NYC CERT Newsletter | Issue 28 | 07/10/2021



NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

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

As a reminder, NYC CERT is in the process of transitioning from the CERT Online Portal (Samaritan). Please submit all volunteer hours <u>HERE</u>.

If you're having difficulty viewing the newsletter **<u>click here to view as a webpage.</u>**

Hometown Heroes



NYC CERT was requested by the Mayor's Office of Special Projects and Community Events to participate in a support role for the Hometown Heroes ticker-tape parade earlier this week. During the event, NYC honored all the essential workers who selflessly continued to preform their duties throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. There is no better example than our NYC CERT volunteers who were in the field from day one supporting food and commodity



distributions, public testing, and eventually public vaccinations.

Pre-storm Preparation



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Channel: Staten Island Responding Borough: Queens Call Scenario: Have you participated in your virtual division meetings?

Documents to Review: <u>Citywide Radio Drill Refresher</u> <u>Call signs per Radio</u>



View the *NEW_NYC CERT Event* <u>Calendar</u> to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments! After you participate, be sure to <u>Submit Your Volunteer Hours</u>!





Brooklyn Division 3 Chief Keron Alleyne and his team prepared for tropical storm Elsa by preventing possible flooding in the neighborhood by clearing clogged catch basins.

Any NYC CERT member can support the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) locally by performing the following operational role:

- Safely clear catch basins in your area using a broom or rake
- If the basin is clogged below the grate, file a report by calling 311
- DO NOT attempt to lift or remove the grate

Report any actions taken by completing the DEP form found her: https://goo.gl/forms/Uk76ezbH6hMGQNZE3

Submit all of your <u>Volunteer Hours</u> (<u>https://on.nyc.gov/CERThours</u>). When choosing the Event, click Add button and type "*DEP Support*" and choose "*DEP Support* - *Shift* - 1/01/2021 12:00 AM to 12:01 AM".

If your division is hosting or participating in an upcoming event, please complete the <u>Event Request</u> <u>form</u> to have your opportunity published through Eventbrite.com for members to register.

Submit your <u>Ready New York</u> <u>Material Request</u> for upcoming preparedness events.

All National Night Out material requests must be submitted no later than Monday, July 19th. Orders will be sent out later that week.

Get Notified with New York City's official source for information about emergency alerts and important city services. Download the free <u>Notify NYC</u> mobile app, available for <u>iOS</u> and <u>Android</u>.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Abolition Commemoration Day in New York State Monday, July 12, 10 AM – 6 PM

Supporting The Association for the Study of African American Life and History by performing crowd, pedestrian, and vehicular traffic management.



Photo: Manhattan Division 3 member, Frank Farance performing traffic management during the Hometown Heroes parade.

Register Now

Queensbridge Anti-Violence Fair <u>Saturday, July 17, 11 AM – 4 PM</u>

Roosevelt Island Food Pantry Support Fridays, 12 PM - 7 PM

The Hudson in Dyckman Marina in Inwood Hill Park Mondays, 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM Bay Ridge 5th Avenue Open Street Fridays, 4 PM - 7 PM

MEETINGS & EVENTS



Queens Recruitment

With short notice, **Queens Division 3 CERT** member, Daniel Cifuentes was able to join Congresswoman Grace Meng for an outdoor event to distribute important resources on federal programs and recruit for an upcoming NYC CERT basic training.

Brooklyn Deployment

Brooklyn Division 5 members were out in Bay Ridge supporting the local precinct yesterday performing exemplary traffic management for the annual summer stroll. They even bumped into Deputy Commissioner Herman Schaffer.



NYC CERT Basic Training



Basic training continues for our two current classes. This past week, NYCEM hosted another in-person training at NYCEM headquarters for students to participate in the Light Search and Rescue course while also getting some practice extinguishing fires.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Hurricane Awareness (AWR-343) hosted by NDPTC Tuesday, July 13 at 2 PM Social Capital & Leadership in Community Resilience hosted by FEMA Region 2 Wednesday, July 14 at 12 PM Indoor Air Quality Presentation hosted by by DOHMH Thursday, July 15 at 1 PM

Basic First Aid Refresher

An overview of first-aid techniques and priorities to follow if you're the first or only person on the scene of a medical emergency. Presented by Sandra Williams of Queens Division 6 CERT on <u>Tuesday</u>, July 13 at 6:30 PM



Register Now

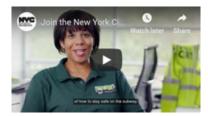
Schedule a Fire Safety training with **FDNY Smart Fire Safety**

<u>NYC CERT online platform</u> includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

COVID-19 Community Conversations: Mental Health, Equity and Resilience

DOHMH is offering free virtual training to community groups. There are two options, a **<u>1-hour informational virtual</u> <u>presentation</u>** and a <u>**3-hour interactive training**</u> (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 latest episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, *Prep Talk* (SoundCloud, iTunes & Spreaker) and *iPrepárate!* on SoundCloud.

COVID-19

For information on COVID-19 in New York City

visit the COVID-19 Citywide Information Portal

NYC CERT COVID-19 Response Data as of 07/10/2021 :

- Unique Deployments: 47
- Days for COVID-19 Operation: 352
- Shifts Covered: 1,258
- Volunteers Deployed: 278
- Volunteer Hours Reported: 8,867.75

Submit all of your Volunteer Hours.



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