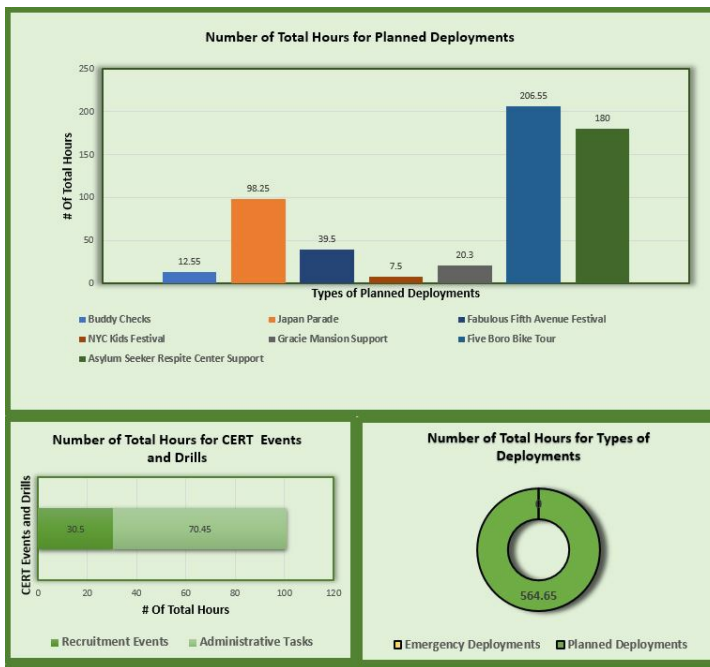


ACTIVATION STATUS: NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IS ACTIVATED.
PLEASE NOTE: Program staff will respond to inquiries and requests as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and support.

May After Action Report



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

[Memorial Day/ No Radio Roll Call]

Borough Channel: CERT QNS (Queens)

05/29 Call Scenario: What Evacuation Zone are you in (if any)? Where is the nearest Evacuation Center?

Be prepared and visit the [Know Your Zone website](#).

Documents to Review:

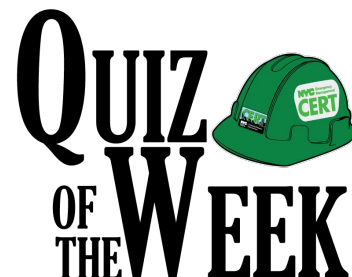
[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

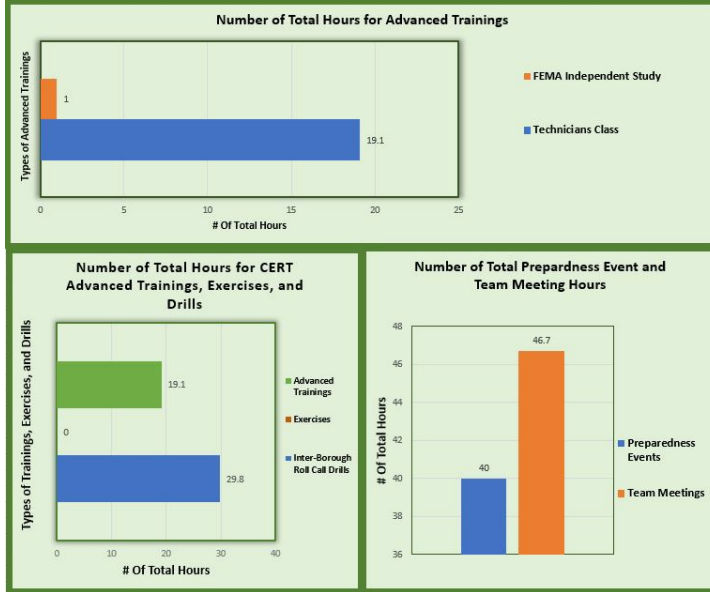
As we move into the month of June, it's time to review our May after-action-report! There were several volunteer opportunities, preparedness events and planned deployments, totaling a reported 604.65 hours: 40 hours and 564.75 hours respectively.

The most attended preparedness event this month was the 5 Boro Bike Tour packet pick up (19.50).

The most attended planned deployment this month was the Five Boro Bike Tour (206.55 hours), and the Japan Parade is the second most attended planned deployment this month (98.25 hours).



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



As of today, May's total reported volunteer hours tally up to 807.35 hours. Thank you to everyone who has served this month. Let's continue with the great work in June!

It's Asian American and Pacific Islander Month!



The month of May marks a time to highlight and recognize the contributions those of AAPI descent have made not only to the United States, but also to the world.

To learn more about Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, [please click here](#).

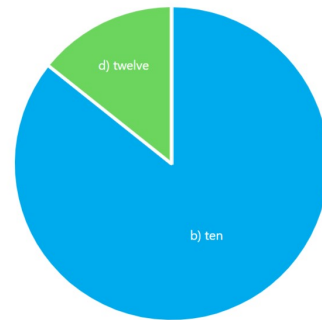
Heat Preparedness

be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

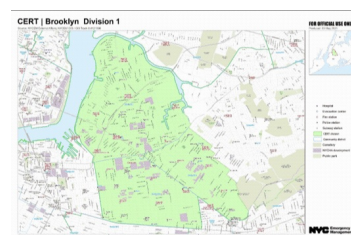
[CLICK HERE FOR THIS WEEK'S QUESTION](#)

Last week's question: Based on the current NYC CERT curriculum, students will attend how many sessions, including the final disaster simulation?

The correct answer is: **c) eleven**. Prior to the Covid pandemic, the NYC CERT Basic training was an all in-person training with 10 sessions. The training has gone through a few changes over the years, including the addition of several virtual sessions. Currently, the training is hybrid with ten classes of instruction and a culminating disaster simulation (11th class).



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





NYCEM wants to ensure that New York stays ahead of the heat this summer by providing you and those around you with preparedness tips that can keep you safe. We genuinely hope that you find these tips helpful and urge you all to share any helpful information around your community.

A couple of tips include:

- Keep an eye on older adults, children and those that are sick or overweight as they are at greater risk from extreme heat
- Seek shade when outdoors
- Stay hydrated throughout the day
- Utilize heating centers when needed

Memorial Day



With Memorial Day barbeques and celebrations this weekend, it is a good time to keep fire safety in mind!

Here are some tips for how to keep your family safe from the dangers of a BBQ grill fire:

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.

Get Notified with New York City's official

- Check all the tubes leading into the burner of your propane grill for any blockages.
- Inspect the hoses for cracking, holes and leaks. Never use a flame to check for leaks.
- Move propane hoses as far as possible from hot surfaces and dripping grease.
- Inspect the propane tank.

source for information about emergency alerts and important city services.

Download the free [Notify NYC](#) mobile app, available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

To learn more about how to be FDNY Smart concerning BBQ grill's, [please click here](#).

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

Fifth Aven Street Fair

At the request of the 78th precinct, NYC CERT assisted NYPD with traffic management leading vendors into the designated area while keeping cars out at the start and finish. Another role served was to provide pedestrian safety at intersections along the 5th avenue festival route.

In tandem with those responsibilities, CERT Volunteers also held a tabling event where they both recruited for basic training and distributed Ready New York preparedness material.



Great work to everyone involved!



Gracie Mansion AAPI Deployment

This past Tuesday, the Mayor's office of Special Projects & Community events requested CERT to assist with the Gracie Mansion Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) event. CERT members helped to check in attendees as well as the prepping and distributing of gift bags.

Great work to:

- Lisa Maurer (Brooklyn Div 1)
- Joseph St. John (Brooklyn Div 7)
- David Zubin (Brooklyn Div 5)
- Elba O. Melendez (Brooklyn Borough Coordinator)



[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 Memorial Day Parade

On May 29th, volunteers will assist Brooklyn's 156th Memorial Day Parade in Bay Ridge. NYC CERT will support crowd and traffic management along the parade route, direct parade participants to parade vehicles/floats, and help veterans on to floats at the parade assembly area.

[Register Now: Monday, May 29th | 9:30AM - 4:00 PM](#)

SSG Michael Ollis 5k Run & 2-Mile Walk

The 7th Annual SSG Michael Ollis 5k Run & 2-Mile event will be taking place on June 11th from 7am-1pm. NYC CERT has been requested to assist with event preparation along pedestrian traffic management and various other roles.

[Register Now: Sunday June 11 | 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM](#)



Kowteff's 13th Annual Juneteenth Celebration

JUNETEENTH

At the request of the Kowteff School of African Dance, NYC CERT volunteers will be assisting with pedestrian traffic for the various activities being held for the celebration of Juneteenth.

Volunteers will also be tabling to distribute Ready New York preparedness material and speak to the community about the NYC CERT program.

[Register Now: Saturday June 17 | 11:00am - 8:00pm](#)

Disability Etiquette, Awareness,



Sensitivity and Terminology Panel

Discussion

FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division will be hosting a panel discussion on June 22nd regarding disability etiquette, awareness, sensitivity and terminology.

This will be a great opportunity to learn from a great panel of subject matter experts in order to explore and address common issues and best practices.

[Register Now: Thursday June 22nd | 1:00 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

CPR, Narcan and Stop The Bleed

NY Presbyterian's Community Affairs Department will provide advanced training in Hands-Only CPR, Narcan administration and best practices for effective administration of Stop the Bleed techniques on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 6:30 pm, at 3700 Henry

[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.

THINGS TO KNOW

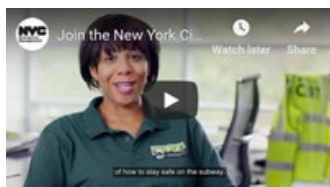
CERT Self-Deployment

We at NYCEM appreciate NYC CERT volunteer's service and dedication to public safety and want to support members in any way possible. However, as your instructors, volunteer leadership, and NYCEM staff have told all CERT members from day one of basic training: NYC CERT **NEVER** self-deploy.

We encourage all CERT to listen to their Division leadership and ask any questions that may come to mind. We also want to encourage all members to review the NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures, Section 5: Operations, Deployment protocol.

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

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



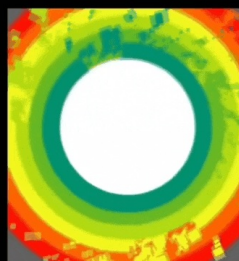
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[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](#).



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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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