

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.

Happy Presidents' Day



Learn about the history of [Presidents' Day](#).



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

2/19/2024

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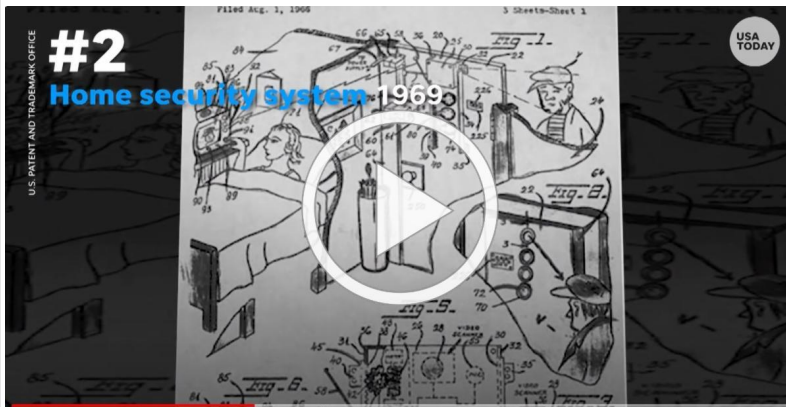
Presidents' Day

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

Celebrate Diversity Equality and Inclusion. Celebrate Black History.

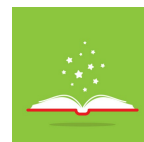


Innovation does not recognize color or gender. Innovation is the effect of implemented ideas. We celebrate the innovative minds that shaped our lives from science to technology to quality of life. USA Today highlighted 5 such brilliant minds in celebration of Black History Month, whose accomplishments are known by few. Take a look at these unsung Black American heroes and the innovative ways the bettered humanity as a whole.

Find more ways to celebrate Black History Month with events at [The New York Public Library](#).



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](#)

In the spirit of remembrance, please join us in honoring the legacy of Deputy Commissioner Calvin Drayton, a trailblazer and dedicated public servant whose impact on our agency and community remains palpable. Deputy Commissioner Drayton's unwavering commitment to excellence, advocacy for justice, and leadership by example have left an indelible mark on all those fortunate enough to have worked alongside him. As we commemorate Black History Month, let us draw inspiration from Deputy Commissioner Drayton's life and legacy. His pioneering efforts have paved the way for progress, challenging us to strive for a more inclusive and equitable environment within our agency and society.

- NYC Emergency Management Equity and Diversity Council

Read or listen to [Calvin Drayton's legacy to NYC.](#)

Credentials Are In!



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.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Attend Our 12th Annual Community Preparedness Symposium on March 6, 2024

Register for the Path to Preparedness: Empowering Community Action!

QUIZ



Each week we will propose a quiz question that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or from your experience as an active member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter.

Last week's question:

A CERT member's behavior is making you feel uncomfortable. What can you do if it continues?

Correct Answer(s): **A)** Alert NYCEM CERT Staff to address the situation with the member. *80% of you answered correctly!* You should never have to feel uncomfortable. If on deployment please let your CERT Lead know of the circumstances and alert CERT Staff to take care of the situation in a discreet manner. We do not want members to have a bad experience or become jaded due to the actions of one person. You should not have to abandon activities that you enjoy because of someone else's bad behavior. You can email or call us, or simply book an appointment to discuss this with us.

You don't feel supported by your leadership but want to follow the communication structure. You

A) tell your leadership member exactly how you feel, in no uncertain terms

B) book an appointment with a CERT Staff member to discuss the



JOIN US AT THE



12th Annual Community Preparedness Symposium
**Path to Preparedness:
Empowering Community Action**

Baruch College, New York, NY
Wednesday, March 6th, 2024 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
<https://bit.ly/2024CPSymposium>

For help registering or requests regarding accessibility
Email: communityprep@oem.nyc.gov
or Call: (718) 422-4654 by February 21st

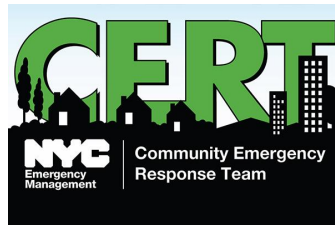


Scan here to RSVP

[Registration | Wed, March 6, 2024 9AM - 3PM](#)



Join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division and NYC Emergency Management for a special webinar on training, exercising and engaging CERT in winter weather. Hail, snow, freezing rain and ice-cold temperatures present challenges for volunteers assisting in their community. Learn how NYC Emergency Management trains, exercises and utilizes CERT volunteers to assist EM and provide support to the citizens of New York City.



Who should attend?

Whole Community, Local, State, Federal government, Private Sector, Community and Faith-based Organizations, Emergency Managers, and CERT Leads and Program Managers.

[Registration | Wed, Feb 21, 2024 3PM](#)

Make sure to test your Adobe Connect before the meeting.

This event will have Live Captioning.

issue and ask for their support

C) Tell your Communications Liaison

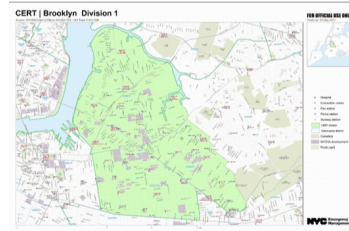
D) Call 411 to report



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](#)

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN WEBINAR

We'll discuss:

- What is a Hazard Mitigation Plan? What's in it?
- Tools to understand your risk from hazards (with a special focus on flooding).
- Actions you can take to reduce your risk of flood damage.

February 22 at 11 AM

on.nyc.gov/HMPwebinar

NYC is no stranger to natural disasters. Each time we experience one, we learn how to make our city stronger and safer. The NYC Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), updated every five years, outlines these new strategies, as well as steps we can take to reduce our risk.

In this webinar, NYC Emergency Management will showcase the 2024 NYC HMP, describing the hazards facing NYC and sharing tools to help you understand your risk and ways to prepare and stay safe. We welcome your feedback on all aspects of the plan. Check out the plan and leave your comments at nychazardmitigation.com. Anyone can give feedback on the HMP during the public comment period, which closes **March 5, 2024**.

[Registration | February 22, 2024 11AM](#)

Be A Safe and Considerate Driver



Safety should never be compromised to save time. After our first snow storm in 2024, it's crucial to ensure that your car is free from any snow or ice that may cause dangerous road conditions. Neglecting to clear your car of snow can lead to hazardous situations or accidents. We show we care about the safety and wellbeing of our fellow commuters by taking a few extra minutes to clear the snow off our cars before

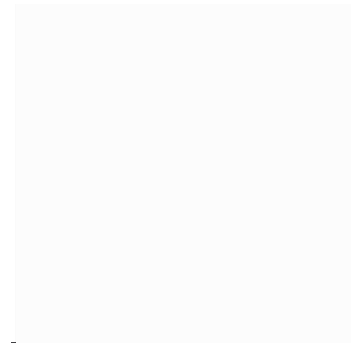
READY NEW YORK

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 source for information about emergency alerts and important city services. Download the free [Notify NYC](#) mobile app, available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).



hitting the road. Let's make sure that our bustling city remains safe for everyone.

Find more [Safety Tips](#) to be [Winter Ready](#).

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

Winter Clothing Packing at NYCEM Warehouse

NYC CERT will organize and pack winter weather clothing items to be distributed later to on-site Asylum Seeker Clients.

[Registration | Wed, Feb 21, 2024 12:30PM](#)



Manhattan Chinese New Year Parade

NYC CERT will march alongside NYCEM staff during the Chinese New Year Parade.

[Registration | Sun, Feb 25, 2024 12:15PM](#)



Support - Live Victim

CERT volunteers will be playing victims in the disaster simulation, which may include sitting or laying on the ground and acting in distress.

[Registration | Mon, March 18, 2024 6:30PM](#)

[Registration | Tues, March 19, 2024 6:30PM](#)



Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade

CERT volunteers will assist the NYPD 68th precinct community affairs Office with pedestrian and vehicle traffic control.

[Registration | Sun, March 24, 2024 12PM](#)

FEMA Region 2 Webinar Series

CERT Volunteers and the EOC

Please join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division for a webinar on Until Help Arrives.

[Registration | Wed, Feb 28, 2024 1PM](#)



FEMA Region 2 Webinar Series

How to Keep CERT Training Fun & Engaging

Please join the Region 2 and Region 8 National Preparedness Division for a webinar on how to Keep CERT Training Fun & Engaging.

[Registration | Wed, March 13, 2024 1PM](#)

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

Bronx Point to Point Radio Training

Training Details

Student Pre-Requisite

All members interested must complete and send their certificate of completion by Tuesday, Feb 27th, for IS-242.b Effective Communications to certtraining@oem.nyc.gov.

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

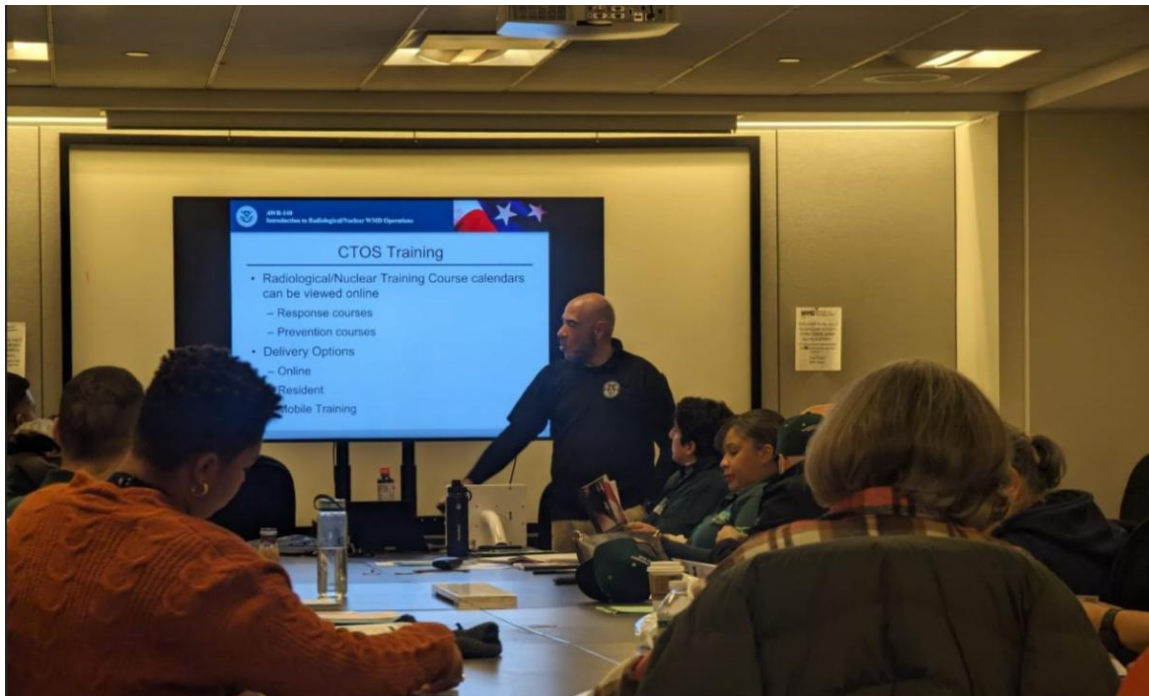
As part of the Point to Point radio training, there's a mandatory exercise to be done outdoors.



[Registration](#) | Sat, March 2, 2024 9AM

NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Introduction to Radiological/Nuclear WMD Awareness

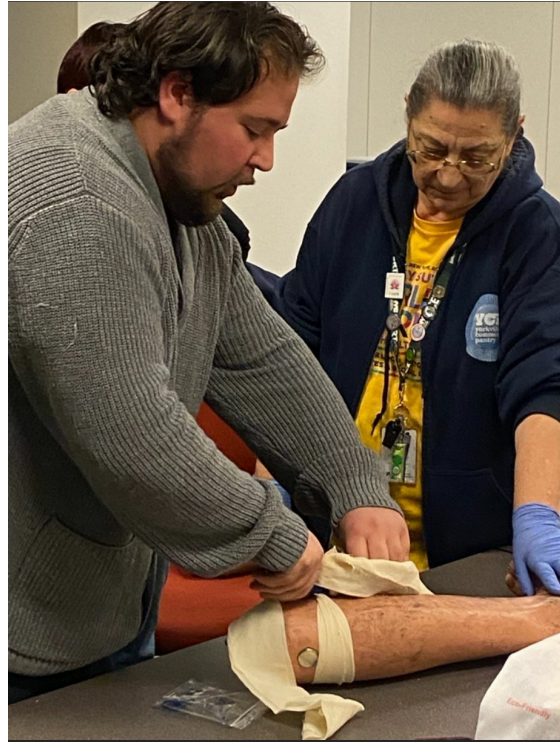
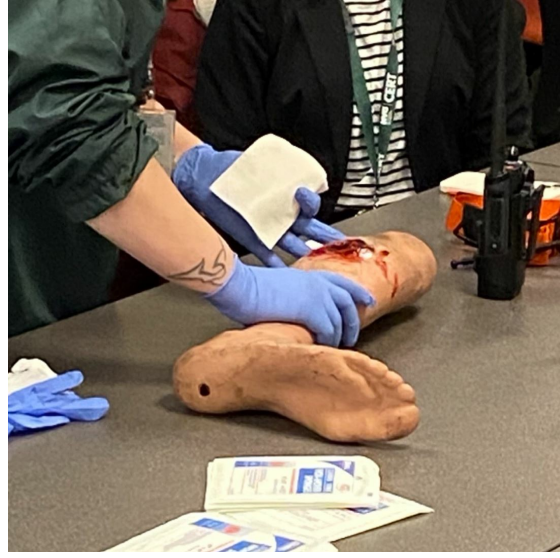




A great success with NYC CERT partnership with New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. We had amazing instructors from the National Nuclear Administration teaching our amazing volunteers tips and resources of all levels of exposure and detection of harmful materials such as nuclear, radiological and weapons of mass destruction. Looking forward to have more sessions with our federal partners in the upcoming months.

Advanced Training: NYCEM STOP THE BLEED





Commissioner Iscol stopped by to see our dedicated CERT members.

NYCEM's Health and Medical Specialist, Max Goldfarb, gave an engaging STOP THE BLEED training on Monday, February 12, 2024, at NYCEM Headquarters. The CERT members learned the ABCs of stopping a bleed and practiced using tourniquets and treating puncture wounds on moulage injuries. The training session was hands-on and interactive, providing the team with the skills and confidence to act quickly in emergency situations. Commissioner Iscol even stopped by to witness the team's dedication and focus. Congratulations to all the trainees, who were awarded a Certificate of Completion and a tourniquet; making them officially ready to STOP



Queens Division 1 Monthly Team Meeting



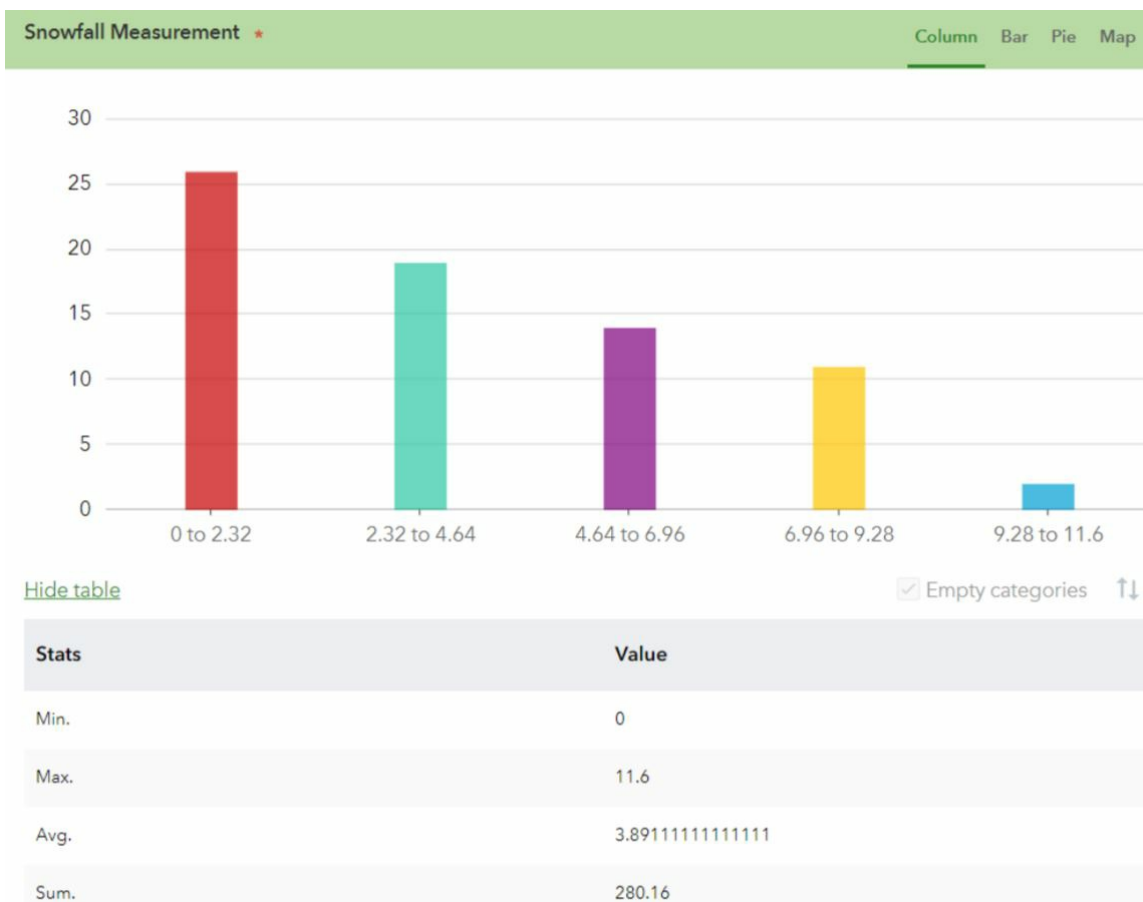
On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, Queens Division 1 held their monthly team meeting virtually. NYCEM CERT staff led the meeting and amplified training and exercise opportunities. The team discussed upcoming plans and events for volunteer engagement.

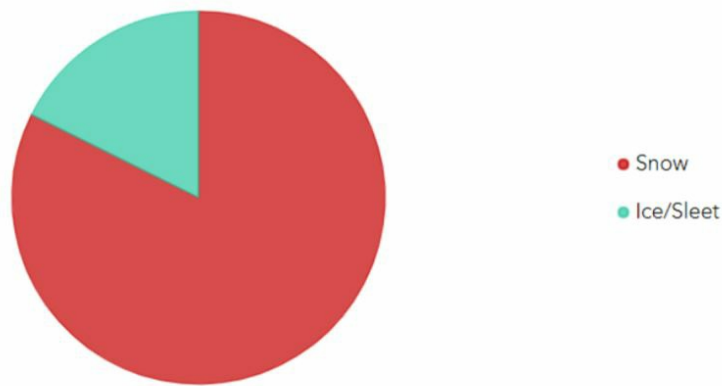
Queens Division 5 Monthly Team Meeting



Queens Division 5 held their monthly team meeting on January 12, 2024. The team discussed conducting an in person meeting and finding a location. Recruiting and team activities for the community was the focus of the meeting as well as team training.

Snow Measuring Results - Storm of February 13, 2024



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Answers	Count	Percentage
Snow	14	82.35%
Ice/Sleet	3	17.65%

We would like to thank all of you for all of your hard work during this week's Winter Storm. You have shown again that NYCEM CERT is always willing to help our city, and we at NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM) are grateful for the time and effort that our volunteers expend on behalf of New York City. 17 Snow Measuring submissions were recorded, with a bulk of them being recorded from 10-11am. Manhattan Division 2 & 4 submitted the most responses with 29.41% and 23.53% of the data belonging to those two divisions respectively. Ice/Sleet accounted for 17.65% of the total data, while Snow made up for the rest of the data set as indicated in the pie chart. Your work measuring snow is an important tool both for the National Weather Service(NWS) and NYCEM because it dramatically increases the locations and frequency of snowfall measurement throughout the five boroughs.

[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](#)



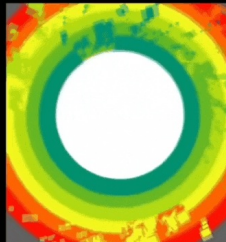
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



[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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Schedule a meeting with NYC CERT Staff:
<https://on.nyc.gov/bookCERT>

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