



# NEWSLETTER

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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## GRADUATION EDITION



### Monday / Wednesday GRADUATES

Donika Beka  
 Steven Bocchino  
 Joshua Cheung  
 Jess Delaney  
 Colleen Doherty  
 Madison Guptill  
 Syrvella Hall  
 Garth Harding

Maria Langan  
 Alexandra Mahnken  
 Eugene Miglio  
 Nneka Njideka  
 Cherryann Ollivierre  
 Alex Robertson  
 Alexandra Tsintsifas  
 Jonathan Ulysse



#### MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel:  
CERT BK

8/8 Responding Borough:  
BX + SI

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

### QUIZ OF THE WEEK

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.

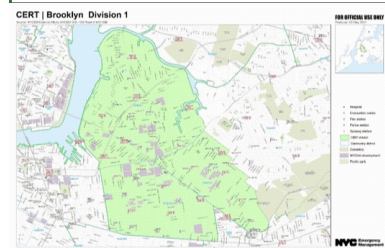
# Tuesday / Thursday

## GRADUATES

Hubba Attique  
Jasmine Carrero  
Jessica Goodridge  
John Gordon  
Anthony Lanzisero  
Hamilton Lin  
Lisa Maurer

Eric Ost  
Gerald Piper  
Gigi Sabarese  
Martin Vega  
Marta Ziobro

Please enjoy photos from the ceremony and celebration link:  
[NYC Emergency Management \(Cycle 41 Graduation Pictures\)](#)



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

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

## John D. Solomon Award



The John D. Solomon award was named after a CERT member who was committed to emergency preparedness. The award is given each year to an exceptional CERT member showing this same commitment. For 2021, we have selected **Tracie Lord, Bronx Division 1 CERT**, to receive this award.

## Carlos Nieves Award

Carlos Nieves NYC CERT Award for Excellence in Deployment and Response, which is being presented to **Brooklyn Division 5**. Through 2021, the team had 12 members dedicating a



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](#).



total of 665.45 volunteer hours, 10 emergency deployments, and 19 planned, supporting a total of 39 deployments.

## Certificate of Recognition



On the morning of Saturday, January 1st, several CERT volunteers were deployed to Coney Island to provide support with pedestrian management - which included the responsibility of making sure that everyone was safely partaking in the annual New Year's Day NYC Polar Bear Plunge. **Britta Husack**, at the time a probationary member of Brooklyn Division 6 CERT observed one of the participants unconscious in the

water. She immediately reacted and jumped into action. Britta successfully provided CPR to the participant allowing first responders time to transfer him to the local hospital. During the graduation ceremony, Britta was presented two certificates on behalf of New York City Mayor Eric Adams and NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol.

## COVID-19 Medals



As we know, 2020 was a very difficult year for everyone. During this time, our NYC CERT volunteers exemplified the meaning of community and showed the city what it meant to be a volunteer.

NYC Emergency Management recognized a group of volunteers who supported the most COVID-19 deployment shifts citywide in 2020.



Only CERT members in compliance with the vaccine mandate 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 email an approved proof of vaccination to:

[CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov).

If you have not heard back in regard to your request, please follow up with the NYCEM Human Capital Bureau at [CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov).

Please review the necessary steps [HERE](#)

Do NOT send vaccination info to CERT leadership or NYC CERT staff. All communication should go directly to [NYCEM Human Capital Bureau](#).

## 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](#)





David Bernard  
Bassabi Bonfoh  
Robert Carmona  
Sal D'Alessio  
Sheldon Fine  
David Gellman  
Allan Goldberg  
Adjoa Gzifa  
Terin Izil  
James Izurieta  
Craig Kligfeld  
Sage Lincoln  
Elba Melendez

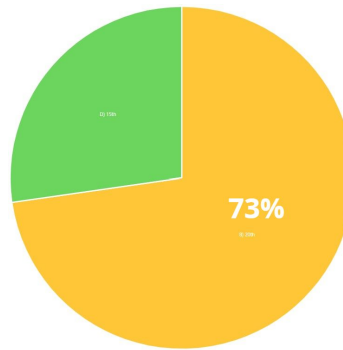
Dennis Piedra  
Diletta Pina  
Lisa Quailey  
Beth Rowan  
Patricia Sallin  
Edward Smalls  
Anthony Solomita  
Urie Stern  
Sonia Thompson  
Barbra Vallin  
Robert Vazquez  
William Vitale

[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](#).

## Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's [Quiz of the Week](#). The correct answer is: **B) the 20th anniversary**. In 2003, NYC Emergency Management, with support from the FDNY and NYPD, adapted the national CERT curriculum specifically to New York City's unique urban environment. Since then, NYC Emergency Management has been and continues to be the sponsoring agency for the CERT program throughout the five boroughs.



More details on the history of CERT can be found on page ii in the Introduction of the [NYC CERT SOPs](#).

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY



Pictured above is Director of Volunteer Programs Joseph Pupello with Brooklyn Division 7 Chief Nancy Walby.

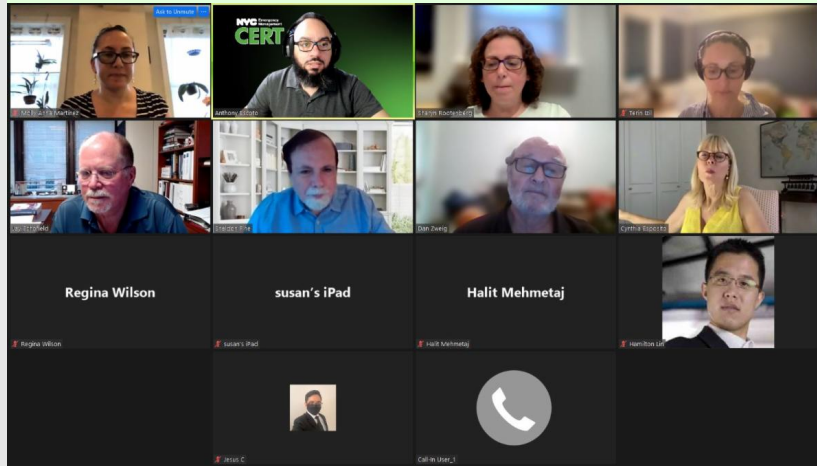
View a photo montage of NYC CERT members supporting the event throughout the five boroughs!

### [NYC CERT at National Night Out](#)

The [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) includes all 48 National Night Out sites covered by NYC CERT this year. To help assist

you, we've created a document to walk you through reporting your volunteer service hours: **National Night Out Reporting**. Please remember to report your travel time to and from an event, the time spent at the event and any planning time you dedicated as well.

## Division Meetings

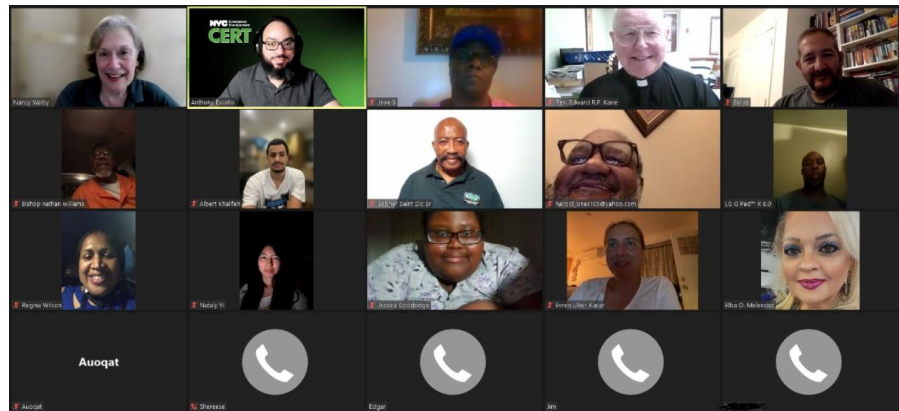


### Manhattan Division 2

Manhattan Division 2 gathered virtually for their monthly Division meeting. After discussing a successful National Night Out they reviewed upcoming events planned for National Preparedness Month. Division members also welcomed two new graduates to joining their first meeting following a busy week for them as they had already attended their NYC CERT graduation ceremony and participated in National Night Out Against Crime! What a great start!

### Brooklyn Division 7

Brooklyn Division 7 members came together for their monthly meeting. During the meeting members discussed the recent emergency call-down for the Bronx Flash Flood Deployment and the expectations of how this type of call-down works. They also welcomes new graduates Jessica Goodridge and Nneka Njideka. Thanks for joining!



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



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### NYC CERT Event Calendar

#### NYC Parks: Rockaway Beach Support

CERT volunteers are expected to be posted on the boardwalk assisting visitors to the open beach areas together with NYC Parks staff.

**\*\*New Shifts Added\*\***



[NYC Parks Support Rockaway Beach Registration, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

## VR Simulation:

Hurricanes and Rip Currents

August 16,  
2022



11 AM to  
2 PM

Come and experience this VR simulation!

## Virtual Reality Simulation: Hurricanes and Rip Currents

Please join us on August 16 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 AM for an immersive experience using a virtual reality simulator showing you the effects of Hurricanes and Rip Currents.

This will be an in-person event at NYC Emergency Management headquarters in Brooklyn, NY.

[VR Simulation: Hurricane and Rip Currents Registration](#)  
[Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)



## 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



## 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.

# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES





## Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)

### G-139 Exercise Design

Date: August 23 to 25, 2022

Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: Department of Education (DOE) Teaching and Learning Center Room, 44-36 Vernon Boulevard, Long Island City, NY 11101

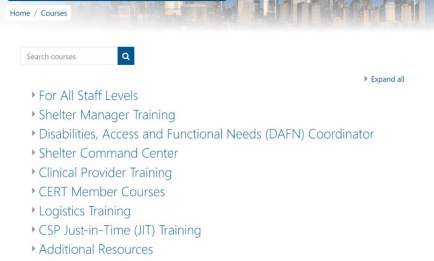
Prerequisites: IS-120: An Introduction to Exercises or G/L-146 HSEEP

To Register: **Use the NYSDHSES Learning Management System (DHSES LMS)**

The Exercise Design course focuses on applying techniques in development, conduct, and evaluation, for students to have the ability and understanding of how a comprehensive exercise program is used to target and improve critical emergency plans, procedures, and capabilities within all phases of emergency management. This course conforms to capabilities-based exercise evaluation outlined in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) guidance.

To register for the course, log into the system, click on “Find Training Events, Browse or Sign Up for Training” and then filter for a keyword, such as “G-139” or “139.”

### Coastal Storm Plan Training



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The NYC Coastal Storm season is from August through the end of October. NYC CERT members have access to the Coastal Storm Plan Training Learning Management System 24/7 to be done as either Just In Time training or a self-paced training. This is the new training for shelter management 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>**

Once on the site (pictured above) you can scroll down the page, or select "All Positions/Courses" to view a list of recommended and optional courses by Coastal Storm Plan position. To take a course or view a resource, click the link. Some courses are videos and can be viewed by clicking the play button. Other courses are interactive and may require you to click buttons to advance or complete activities.



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.

#### **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.

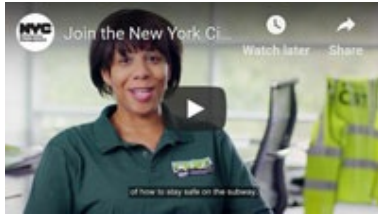


FDNY Smart offers free hands-only CPR classes through the FDNY Mobile CPR Program. The goal of these classes is to equip New Yorkers with the basic skills needed to take action in the event of a cardiac arrest emergency. To sign up for one of our free classes or to schedule a class in your community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

#### **COVID-19 Community Conversations: Mental Health, Equity and Resilience *\*Updated Links***

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](#)

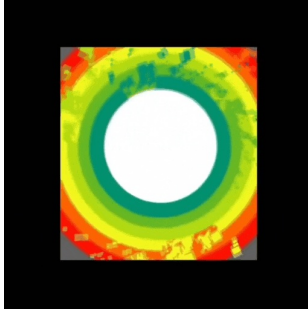


[Resolve to Be Ready Calendar](#)

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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