

A Proud Day for the NYC CERT Program



On March 13, 2024, CERT Brooklyn Division 3 members Keron and Aemira Alleyne, with their son, celebrate Keron's FDNY graduation, as he will now serve NYC as a Probationary Firefighter at Engine 290, in East New York, Brooklyn. Congratulations to the Alleyne family for this amazing accomplishment. Oh wait - Is that Firefighter (and NYC CERT Staffer), Regina Wilson!

March is American Red Cross Month



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

BOROUGH CHANNEL
BRONX

04/01/2024
Bronx

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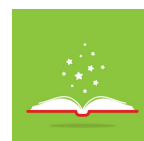
How many recruitment events is your division planning to have this month?

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](#)



During the month of March, we honor the dedicated American Red Cross volunteers who turn their compassion into action. The American Red Cross received its first presidential proclamation from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in 1943, to help gain awareness of the organization's humanitarian efforts. As you know, many NYC CERT members also participate with the American Red Cross as well. We thank you for your volunteerism!

Learn how to get involved with the [American Red Cross](#).

CERT Recruitment Event at Morningside Heights Library

CERT RECRUITMENT

NYCEM is hosting a NYC CERT Recruitment event at the Morningside Heights Library in Manhattan on Saturday, April 6th, from 12PM - 4PM, in an effort to build up recruitment in one of our focus areas for this year. If you are available to support this event, please register here:

[Registration | Sat, April 6, 2024 12PM - 4PM](#)

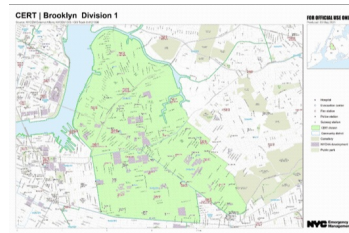
2024 Ready School of The Year Award



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](#)

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.

2024 READY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR
AWARD
APPLICATION
 DEADLINE: APRIL 5



Has NYCEM Visited Your School?

Do you learn about emergency preparedness in the classroom?

Does your school include emergency preparedness activities during the year?

Does your school notify local events in the community about emergency preparedness?

APPLY NOW!
<https://on.nyc.gov/2024RSOTY>

It's that time of year!

Ready Schools are part of the Ready New York for Kids program. NYCEM is ready to reward the next Ready School for all the work they have invested in the program. If you work for or are connected to a school that has provided Ready New York presentations this past year, please get your school's application in by **April 5, 2024!**

[Apply Here](#)

Calling all Innovators!



NYC Pandemic Response Institute

FIREFLY INNOVATIONS

GRAND CHALLENGE COMPETITION
INNOVATIONS IN PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

Apply by March 31, 2024!

Up to Ten \$500 Prizes for the Top Ideas

Opportunities to Pitch and Apply for Seed Grants!

Connect with Columbia & CUNY Faculty

Firefly Innovations, the premier public health entrepreneurship



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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platform of the CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy, in partnership with the New York City Pandemic Response Institute (PRI) announce the *Grand Challenge Competition for Innovations in Public Health Emergencies*. [Read more...](#)

Apply Now!

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

Bronx Division 1 invites all CERT members to come and meet your fellow borough members as we gather and network with each other and NYC Emergency Management staff. NYC CERT will join forces with a reliable NYC Emergency Management community partner to simulate tackling a hazard training exercise.

Please Note: No prior training or knowledge other than what your veteran or new graduate brings to the table.

Activity Learning Objectives:

- Individual Preparedness/Awareness
- CERT Deployment Protocols
- Have fun!

NYC Emergency Management
CERT



Gear: Please Wear your CERT polo and ID!

[Registration | Wed, April 10, 2024 6:00PM](#)



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](#)

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](#)





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



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.

NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade



NYC CERT deployed to the Bay Ridge Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 24, 2024. Our volunteers assisted the NYPD 68th Precinct's Community Affairs Office with pedestrian and vehicular traffic control. Nice work, as always!

Bronx Division 5 Monthly Team Meeting



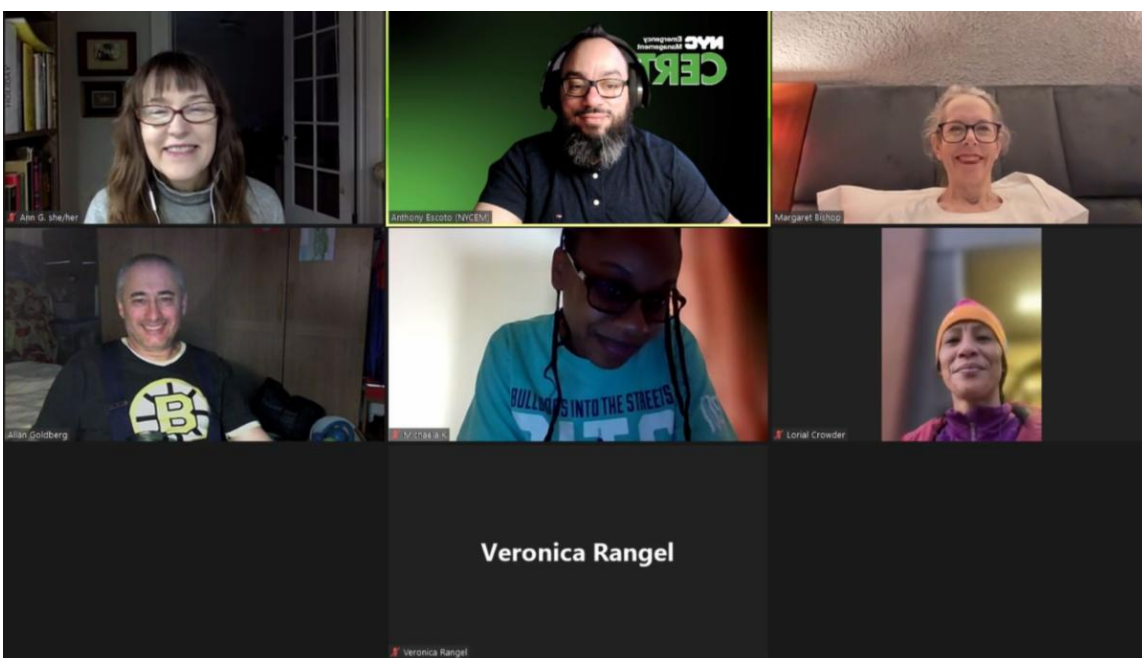
Bronx Division 5 held their monthly meeting on March 26th. NYCEM staff conducted a recruitment class with the Division to teach them tips and pointers of recruiting for the CERT program. The team also discussed their participation in the radio training conducted by Anthony Escoto, program manager of the CERT program.

Brooklyn Division 5 Monthly Team Meeting



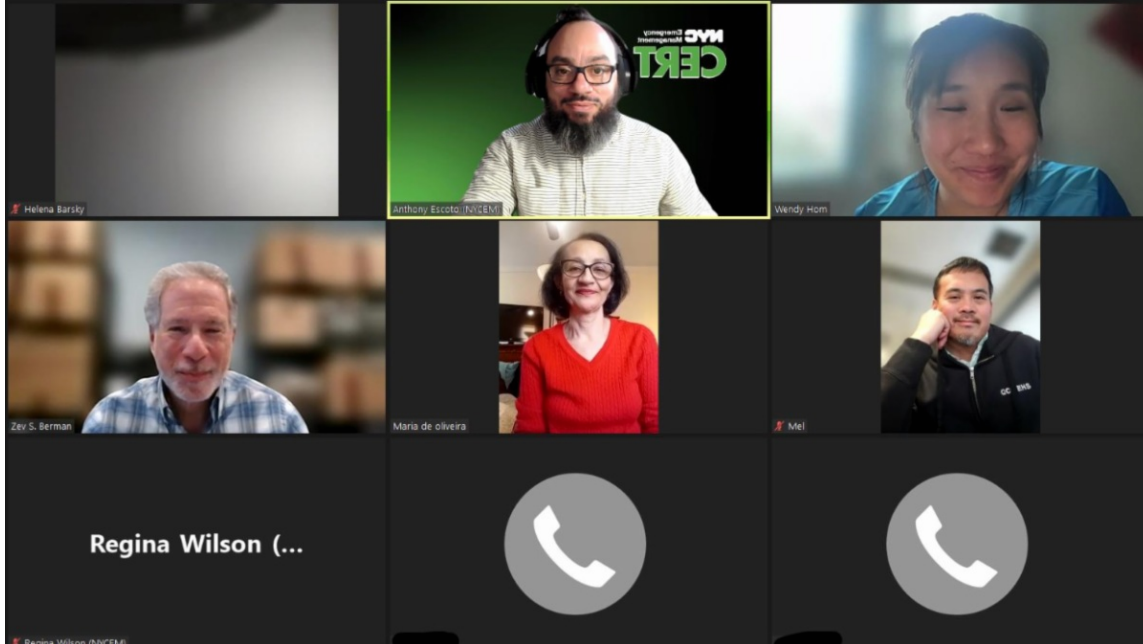
Brooklyn Division 5 met last week for their monthly team meeting on March 21, 2024. They prepared for the Good Friday Procession deployment on March 29th. Brooklyn Division 7 joined the meeting to amplify their local planned deployments. CERT member Susan Falshenberg has rejoined the team. Welcome back, Susan!

Manhattan Division 4 Monthly Team Meeting



Manhattan Division 4 held their monthly team meeting on March 25, 2024. Team members gave updates and discussed recent events. They also discussed support for upcoming events with local organizations and the precinct. NYCEM staff amplified upcoming events.

Queens Divison 4 Monthly Team Meeting



Queens Division 4 held their monthly team meeting on March 25, 2024. They reported on the relationships being built with local elected officials and precincts that will bring new activity to the division. They reviewed past attended deployments, discussed the upcoming Queens Disaster Simulation, and amplified the warnings issued by the local precinct. They planned to connect with the local Firehouse with the assistance of NYCEM staff.

Bronx Division 3 Monthly Team Meeting



Bronx Division 3 held their monthly team meeting on March 27, 2024. The division is coordinating a local STOP THE BLEED training. They requested a Citywide Radio Training from NYCEM and planned upcoming deployments. in progress...

Brooklyn Division 1 Monthly Team Meeting



Brooklyn Division 3 held their monthly team meeting on March 27, 2024.

[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](#)



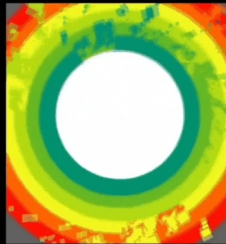
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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 https://on.nyc.gov/bookCERT](https://on.nyc.gov/bookCERT)

Choose a Topic:

[CERT Pick-up
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