

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.

Beat the Heat



NYC is facing the first heat wave of the season; as National Weather Service has issued us an excessive heat warning.

Cooling centers will be open through Saturday, 7/29.

A/C is the best way to keep yourself safe from extreme heat. Find a cooling center near you: <http://finder.nyc.gov/coolingcenters>.

Be sure to call them before you head over to make sure they are open. You can also run your A/C at home at 78° to keep yourself safe.

Find more tips to Beat The Heat at nyc.gov/beattheheat



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Brough Channel: CERT BK

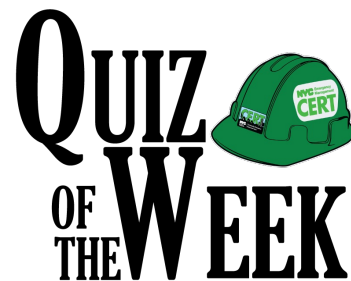
08/01 Responding Borough: Brooklyn

Call Scenario: Is your team radio being rotated? How often?

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)



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 FOR THIS WEEK'S QUESTION](#)



NYC CERT On-Scene Procedure

- Upon arrival the **Volunteer Lead** should check in with Watch Command by calling (718)-422-8700 or Using your 700 MHz Radio on the CW Channel and provide the following information:
 - Your name
 - CERT Division
 - Location
 - Volunteer assignment
 - Arriving on scene
 - How many volunteers are with you
 - Your contact information

The safety of all members is the top priority at all times.

The team lead should develop a relief plan working with his/her team.

- When leaving the event the site, the Volunteer Lead should check in with Watch Command by calling (718)-422-8700 / Using your 700 MHz Radio on the CW Channel
 - Your name
 - CERT Division
 - Location
 - Standing down
 - Confirming how many volunteers are with you
- Submit **Deployment Form**

NYC CERT National Night Out Events

New NYC CERT Recruitment Cards

Emergency Management's Ready New York program works year round for the past 20 years on highlighting the importance of something that is highlighted nationally during September! What are we referring to?

The correct answer is: c) **emergency preparedness**

While we all love Chess, Pink Cadillacs, and Director Joseph Puppello... Ready New York has been promoting emergency Preparedness for the past 20 years and September is National Preparedness Month!

NYC CERT has always played a large part of that preparedness outreach and continues to do so all year long. If you haven't already began to plan what your division is doing to continue this work in September, please discuss at your upcoming division meeting.

<https://www.ready.gov/september#2023>

<https://nationaltoday.com/american-chess-day/>

<https://nationaltoday.com/pink-cadillac-day/>



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



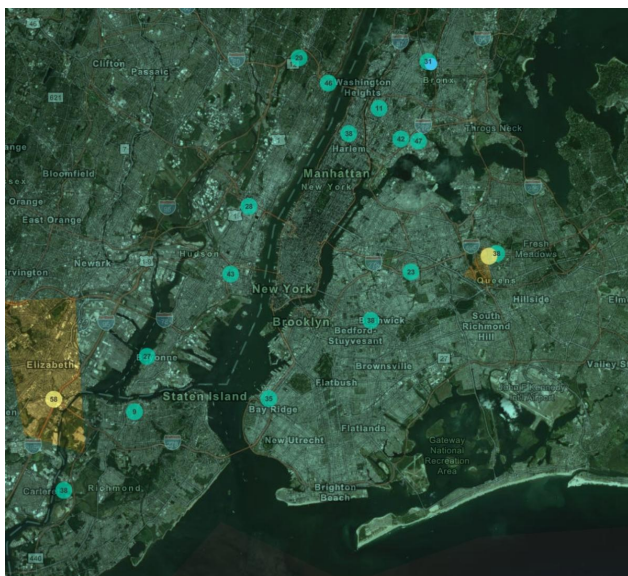
The [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#) provides guidance and outlines policies and procedures for you and your team to follow.



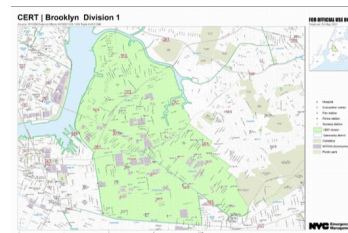
NYC CERT is proud to announce the launch of our new recruitment postcards. As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, we are excited to share this new promotional material with the community. These postcards will be sent to those who have requested materials for National Night Out and will also be available for all future events.

Our new postcards feature updated graphics and messaging that showcase the importance of emergency preparedness and the vital role that NYC CERT plays in keeping our city safe. They also provide information on how to join our team and become a trained volunteer.

US Environmental Protection Agency Air Quality Dashboard



The US Environmental Protection Agency EPA has introduced a new dashboard that provides an easier way for both the public and



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.

communities to access information on the air quality index AQI at a national level. The dashboard features an address finder, enabling users to quickly identify the air quality conditions in their area. The dashboard also provides information on populations and conditions that may be affected by the current AQI. With this new tool, the EPA hopes to empower individuals and communities to make informed decisions about their health and well-being by providing them with reliable and up-to-date air quality information.

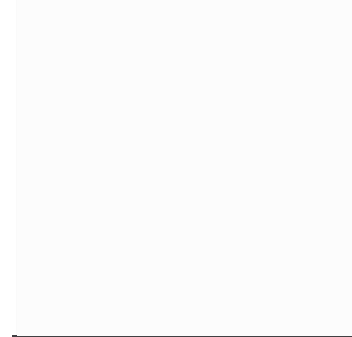
[Click here to view](#)



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](#).



Help us Celebrate 20 Years of NYC CERT



Send us your CERT photos and 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

3rd Avenue Stroll in Bay Ridge

NYC CERT members have been lending a hand to the 3rd Avenue Merchants Association to ensure a smooth and safe experience for pedestrians and motorists during the Bay Ridge's 3rd Avenue Stroll and Open Streets event. CERT has continued to provide valuable assistance in managing vehicular and pedestrian traffic management along 3rd Avenue, from 68th Street to 83rd Street, with other high-traffic cross streets also covered. With their help, the event was able to run seamlessly, providing an enjoyable experience for all who attended, including a visit from NYCEM Deputy Commissioner, Herman Schaffer! CERT's dedication to community service is commendable, and their efforts are greatly appreciated by everyone involved in the event.



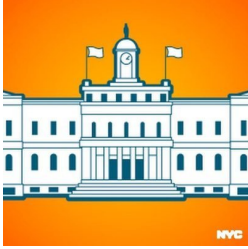
Gracie Mansion: Eastern European Reception

We are proud to announce that the Mayor's office of Special Projects and Community events has continued to choose CERT as their go-to organization for cultural receptions at Gracie Mansion. This week, the Mayor himself expressed his gratitude for the hard work and dedication of our CERT volunteers by requesting to take a picture with them. This is a testament to the exceptional work that our volunteers do every day to support and serve the community. We are honored to partner with the Mayor's office and look forward to continuing our collaboration.

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Gracie Mansion Cultural Receptions

The Mayor's office of Special Projects and Community events; Asked for CERT will help with pedestrian and line traffic management.

Please see below for each registration page:



Dominican Republic Heritage Reception

[Registration: Tue, Aug 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)

Haitian Heritage Reception

[Registration, Thu, Aug 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)



Arab Heritage Reception

[Registration, Thu, Aug 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)

German American Heritage Reception

[Registration, Thu, Aug 31, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)



3rd Avenue Summer Stroll/Open Streets in Bay Ridge

CERT volunteers have joined forces with the 3rd Avenue Merchants Association to help keep things moving and grooving at Bay Ridge's 3rd Avenue Stroll



and Open Streets event! That's right, you heard it here first! Our CERT team will be on hand to lend a helping hand with vehicle traffic management and crowd control. So don't miss out on the fun! Come on down and join us for an awesome day of strolling and rolling!

[Several Dates](#)

[3rd Ave Summer Stroll Registration at](#)

[5:00 PM - 10:00 PM](#)

46th Annual Brighton Jubilee

Get your gear ready and join us for a day of fun, excitement, and community service at the 46TH Brighton Beach Jubilee. We need your help with vehicle and pedestrian control, and to distribute RNY preparedness material to the attendees. Let's show our community how much we care and make this event a huge success! So put on your superhero capes, grab your walkie-talkies and join us for a day filled with adventure and service! Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference and be a part of something amazing!



[Registration, Sun, Aug 27, 2023 at 7:30 AM](#)

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.

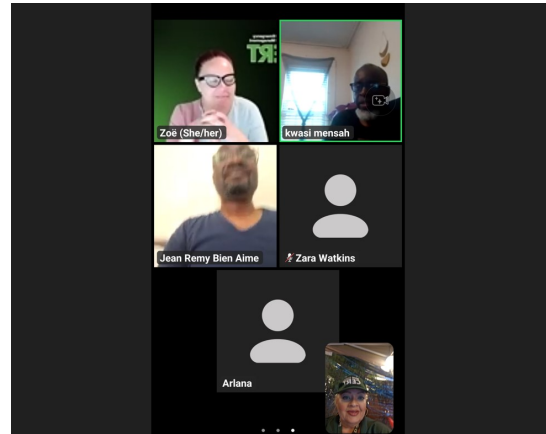
Schedule free training for your Division here : [FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#).

[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalogue](#) includes all recorded webinars.

Monthly Meetings

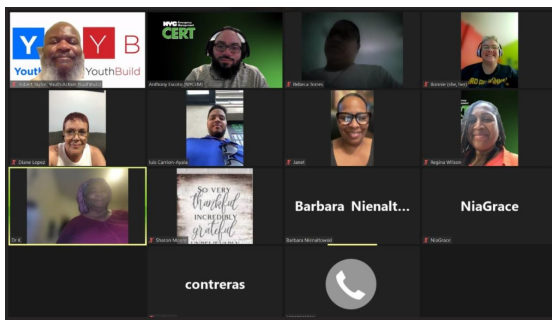
Brooklyn Division 4

The Division Chief Kwasi has yet again led a successful meeting with new graduates, announcing the participation of the Division in the National Night Out event happening this coming Tuesday. The meeting was graced by the Borough Coordinator Elba Melendez who provided program updates as a special guest. This achievement is a testament to the great work of everyone involved in the Division. With the leadership of Chief Kwasi, the Division is sure to make a significant impact in the community and continue to achieve success in its endeavors.



Manhattan Division 5

We are excited to share that Manhattan Division 5 recently had a fantastic turnout at their meeting, where dedicated volunteers came together to discuss and plan for the upcoming National Night Out event. With the support of these leading volunteers, the program staff also worked diligently to finalize all the necessary logistics to ensure a successful and memorable event. National Night Out is an important community initiative that promotes police-community partnerships and strengthens neighborhood bonds. With the collaborative efforts of our committed volunteers and program staff, we are confident that this year's National Night Out in Manhattan Division 5 will be a resounding success, bringing neighbors together and fostering a safer and more connected community. Stay tuned for more updates and make sure to mark your calendars for this exciting event!



Brooklyn Division 5

Brooklyn Division 5 kicked off their last meeting of the summer as they welcomed several new members. A recap of large events between monthly meeting and events to come. A special shoutout to probationary member Jonathan Castro on his first Deployment Lead role this past week at Gracie Mansion. Great meeting!



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](#)



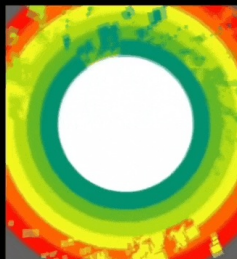
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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