

NYC Emergency Management CERT NEWSLETTER

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC) IS ACTIVATED SUPPORTING THE RECOVERY FROM TROPICAL STORM IDA.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: WHEN INTERACTING WITH THE PUBLIC, NYC CERT MEMBERS MUST WEAR FACE MASKS AT ALL TIMES REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.

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

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PROGRAM UPDATE

NYC Emergency Management CERT PARTICIPATION

Due to the current climate and COVID-19 restrictions, you will notice that for all newly listen NYC CERT Volunteer Opportunities, there is a new question in the registration form titled COVID Affirmation.

ALL NYC CERT VOLUNTEERS MUST FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES.

Upon registering for any opportunity, you must agree to the following:

All NYCEM CERT volunteers who will be in contact with City employees or the public must follow COVID safety protocols. I affirm that I have been fully informed by New York City Emergency Management of these protocols and that I will follow them.

As a NYCEM CERT volunteer, I hereby affirm:

- 1) I am fully vaccinated. I agree to still wear a mask at all times when on City property and when interacting with the public.
- OR
- 2) I am not fully vaccinated. I agree to wear a mask at all times when on City property and/or interacting with the public; AND, prior to deploying to a CERT activity I will undergo a PCR test and will only deploy if results are negative.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov.

[Locate a COVID-19 Testing Site](#)
[NYC COVID-19 Vaccination webpage](#)



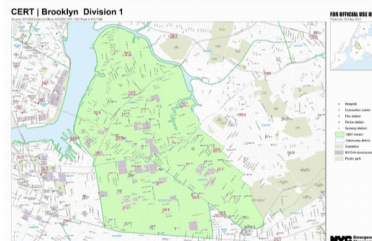
MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: BK

Scenario: Report on how many members in your division are trained snow measures?

10/18 Responding Borough:
BX

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



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

Brooklyn - Bronx - Manhattan -

Ready Up NYC presents: Fire Safety with NYC Emergency Management and the New York City Fire Department

Join NYC Emergency Management and the FDNY for a discussion on fire safety. Sign up to learn more about the proper steps on fire prevention, critical lifesaving strategies, and the steps to be prepared for any emergency.

Date: October 28, 2021
Time: 1:00 p.m. EST
Link: bit.ly/ReadyUpFire



Join New York City Emergency Management and the New York City Fire Department on **Tuesday October 28th at 1 PM** for a webinar discussing emergency preparedness and fire safety tips.

Register Now

Please share this link with your networks and community members so that all can learn more about the proper steps to preventing fires, critical lifesaving strategies and how to be better prepared for any emergency. If you need special accommodations please email readyny@oem.nyc.gov by 10/25.



View the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

After you participate, be sure to [Submit Your Volunteer Hours!](#)

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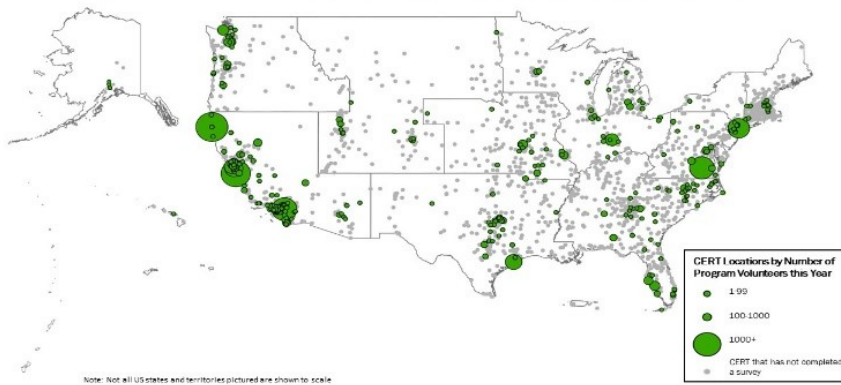
If your division is hosting or participating in an upcoming event, please complete the [Event Request form](#) to have your opportunity published through Eventbrite.com for members to register.

Your NYC CERT Ready New York Liaison can submit a [Ready New York](#)



[Material Request](#) for upcoming events.

CERT Annual Certification Status: 2020



Each year Community Emergency Response Team programs throughout the nation report programmatic data to help generate an Annual CERT Certification Report. NYC Emergency Management provides data for all reported activity and highlights from the five boroughs that NYC CERT covers, making it important that membership is regularly hosting meetings, participating in events and reporting volunteer hours. Please take a look at the report [HERE](#) to get a better idea of what other CERT programs from around the nation has been up to.



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](#).

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer - Staten Island
Volunteers will monitor traffic flow.
Sunday, October 17, 2021, 6:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Bay Ridge 5th Avenue
Open Street
Volunteers will support traffic management.
Fridays, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Gracie Mansion Halloween

Each year Gracie Mansion welcomes over 2,000 children and families from all 5 boroughs, including families residing in New York City's homeless shelters. Gracie Mansion will be converted into a haunted maze and graveyard. Tricks and treats will be provided for all children throughout the event.

See for more info.

CERT volunteers will support crowd management as well as provide access to resources.

Register Here



Marine Park Fall Festival
Distribution of Ready New York preparedness material
Saturday, October 23, 2021, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Holy Family - St. Laurence Indoor Flea Market
Distribution of Ready New York preparedness material
Saturday, November 6, 2021, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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.

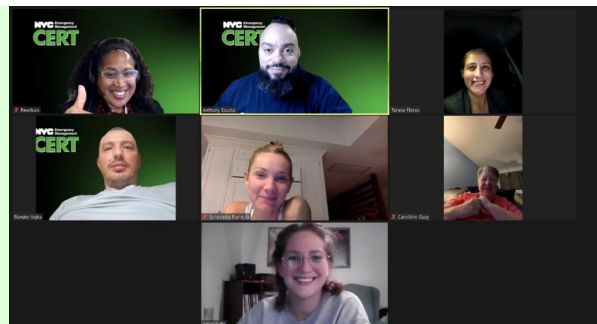
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY



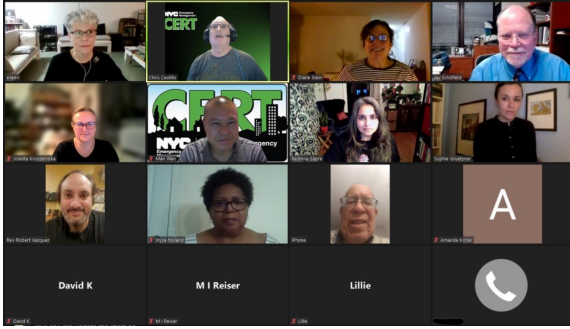
The **CERT Radio Committee** members held a meeting to finalize plans on an upcoming **Point to Point Basic Radio Training**, to be held in-person at NYCEM Headquarters. Saturday November 6th, 9 AM - 2 PM.

There is also an opportunity for those Citywide trained members to have an NCO training the same day to support the exercise portion of the class. More radio training will be announced soon, including a virtual 700mhz Citywide training and a refresher.

Queens Division 1 CERT held their monthly meeting earlier this week. They followed a well structured agenda led by Terese Flores in the excused absence of the Division Chief. Members discussed upcoming deployments and the opportunity for large recruitment events in their neighborhood.



Manhattan Division 1 CERT gathered virtually this week. Borough Coordinators joined and fielded member



inquiries covering a number of topics specific to their division. As a reminder: division meetings are a great time to present any issues or concerns to leadership, as CERT Program Staff meet bi-weekly with borough coordinators to review such concerns.

Staten Island CERT members were honored by NYPD Chief James Essig, earlier this week at a Community Council meeting held at the 121st Police Precinct. Members received thanks for the support they have provided to NYPD, most notably the numerous missing persons searches.



Manhattan Division 2 CERT members Richard and Cynthia Esposito, accompanied by the division's Ready New York Liaison, Terin Izil provided another great presentation to Upper West Side residents.

Download NYC CERT Background to use during Meetings and Training in a virtual environment (e.g. Microsoft Teams, Zoom, etc.)



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

CERT Radio Training

The CERT Radio committee will be hosting the an in-person **Point-to-Point Radio training** at NYC Emergency Management headquarters in Brooklyn. This training is open to all members interested.

At the same time, members already citywide radio trained will have the opportunity to train towards

becoming a **Network Control Operator (NCO)** and will support the point-to-point exercise portion of the class.

[Register Here](#)

You must register to participate in this training. You will have three options - Student registration, Radio Committee Member Only, and NCO training (for Citywide trained volunteers)

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.



Maintaining and Revitalizing your CERT Program

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:00PM - 2:30 PM

Please join **FEMA Region 2** as ideas and best practices are shared for maintaining and revitalizing your CERT program.

[Register Here](#)

NYC CERT online platform
includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

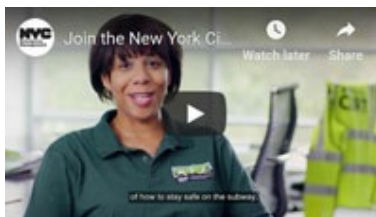
Schedule a free Fire Safety training for your Division at **FDNY Smart Fire Safety**.

FEMA Region 2 (R2) Webinar Catalog includes all recorded webinars from Jan-June of 2021.

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](#)



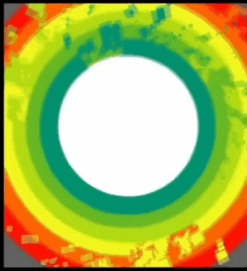
Resolve to Be Ready Calendar
Regular reminders in simple steps that can help you work preparedness into your busy schedule.



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

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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