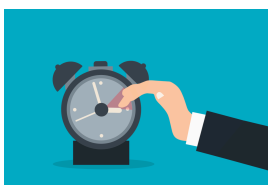


Daylight Saving = Time to update your go bag!



As Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3rd, and we turn our clocks back one hour, it's a great time to reassess our emergency preparedness. This seasonal change offers a timely reminder to review and update our go-bags and emergency kits. By ensuring

that these essential supplies are current, we can significantly enhance our safety and readiness in the face of unexpected events. Let's prioritize emergency preparedness and make the necessary adjustments to our emergency supplies.

Check out Commissioner Zach Iscol on Good Day New York going through his Go-Bag!

Other resources:

[Packing your go bag](#)

[What is a Go bag?](#)

[Emergency Supplies Kit](#)

Superstorm Sandy: 12 Years later

The twelfth anniversary of Superstorm Sandy serves as a poignant reminder of the storm's lasting impact on New York City. The storm served as a pivotal moment that initiated an evolution of emergency management practices within the city. In the aftermath of Sandy, NYC Emergency Management undertook a comprehensive review of its strategies and protocols, which has led to the implementation of more robust systems designed to enhance preparedness and response to future disasters. The city's commitment to learning from past experiences underscores its resilience and dedication to safeguarding its residents. A critical component of the city's resilience strategy is the invaluable contribution of NYC CERT. By empowering citizens to take an active role in emergency preparedness, NYC CERT volunteers play a crucial role in bolstering the city's overall resilience.

Older Adult Center of The Year



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Radio Channel
CERT QN

11/04/2024

Responding Borough: Queens

Scenario: Have you updated your go bag for the winter season? if so name a unique item in your bag.

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

Download the NYC
CERT SOPs

New York City Emergency Management Staff is excited to announce the release of the updated [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#)! All



If you feel that your older adult center needs to be recognized for their incredible contributions to the community, please apply now for the Ready Older Adult Center of the Year Award!

[Apply Now](#)

Strengthening Communities

2024 APPLICATION

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

APPLICATION IS OPEN

NYC Emergency Management is looking for local coalitions interested in developing emergency plans for their communities. The program provides up to \$40,000 of funding to each participating coalition.

Eligibility

- Be a coalition
- be able to demonstrate connections with a community within the five boroughs.
- Be committed to establishing formal community emergency plan
- Begin Programming Wednesday, January 15, if selected.

Apply Now!

Learn more and apply at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024SCApplication>



volunteers are encouraged to review the latest iteration of expectations and guidance.

For any questions, please reach out to your volunteer leadership or email CERT@oem.nyc.gov.



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

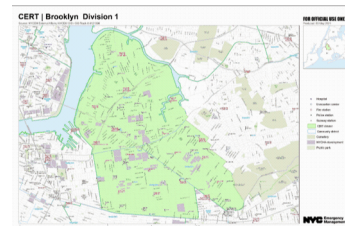


View the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

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

**Only events submitted and approved through the Event Request form will be available to volunteers to submit service hours. If you don't see your event listed, please connect with your division leadership. **

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.

The Strengthening Communities Program Application is now open for Cohort 4! NYC Emergency Management is seeking up to 20 local coalitions who serve and lead within the five boroughs of New York City to apply to the Strengthening Communities program. This program provides up to \$40,000 to each participating coalition during their first year of programming to create a community emergency plan. Application deadline is November 15, 2024! You may also share the following recordings for both the Information and FAQ sessions available on YouTube:

Strengthening Communities Information
Session: <https://youtu.be/EBfe5hH9Sno?si=xcC3HkdHmLgtcQam>

Strengthening Communities FAQ for the
Application: <https://youtu.be/mhPx9ATLo8Q?si=eyythOQdSx3IR-Ju>

Strengthening Communities Application

New NYC Emergency Management Social Media Campaign



NYC Emergency Management is developing a small social media campaign regarding renter's insurance, centering around real stories of folks with insurance and when it has helped them (or conversely, an event that made you sign up for it). If you have an example of this and want to be included in the campaign, we'd love for you to share your story before [insert like a week from the time you send the email]. If your story is chosen, the agency may feature you on social media to help New Yorkers understand how renter's insurance can help them in both big and small emergencies.

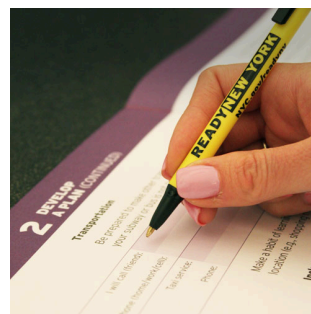
Submit Your Story

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

NYCEM 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.



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.

All Division IDs are Ready



Membership:

Credentials for probationary members, who graduated last cycle (April), expired

on September 30th. All members should reach out to their division leadership to exchange expired credentials for updated ones.

Leadership:

Please remember to schedule a pick-up, or permit your members to schedule a pick-up for their updated IDs using this link: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTpickup>

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](#).

NOAA Announces more languages for National Weather Services



To better serve communities with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), the National Weather Service (NWS) is now using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to translate weather information into several languages. Translated forecasts from NWS New York, NY are available to the public on an experimental website, <https://www.weather.gov/translate>.

As NYC CERT volunteers, you're in the position to spread the word about this service and share a link to the NWS Translation website to you friends, family, and community partners.

You may download and share the flyer we made to advertise this new functionality in any of the languages listed:

[English version](#)

[Spanish version](#)

[Chinese version](#)

For more information on current weather translations please visit: <https://www.weather.gov/translate/>



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



NYC Veterans Day Parade

2024 NYC Veterans Day Parade (November 11th from 10am-4pm) CERT Volunteers will be tasked with assisting monitoring the flow of marchers and vehicles at Parade Dispersal area.

PLEASE REGISTER USING BOTH LINKS

[NYC CERT Registration](#)

[Organizer Registration page \(ONLY FOR THE NYC CERT ROLE\)](#)

Winter Ready Webinar

Take the initiative today by registering to enhance your knowledge and empower the older adult community as we approach the winter season. Our dedicated city partners and responders are eager to share invaluable insights and strategies tailored specifically for the unique challenges this season may bring. Together, we can create a supportive environment that prioritizes safety, well-being, and connection for our cherished seniors. Join us in this inspiring journey of learning and community engagement, and let's make this winter a season of resilience and warmth for all.

Register here: <https://on.nyc.gov/Winter24>

Are you ready for the challenges winter can bring?

WINTER READY

A Preparedness Webinar for Older Adults

Learn essential emergency preparedness tips to stay safe this season, including building a support network, connecting with local services and fire safety.

NYCEM

NYC Department for the Aging

NYC Health

Nov 19 at 1:00 PM



Basic Training Disaster Simulation Support

CERT volunteers will play victims in the disaster simulation, which may involve them sitting or lying on the ground and acting in distress.

Registration:

[Monday, December 9th 6 PM -9:30 PM](#)

[Tuesday, December 10th 6 PM -9:30 PM](#)

NYC CERT CALENDAR



What is a Buddy Check?

A simple check-in can mean the world. Reach out to family and friends, especially those who might be isolated. Your call, text, or visit could brighten their day and provide essential support. Don't underestimate the power of human connection. Be a good neighbor, be a good friend. Check in today!

[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.

NYC CERT ADVANCED TRAINING



Cybersecurity Awareness Training for CERT Volunteers Now Available

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available. Volunteers who participate in CERT training have a better understanding of potential threats to the community, along with actionable steps they can take to mitigate risk and improve outcomes.

To provide additional support to CERT volunteers and the important role they play in their communities, FEMA partnered with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) to provide a list of cybersecurity awareness training courses CERT volunteers can take to improve their ability to prepare for and respond to cybersecurity threats. The courses are self-paced and publicly available at no cost from the Federal Virtual Training Environment and the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium (NCPC). Course topics range from cyber essentials and fundamentals of cyber risk management to cyber ethics and mobile device security. To access these courses, visit the [Cybersecurity Awareness Training website](#).

[Read More](#)

Recent Activity

Advanced Training: Department of Street Homeless Solutions



We want to extend a thank you to the Department of Social Services (DSS) staff for their contribution to this training initiative. Their facilitation, hosting of our volunteers, and provision of outreach solutions were instrumental in addressing the needs of our city's vulnerable population.

Special thanks to Briana Makiba, a dedicated volunteer from Brooklyn Division 3 CERT, for identifying the crucial gap that sparked this partnership. Her foresight and initiative led to the successful delivery of this training program. We look forward to continued collaboration with our partner agency to schedule additional trainings throughout 2025.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Coney Island



This past Sunday, Brooklyn Division 5 assisted the American Cancer Society with crowd control and vehicle traffic management at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Coney Island. The team guided participants from the subway station to the registration and festival area located in the nearby parking lot.

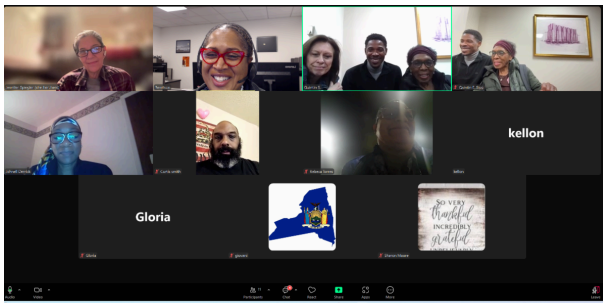
Community Board 18th Annual Jack-O' Lantern Jamboree



On October 20th, Brooklyn Division 7 hosted a preparedness event at Community Board 18's Annual Jack O' Lantern Jamboree. During this event, they educated attendees on the importance of preparedness and had the opportunity to meet Councilmember Farah Louis.

Meetings

Manhattan Division 5

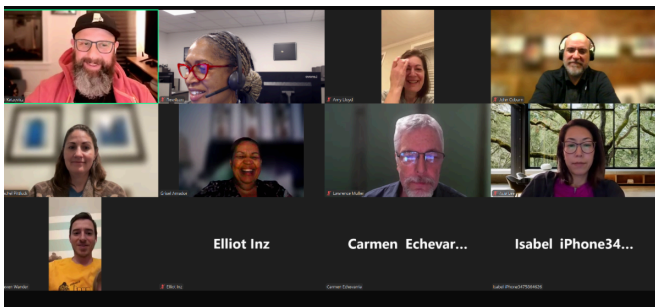


Monday, October 28th, Manhattan division 5 held their team meeting to discuss events for the remainder of the year. The team discussed how to obtain CPR training for those members who may not have received training and discussed way to include family and friends. Team Id's, uniform and SOP updates were the topic talk about throughout the evening

Brooklyn Division 2

On Monday, October 26, Brooklyn Division 2 held their team meeting to discuss filling open leadership and cabinet positions. NYCEM staff discussed the importance if other team members joining leadership and supporting the team leader with a position on leadership cabinet. The

team talked through past events and planned for future events for the rest of the year.



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](#)



What is the NYC CERT Uniform?

We are a Team! To ensure we all represent NYC Emergency Management with professionalism, this message serves as a friendly reminder about our uniform policy. Whether it's a preparedness event or an emergency response, being in proper uniform allows us to be easily identified by the public and first responders. It signifies our commitment to safety and fosters a sense of unity.

Here's a quick rundown of the NYC CERT uniform:

- Green NYC CERT polo shirt (mandatory)
- Khaki pants (mandatory)
- NYC CERT reflective vest (always most visible outer layer)
- NYC CERT credential on lanyard, visible at all times (mandatory)
- Optional items: NYC CERT baseball hat, windbreaker, green helmet (for emergency responses), green CERT response bag (for emergency responses), NYC CERT branded sweaters/jackets (produced with NYCEM approval)

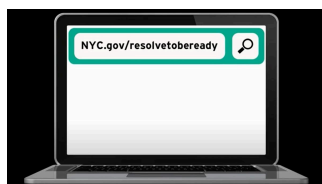
Not sure about an item? Don't hesitate to reach out! Contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov and we'll be happy to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.



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



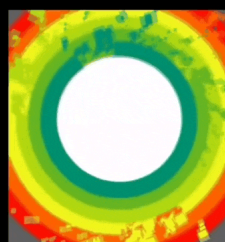
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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



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