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**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.

[Click here to view as a webpage](#)

### Happy Thanksgiving!



NYC Emergency Management would like to wish all CERT members and your families a safe and Happy Thanksgiving Day!

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#### MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: **Manhattan (CERT MN)**

Call Scenario: **What is the most recent drill your team conducted?**

11/21 Responding Borough: **No Response**

Documents to Review:  
**Citywide Radio Drill Refresher**  
**Call signs per Radio**

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# PREP TALK

THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PODCAST

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## NYCEM 'PREP TALK' PODCAST TALK WITH MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CITY MULTIAGENCY TEAM DEPLOYED TO PUERTO RICO AFTER HURRICANE FIONA

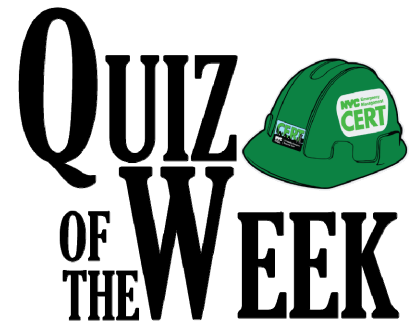
On September 19, 2022, Hurricane Fiona made landfall in Puerto Rico, five years to the day of Hurricane Maria. Four days after, Mayor Eric Adams sent a multiagency team of New York City employees to assess the island's needs after the hurricane. The team was comprised of employees from the New York City Emergency Management Department, New York City Department of Buildings, New York City Department of Design and Construction, New York City Police Department, and the New York City Parks Department. Over the two-week deployment, team members visited over 47 municipalities and gathered information on structural damage to public and private buildings, roads, parks, and other vulnerable facilities.

On the latest episode of *iPrepárate!*, Ezequiel Urena, an emergency support program manager for New York City Emergency Management, and William Dominguez-Zarate, a project manager for Tree & Stump Removal Contract with the NYC Parks Department shared what their experiences were like during the deployment. On 'Prep Talk' team member Jason Rolon, deputy director of construction safety and engineering with the Department of Buildings, discussed the differences in the inspections after the earthquakes in Puerto Rico in 2020 and the damages from Hurricane Fiona. Jose Torres, a climber, pruner and crew chief also with NYC Parks Department, shared the potential dangers from uprooted trees after the hurricane, in addition to their impact to overhead electrical cables, roadways and critical infrastructure.

"From the Parks perspective we were looking for anything that could impede access to first responders, ambulances and anything with tree related issues, trees on electrical conductors or cables" said **Jose Torres, climber, pruner and crew chief with NYC Parks Department**. "I said yes to the deployment because I have a connection to the island through my family, and I wanted to give back."

"This time around compared to the earthquakes in 2020, the impact was much more widespread. The earthquake damaged the western part of the island, but Hurricane Fiona impacted most of the island," said **Jason Rolon, deputy director Construction Safety Engineering with NYC Department of Buildings**. "This time we saw a lot of property damage caused by the floods and landslides from the soil saturation."

You can listen to the latest 'Prep Talk' episode on [SoundCloud](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), and [Spreaker](#).

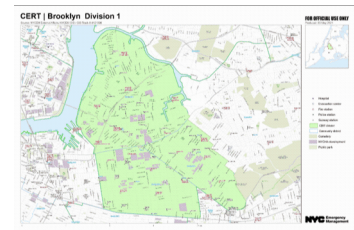


Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[Click Here!](#)



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



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

[Brooklyn](#) - [Bronx](#) - [Manhattan](#) - [Queens](#) - [Staten Island](#)

You can listen to the latest *iPrepárate!* episode on [SoundCloud](#).

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## Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's Quiz of the Week. This week there is no right or wrong answer. NYC CERT volunteers wear many hats in the community. Our volunteers are our community ambassadors and assisting that other organizations assist whether it is during Preparedness, Response, or Recovery phases.



NYC CERT volunteers are always supportive. [Click Here!](#) to participate in this survey.

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## Be #FDNYSmart



Visit [fdnysmart.org/connect](http://fdnysmart.org/connect) for more [#FDNYSmart](#) tips to help keep you and your family safe.

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## FEMA Region 2 Webinar: Stay Safe this Holiday Season



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](#).



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.

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With the holiday season rolling in we would like to inform you about a special webinar highlighting the Federal Trade Commission's tips on how to help consumers shop safely, outsmart scammers, and ensure that their donations go to the proper organizations and people they are actively trying to assist.

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division will be running this presentation and will provide additional tips and tools to help consumers shop wisely, protect their personal information, and make their donations count.

**Tips and Tricks for Safe Holiday Shopping Webinar will take place on Nov.30th from 12:30pm-1:00pm**

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

### Planned Deployments

**103rd Annual NYC Veterans Day Parade**



CERT volunteers attended and supported the 103rd Annual Veterans Day Parade where they supported the United War Veterans Council Dispersal with Crowd Management and other Street Marshal positions. Fantastic work to all who attended the event and helped out!

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## Division Meetings

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### Manhattan Leadership Meeting

Borough Coordinator Jay Schofield gathered his leadership to brainstorm with actionable ideas for an upcoming Borough event scheduled tentatively for the beginning of the year.



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### Brooklyn Division Borough Coordinator check-in



Brooklyn Borough Coordinators checked in with program staff. These check-ins are in place to provide support to the Coordinators and were any requests and needs from the Division chiefs are funneled and addressed by program staff.

### Queens Division 5

Queens Division 5 welcomed newly appointed District 14 leader Christopher Lino. Hybrid meetings and various possible locations were offered by both District Leaders in order to continue support and develop the team.



### Brooklyn Division 5



Brooklyn Division 5 is planning to finish the year strong, during this monthly meeting Division chief Susan Flaschenberg had her District leaders and representative report out in the several upcoming events in the Division for the holiday season.

### Manhattan Division 3

Manhattan Division 3 held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 16. During their meeting the team discussed upcoming deployments, encouraged the members to read the newsletters for updated CERT information, and conducted a discussion regarding Cyber security in order to further educate the members of the different methods cyber thieves use to steal their information.



## Brooklyn Leadership Meeting



Brooklyn Borough Coordinators led their final leadership meeting as Borough Coordinators. The Brooklyn Borough leadership meetings are monthly meetings coordinated and facilitated by the volunteers. This is a space where to funnel questions and concerns from the general members to the leaders themselves. Thank you for all of your work Brooklyn Borough Coordinators!

## Manhattan Division 5

Manhattan Division 4 had its first successful meeting after the new Division chief Allan Goldberg has stepped up to the position. Here the members are re-grouping in order to support each other for upcoming efforts and new initiatives led by the Division chief.



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



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

## NYC CERT CALENDAR



CERT members will be supporting the New York Police Department with pedestrian Management in support of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. [The Balloon Inflation Support will take place on Nov. 23rd from 11:00am-10:00pm at 5th Ave 77th St.](#)

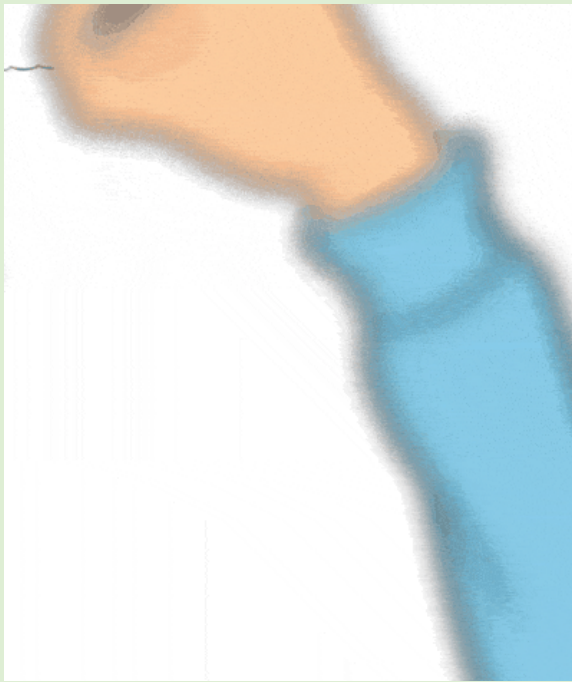


NYC CERT members will be assisting the Community Mayors for Children with Special Needs, Inc. with their annual Operation Santa Claus event at JFK Airport, Port Authority Hangar No. 19. This event has been on hiatus the past few years, so it's great to be able to provide this opportunity again.

Register Now:

[Community Mayors for Special Children with Special Needs, Wed, Dec 07, 2022 at 8:00am](#)





Are you interested in joining the NYC CERT Recruitment Group? NYCEM is trying to expand the group, to better assist all boroughs with recruitment. Recruitment group info sessions will be offered at the start of the monthly meeting, going forward, to enable interested CERT members the opportunity to hear more about this task force and meet current members of the group. This is a great opportunity to be a part of the effort to grow membership in the program. Consider joining us for an info session this year! Dates and registration links below:

[Monday, Dec. 19th at 6:30PM](#)



#### 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.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

# CERT LEADERSHIP

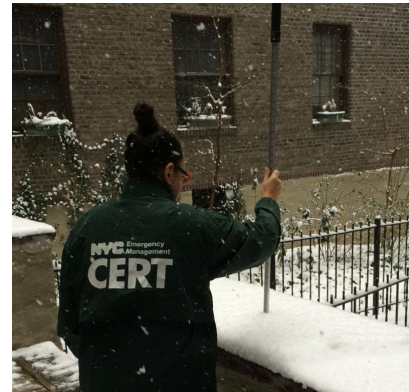
This leadership class is design to train new and future leaders for the CERT program

**Questions? Curious? Interested?**

[CERT Leadership development class](#)  
[Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM](#)

With winter weather rapidly approaching, NYCEM will be hosting advanced training concerning snow measuring. Through the webinar, CERT members will learn the basics of thunderstorm development, fundamentals of storm structure, how to identify potential severe weather features, Information to report, how to report information, along with basic severe weather safety.

[The SkyWarn Training will be conducted over zoom this Dec. 13th from 6:30pm-8:00pm.](#)



[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

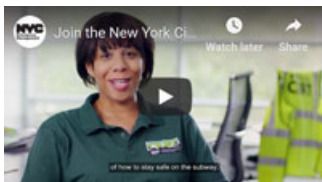
Schedule free training for your Division here : [FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#).

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

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.

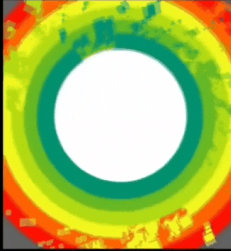


Listen to the NEW episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, Prep Talk ([SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#) & [Spreaker](#)) and ¡Prepárate! on [SoundCloud](#).

New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasana have recently declared a public health emergency due to the Monkeypox outbreak.

 **Monkeypox Alert**

For regularly updated information on Monkeypox please visit:  
[nyc.gov/monkeypox](https://nyc.gov/monkeypox)



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