Stop</u> <u>6:45 AM-12:45 PM</u>	<u>Astoria Rest Area</u> <u>6:30 AM-3:30 PM</u>	<u>FDR Rest Area</u> <u>6:30 AM-2:00 PM</u>	Bay Street Water Stop <u>Shift 1: 9:30 AM-2:00 PM</u> <u>Shift 2: 11:00 AM-6:30 PM</u> <u>Shift 3: 3:00 PM-8:00 PM</u>
<u>Commodore Barry Rest Area</u> <u>7:00 AM-5:00 PM</u>		<u>Con Edison Rest Area</u> <u>7:00 AM-3:30 PM</u>		
Brooklyn Bridge Park Water Stop <u>Shift 1: 7:30 AM-12:00 PM</u> <u>Shift 2: 11:30 AM-4:00 PM</u>	<u>Click Here</u> for a detailed list of site locations and volunteer roles for the event.			Finish Festival (New Location) <u>Shift 1: 6:30 AM-12:00PM</u> <u>Shift 2: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM</u> <u>Shift 3: 3:00 PM-8:00 PM</u>



NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR



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.

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.

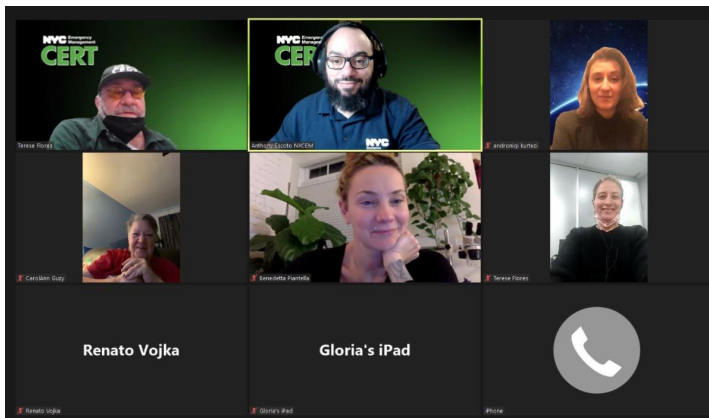
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

NYC CERT Virtual Meetings



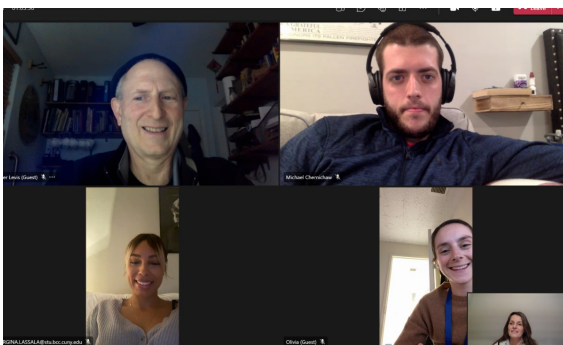
Queens Division 6 held a productive meeting this past week, covering topics that stretched from discussing their involvement in community board meetings to sharing their interest in participating in Advanced Point-to-Point Radio Trainings. Nearing its end, their “Caring & Sharing” conversation inspired members to share a part of their lives with others. This was a great team-building activity.

Bronx Division 4 division members were presented with several possible engagement opportunities with their community networks within districts 9 and 10. Division leadership provided details on possible projects to create more events in the upcoming months. It's great to see CERT staying connected and supporting the growth of community networks.



Queens Division 1 Chief Terese Flores hosted a hybrid in-person meeting with a strong virtual presence from the rest of the members. Members discussed preparation for potential deployments in the upcoming flood season. The division has also started to be coordinate with their local precinct council to support the 4th Of July Fireworks Show in Long Island City. Great thinking ahead!

Orientations



CERT Orientation

This past Thursday, two CERT Orientation sessions were held for wait-listed applicants that were unable to join previous sold-out orientation opportunities. We are happy to add orientations for enthusiastic applicants to ensure that they get the opportunity to join the next Basic training cycle.

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

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Advanced Training: Narcan/ Opioid Prevention

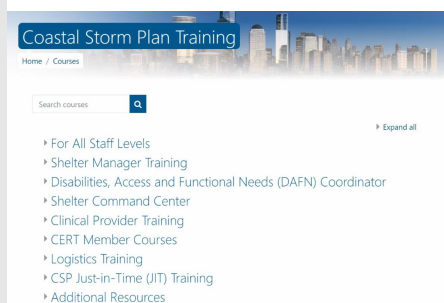


Opioid overdoses is a serious public health issue. There were approximately 5,300 accidental drug overdose deaths in New York City between 1990 and 1998. Such deaths are very often preventable, so long as a witness to an overdose recognizes what is happening and knows how to respond appropriately.

CERT Volunteers have an opportunity to learn how they can help prevent death and other negative consequences of opioid overdose by participating in this non-medical responders training built to recognize a suspected opioid overdose and to take appropriate action.

Registration, Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite

Coastal Storm Plan Training



As we are fast approaching the upcoming flood season, the Coastal Storm Plan Training Learning Management System is available to volunteers 24/7 to be done as either Just In Time training or a self-paced training. This is the new training for shelter managing and all Coastal Storm Plan staff levels.

If you have not created an account you can easily do so on the home page of the site. These credentials are independent of any other credentials you have created in the past for NYC CERT.

Register for Coastal Storm Training here: <https://csptraining.org>

Each of the FEMA Region II webinars presented in 2022 has been recorded and archived. If you wish to revisit a webinar you attended or would like to



listen to one you missed, or even share with a friend or co-worker, you can find the links on the document linked here [2022 webinar recordings](#) which includes the webinar description and recording link for each webinar by category.

Get ahead of the upcoming CERT Radio Training announcements and take your pre-requisite on your own time!

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.

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.

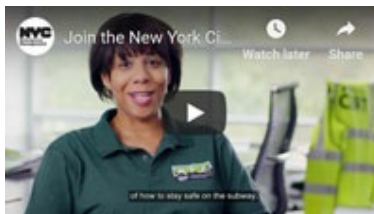


FDNY Smart offers free hands-only CPR classes through the FDNY Mobile CPR Program. The goal of these classes is to equip New Yorkers with the basic skills needed to take action in the event of a cardiac arrest emergency. To sign up for one of our free classes or to schedule a class in your community visit www.fdnysmart.org/cpr/.

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

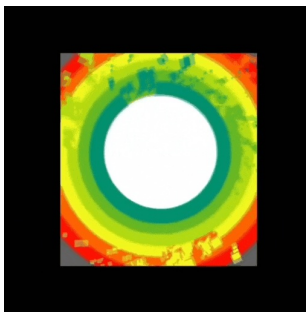


Resolve to Be Ready Calendar

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](#).



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