

NYC CERT Basic Training Graduation & Recognition



Monday / Wednesday Class

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| Charles Bayley Brooklyn Division 2 | Erika Jozwiak Brooklyn Division 1 |
| Joseph Borduin Manhattan Division 1 | Debbie Killen Staten Island Division |
| Rebecca Capasso Manhattan Division 3 | Danny Kogan Brooklyn Division 7 |
| Jonas Dastine Brooklyn Division 6 | Benjamin Lampel Brooklyn Division 1 |
| Daniella Dorcelus Queens Division 3 | Jose Merejo Bronx Division 2 |
| Sarah Ellis Brooklyn Division 4 | J. Robin Moon Manhattan Division 2 |
| Ari Friedman Brooklyn Division 6 | Rachel Pittluck Brooklyn Division 2 |
| Isaac Guzman Bronx Division 1 | Natalie Richards Queens Division 6 |
| Sumana Harihareswara Queens Division 2 | Gaudys Sanclemente Queens Division 3 |
| Adam Harvey Manhattan Division 2 | Rona Taylor Brooklyn Division 6 |
| Brianna John Brooklyn Division 3 | Jazmin Thomas NYC CERT staff |
| Jean Jolicoeur Queens Division 5 | Diane Williams Brooklyn Division 2 |

Tuesday / Thursday Class

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| Alexander Bhasavanich Manhattan Division 2 | David Robles Manhattan Division 1 |
| Marc Delsoin Queens Division 6 | Leonard Shostak Brooklyn Division 6 |
| Gabrielina Henriquez Brooklyn Division 1 | Jennifer Spiegler Manhattan Division 5 |
| Shelly Lim Manhattan Division 2 | Benjamin Stolovitz Manhattan Division 3 |
| Amy Lloyd Brooklyn Division 2 | Haley Edgar Yegorov Brooklyn Division 6 |
| Angel Mantilla Bronx Division 4 | Moses Yi Queens Division 4 |
| Jeremy Marmolejo Ventura Bronx Division 2 | |



The NYCEM Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was full with the energy of achievement on the evening of April 9, 2024. The Basic Training Cycle 46 class received their certification of completion for the dedicated six weeks of intense training and final diaster simulation. Congratulations! We look forward to the ways you will enrich the team. Welcome to CERT!

The graduation ceremony began with acknowledging the active CERT members who have given their time and talents in the year 2023. *The President's Volunteer Service Award* was given to 45 members who gave 100+ hours of service to the CERT Program in 2023. The *John D. Solomon Award for Exemplary Service in Emergency Preparedness* was awarded to Lisa Maurer of Brooklyn Division 1. Thank you, Team, for your continued support and exemplary dedication. We celebrate your accomplishments!



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

BOROUGH CHANNEL
BRONX

04/15/2024
Queens

Call Scenario:

How many recruitment events is your division planning to have this month?

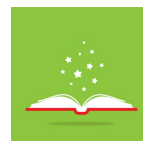
Documents to Review:

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.



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

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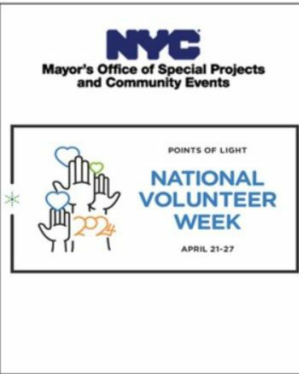
Presidential Service Award Recipients

Sandra Anazagasti Bronx Division 3
 Margaret Bishop Manhattan Division 4
 Jewel Brown Brooklyn Division 7
 Jonathan Castro Brooklyn Division 5
 JoAnn D'Alessio Manhattan Division 5
 Sal D'Alessio Brooklyn Division 5
 Richard Dono Queens Division 5
 Christine Doyle Brooklyn Division 2
 Jesse Figueroa Brooklyn Division 5
 Sheldon Fine Manhattan Division 2
 Marquise Gales-Love Queens Division 5
 Allan Goldberg Manhattan Division 4
 Britta Husack Brooklyn Division 4
 Lewis Iglehart Brooklyn Division 6
 Elliot Inz Brooklyn Division 2
 Adrian Jack Brooklyn Division 7
 Zoe Jasper Brooklyn Division 4
 Albert Khalifeh Brooklyn Division 5
 Craig Kligfeld Brooklyn Division 5
 Shamel Lawrence, Sr. Manhattan Division 5
 Christopher Lino Queens Division 5

Irene Market Manhattan Division 3
 Darya Matskin Brooklyn Division 5
 Lisa Maurer Brooklyn Division 1
 Tania Melenciano Brooklyn Division 5
 Elba Melendez Brooklyn Division 7
 Angelo Miranda Queens Division 2
 Sister Karriemah Muqet Brooklyn Division 3
 Barbara Nienaltowski Manhattan Division 5
 Michael Pabon Queens Division 5
 Orlando Perez Manhattan Division 1
 Dilletta Pina Bronx Division 2
 Amy Joy Robateau Bronx Division 3
 Beth Rowan Manhattan Division 3
 Kenichi Satate Manhattan Division 4
 Jay Schofield Manhattan Division 3
 Delores Smith-Johnson Brooklyn Division 1
 Anthony Solomita Manhattan Division 3
 Joseph St John Brooklyn Division 8
 Urie Stern Bronx Division 3
 Alan Stoddart Brooklyn Division 5
 William Vitale Brooklyn Division 5
 Tom Wagner Brooklyn Division 6
 Nancy Walby Brooklyn Division 7
 David Zubin Brooklyn Division 5

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MOSPCE & Gracie Mansion Volunteer Training & Appreciation Program



Save the Date
 for
**MOSPCE & GRACIE MANSION
 VOLUNTEER TRAINING & APPRECIATION
 PROGRAM**

When: Monday, April 22, 2024
 3:00 PM To 4:30 PM
 Where: Gracie Mansion
 East End Avenue & East 88th Street
 Ballroom

Refreshments will be served.

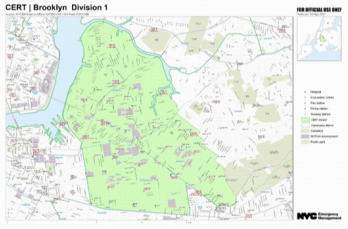
Mayors Office of Special Projects and Community Events will be hosting a reception for members who have supported the many events. Invites were sent out directly to those who have participated at past events.



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](#)



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.

Please register through that invite you received.

Below is registration for other NYC CERT members who would like to attend this event to both honor these members while also having an opportunity to sit in on a training to participate at future events. All are welcome to register below.

[Registration | Mon, April 22, 2024 3PM](#)

Celebrate Earth Day with Open Streets: Car Free Earth Day



Car-Free Earth Day is an annual car-free event hosted by NYC DOT. Programming is presented at signature and partner produced locations citywide, to promote activism and education surrounding climate change, sustainability, and other relevant topics. Read more about [Open Streets](#).

Find fun ways to celebrate Earth Day with [Public Space Programming](#).

The Power of Urban Gardens Webinar

NYC Parks GreenThumb
JOIN OUR EARTH DAY WEBINAR
THE POWER OF URBAN GARDENS:
 NYC Emergency Management COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
 MOSHOU TEACHING FOREST
WEDNESDAY
APRIL 17, 2024
1:00 PM EST
PRE-REGISTER

RB.GY/7RBXPN
AGENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE
EXPLORE HOW URBAN GARDENS MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF WEATHER EMERGENCIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE!

Join NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM) for an exciting webinar



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.

Leadership: Division 1 members' credentials are ready for pick-up!

Also, if you have any members that graduated in July 2023 (cycle 44), 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.



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celebrating Earth Day 2024. During this webinar we will discuss the power of urban gardens - particularly how they build community and help protect New Yorkers against environmental hazards.

[Registration | Wed, April 17, 2024 1:00PM](#)

Prepare Before an Emergency



Earthquakes can happen anytime, anywhere. The best time to prepare for an earthquake is before it happens. Talk about earthquakes with your family so everyone knows what to do. Discussions ahead of time help reduce fear, particularly for younger children. [Read more...](#)

Now is a great time to check and update your go-bags. Get suggestions on how to start or stock a go-bag or emergency kit at [Ready.gov](#).

Also, check out [NYCEM's Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) to help you learn more about earthquakes and how to be prepared.

Take a look at the short animated video to help you prepare for an earthquake.

Grand Central Station Full Scale Exercise Support Survey

On the evening of June 25th, Grand Central Terminal will be closed for a full scale exercise where many role players may be needed to support. In past years, NYC CERT volunteers participated in that same role. This form is to gauge interest from NYC CERT to determine if this is a role that interests our current, active membership. Depending on how many members complete this form, the decision will be made as to whether or not NYC CERT supports. [Register here for the interest form.](#)

Grand Central Station Full Scale Exercise Support



NYC FREE Tax Prep

The deadline to file a tax return for your 2023 taxes is April 15, 2024, but NYC Free Tax Prep preparers provide assistance all year round. If you miss the deadline to file you can still use NYC Free Tax Prep to file your return or have questions answered. [Read more...](#)



CERT Survey



CERT Volunteer Survey

Please do not include identifiable information in the questionnaire (Name, Social Security, Residency, etc.)

Your participation is completely voluntary, and all responses will be kept confidential.

If you feel uncomfortable answering these questions at any point, you may exit the form

All CERT members should have received an email with a survey developed by CERT member and John Jay College of Criminal Justice student, Edwin Chen. Edwin is conducting this survey as part of a research project for school. We encourage you to complete it to support his project. Completion of a survey is not required and entirely at your own discretion.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

Send Us Your Photos!



Please continue to share an and all photos and videos from your NYC CERT events at on.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

Hazard Mitigation Plan Earth Day Webinar

Learn about the NYC Hazard Mitigation Plan (nychazardmitigation.com) and its tools to visualize your risk from natural hazards. This webinar will provide additional information on mitigation actions in honor of Earth Day.

[Registration | Mon, April 22, 2024 12:00PM](#)



HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN EARTH DAY WEBINAR

We'll Cover:

- What is a Hazard Mitigation Plan? What's in it?
- Tools to understand your risk from natural hazards
- A spotlight on NYCEM's Interim Flood Protection Measures (IFPM) program!

April 22 at 12 PM

on.nyc.gov/EDwebinar



Park Slope Celebrates Earth Day

CERT will help assist with trash pickup, graffiti removal, and staff a ready NY table as part of celebrations for Earth Day.

[Registration | Sun, April 14, 2024 10AM](#)

FDNY Hands Only CRP/AED Training

FDNY SMART will be supporting NYC Emergency Management CERT volunteers providing CPR training hands only and the use of AED.

[Registration | Thurs, April 18, 2024 6:30PM](#)



Bedford YMCA Healthy Kids Day

The Bedford YMCA is hosting Healthy Kids Day as a national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids and families. During this event, CERT volunteers will be distributing preparedness materials to the families at the event to keep them prepared for emergencies.

[Registration | Sat, April 20, 2024 10AM](#)

Bikers of Brooklyn Riding Club's 14th Annual Bike Blessing

CERT will help assist with traffic control and pedestrian management during the Bikers of Brooklyn Blessing.

[Registration | Sat, April 20, 2024 9AM](#)



Ready NY Table at New Utrecht Brooklyn Public Library

CERT will set up, staff, explain and distribute Ready New York emergency preparedness materials at the New Utrecht Brooklyn Public Library.

[Registration | Thurs, April 25, 2024 3PM](#)

Advanced Training: Point-to-Point Basic Radio Training (In-Person)

Provide basic radio training and train the individual on the operation of the point-to-point radio systems.

[Registration | Sun, April 28, 2024 9AM](#)



Pandemic Game Night

Pandemic is a cooperative board game. The basic premise is that four diseases have broken out in the world, each threatening to wipe out a region. Help save humanity from rampant outbreaks around the world via this fun team-building exercise. Come with an open mind and your best team spirit for a couple rounds of board game fun.

No prior knowledge nor experience nessecary.



FIVE BORO BIKE TOUR

PACKET PICKUP

May 2nd, May 3rd, and May 4th, 2024

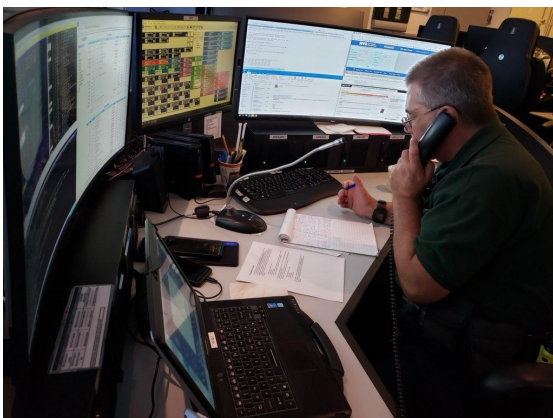
On the days prior to the TD Five Boro Bike Tour, Bike NY will hand out registration packets and host a select number of exhibitors at their Packet Pickup location. We rely on our volunteers to guide our many visitors and create an efficient and welcoming experience for our participants.

BIKE TOUR

May 5th, 2024

Water Stop and Rest Area Volunteers assist with the setup, operation of, and breakdown of the designated stops along the route. Tasks include setting up tables, filling up water coolers, placing snacks on tables, helping to keep the area clean and other duties as needed.

Five Boro Bike Tour CERT Roles & Registration Links



Five Boro Bike Tour-Watch Command Support/NCO

CERT volunteers will assist NYCEM Watch command with radio operations, tracking volunteers on the CERT board tracker and phone support.

[Registration | Sun, May 5, 2024 5:00AM](#)

Dyckman Running Club (DRC) Bridge the Gap Race Logistics/Info Table Support

DRC made a request for support with race logistics and to set up a CERT information/recruitment table at their Bridge the Gap Race in Washington Heights.

Race Logistics Support:

[Registration | Sun, May 5, 2024 7:30AM](#)

Information/Recruitment Table Support:

[Registration | Sun, May 5, 2024 7:30AM](#)



Fabulous Fifth Avenue Festival

NYPD 78th Precinct has requested CERT assistance with



pedestrian safety and traffic management.

[Registration | Sun, May 5, 2024 5:00AM](#)

Brooklyn's 157th Memorial Day Parade in Bay Ridge

CERT volunteers will assist the parade organizers with crowd control and traffic control along the parade route.



[Registration | Mon, May 27, 2024 10:00AM](#)

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



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 VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Bronx Disasterville



On April 10, 2024, CERT members gathered to participate in a Disasterville exercise. They were accompanied by South Bronx Emergency Network (SBEN), a network partner in NYCEM's Strengthening Communities program. They practiced implementing Incident Command System and standard operational protocols during a disaster scenario. SBEN and CERT learned the realities of managing a disaster area together and being the help before help arrives. It was a wonderful team building exercise and an opportunity to make new friends enjoyed by all the participants.





CERT Recruitment at Morningside Heights Library



NYCEM staff and CERT volunteers hosted a CERT Recruitment event this past Saturday, April 6th at the Morningside Heights Library. This library on the upper west side of Manhattan falls in one of the focus areas for 2024 recruitment development. It was a beautiful day and NYCEM staff and CERT members took advantage of it by doing some canvassing outside the library to share CERT palm cards and information on the program with passersby. Thank you to Angel Perez, from Ready NY, once again, for joining us and staffing a Ready NY table and to all of our wonderful CERT volunteers for their support at this event. We got some new contacts for our CERT sign-up sheets and handed out plenty of CERT palm cards! Stay tuned for more recruitment events coming up!



**CERT members recruiting in Focus area:
Manhattan District 9*

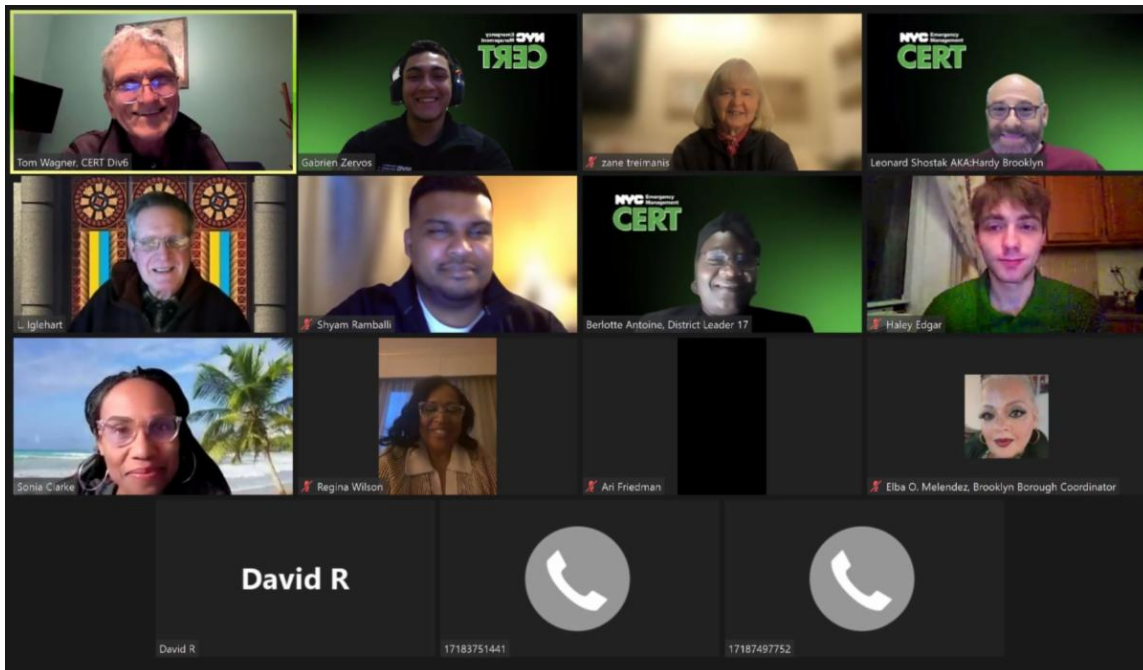
Senator Persaud's Easter Egg Hunt



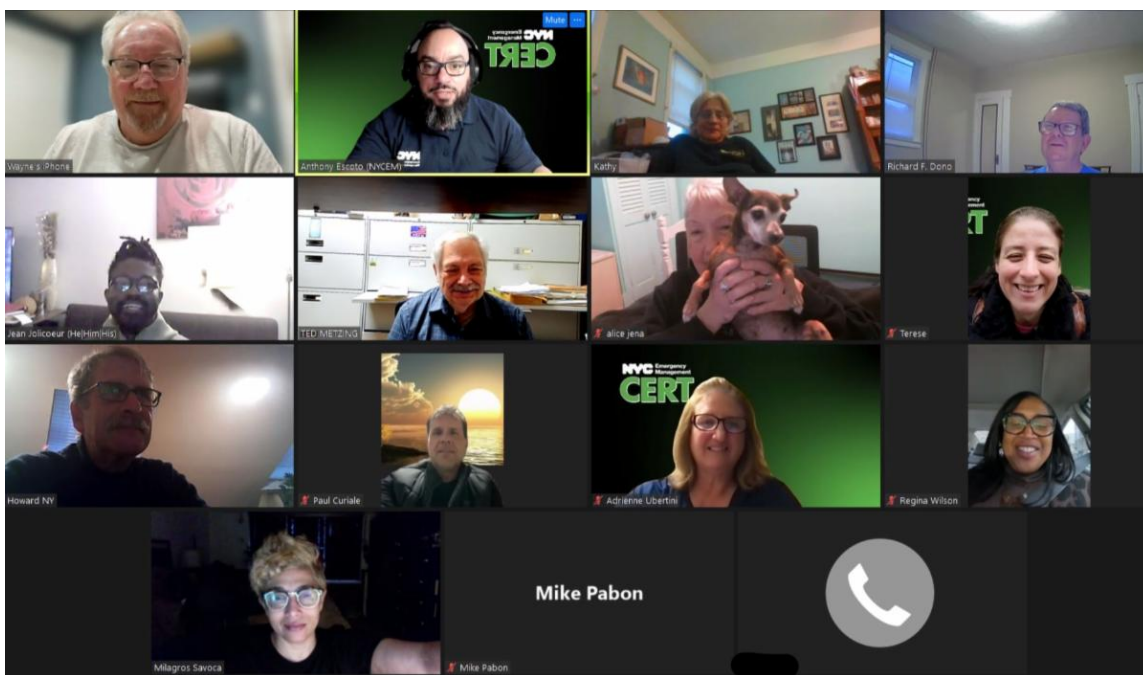
CERT was present, April 6, 2024, at State Senator Persaud's Easter Egg Hunt. Many attendees gravitated to them because of the 4.8 magnitude earthquake on April 5th. CERT members were ready with emergency preparedness literature and go-bag suggestions.

Brooklyn Division 6 Monthly Team Meeting

Brooklyn Division 6 held their monthly team meeting this past Thursday evening. The Bk division welcomed it's new members and took the opportunity to talk about upcoming trainings, hour submissions, and the inner workings on the team!



Queens Division 5 Monthly Team Meeting



Queens Division 5 held their monthly team meeting on April 8, 2024. They reported on upcoming events coordinated by the Division. They were also introduced to the new Queens Borough Coordinator Terese Flores. NYCEM staff provided updates.

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



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](#)



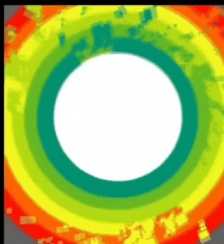
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



Listen to the all episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, Prep Talk ([SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#) & [Spreaker](#)) and ¡Prepárate! on [SoundCloud](#).



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