



NEWSLETTER

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

HEALTH AND SAFETY: WHEN INTERACTING WITH THE PUBLIC, NYC CERT MEMBERS MUST WEAR FACE MASKS AT ALL TIMES REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.

NYC Emergency Management wishes you and your loved ones a Happy & Safe Holiday Season!

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

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MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: SI

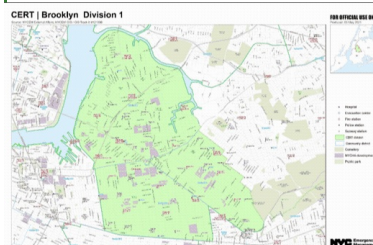
Scenario: Report how many 400 MHz radios does your Division have?

12/27 Responding Borough:
No Response

Documents to Review:
[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)
[Call signs per Radio](#)

Basing Training

Congratulations to all of our graduating CERT class!
This past week saw 32, now probationary members complete their basic training by participating in the final disaster simulation. Both classes did a great job and we look forward to having them join their local divisions. All leadership should have been notified if they had someone in training that would be joining their division - please connect if you haven't already.
You can scroll down to the Volunteer Activity section of the newsletter to see some photos from both of the disaster simulations.



Airtable Manhattan Division 1

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Full Name	Email address	Primary Phone	CERT Affiliation
CERT AFFILIATION			
Manhattan Division 1	Count 59		
CERT ROLE			
Division Chief	1		
CERT ROLE			
District Leader	1		
CERT ROLE			
CERT Volunteer	57		

Division Rosters

Division Leadership now have a new way to view their division rosters. Password protected links were sent on Monday, December 13th. Thank you to those who have reviewed them and returned edits. If you have not done so already, please review and report back any members that are no longer active, to: cert@oem.nyc.gov. All roster links provide real-time access, so you can check the link at any time to see if your requested edits have been made by program staff. IDs will only be produced for members of confirmed rosters.

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!**



2021 Volunteer Hours Deadline January 14th

All volunteers must submit their volunteer hours for 2021 by Friday, January 14th. As a volunteer, you should be receiving credit for the hard work and incredible support you provide in serving your community whether it be at in-person events, during virtual training or on deployment. If you have any difficulty submitting your hours, please contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov.



[Submit your Volunteer Hours](#)

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.



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and important city services. Download the free **Notify NYC** mobile app, available for **iOS** and **Android**.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Thursday & Friday - 12/30/21 – 12/31/21
[Register Here](#)

Dyker Heights Holiday Lights Planned Deployment

NYPD 68th Precinct Community Affairs has requested assistance from NYC CERT to help with pedestrian and traffic management during the upcoming holiday season. Just as in past years, the precinct expects a large number of people visiting Dyker Heights, Brooklyn to view the holiday lights. Volunteers will assist where needed, which is usually in the highest traffic area, between 11th and 12th Avenue. Assistance is requested for Friday and Saturday evenings from December 10th through December 31st.



Saturday, January 1, 2022
[Register Here](#)

Polar Bear Plunge

NYC CERT will assist the Coney Island Polar Bear Club in its 119th Annual New Year's Day Plunge. The Annual Polar Bear Club Plunge takes place at 1:00 PM on the beach in Coney Island and involves waves of swimmers running down an improvised chute on the beach into the water. The event involves thousands of participants and spectators.

Only volunteers with proof of vaccination will be allowed inside of the Education Hall. Face masks must be worn at all times. The Polar Bears will offer coffee/tea/water and snacks in the AM and a bag lunch after the event ends.



To register, please visit www.nyc.gov/hope.

HOPE NYC

On **Monday January 25, 2022**, the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) will conduct its annual Homeless Outreach Populations Estimate (HOPE) Count. The goal of this event is to collect vital information for DHS's outreach teams to help move homeless people from the streets to a more stable, safe environment.

This survey will be conducted throughout the City from approximately 10:00 PM to 4:00 AM. Volunteers will canvass parks, subways, and other public spaces to estimate the number of people who are experiencing street homelessness.

NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR

Are you interested in becoming a mentor to new NYC CERT members?

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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.

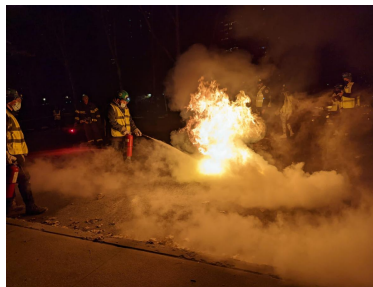
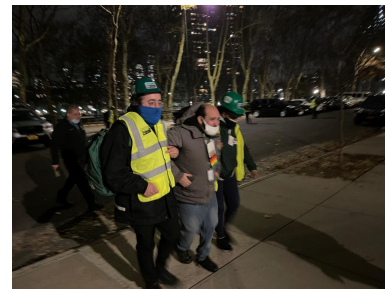
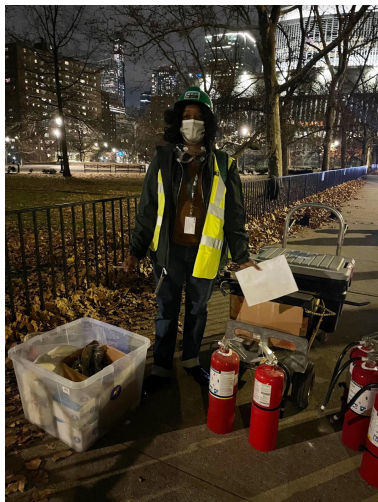
1. Complete the [NYC CERT Mentor Program form](#) to let us know if you'd like to be a mentor or mentee.
2. Complete the [Matching Questionnaire](#) to help pair the mentor to a mentee. Both forms must be filled out to participate in the program.

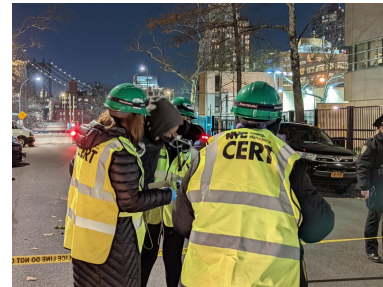
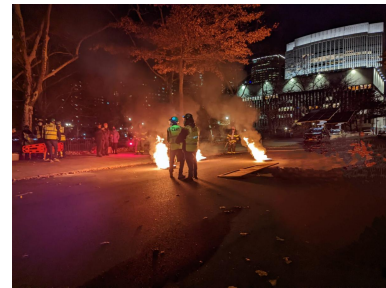
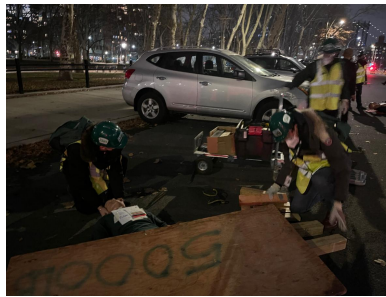
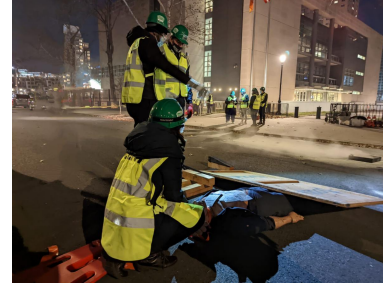
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY



Bronx Division 3 closed out the year with a discussion on leadership positions and the importance of submitting volunteer hours for the year. They also reviewed the list of all membership in the division who have supported local and citywide events as well as those attending meetings and supporting leadership month after month.

NYC CERT Disaster Simulations





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



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Each of the FEMA Region II webinars presented in 2021 has been recorded and archived. If you wish to revisit a webinar you attended or would like to listen to one you missed, or even share with a friend or co-worker, you can find the links on the document linked here [2021 Webinar Catalog](#) which includes the webinar description and recording link for each webinar by category.

Get ahead of the upcoming CERT Radio Training announcements and take your pre-requisite on your own time!

Pre-requisite for members participating in the Point-to-Point training:

IS-242.b Effective Communications

Please send verification of completion to CERTTraining@oem.nyc.gov prior to the training date.

NYC CERT online platform
includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

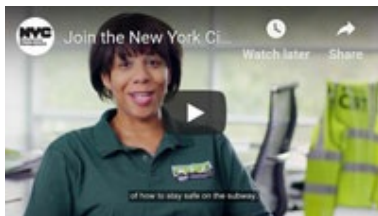
Schedule a free Fire Safety training for your Division at **FDNY Smart Fire Safety**.

FEMA Region 2 (R2) Webinar Catalog includes all recorded webinars from Jan-June of 2021.

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



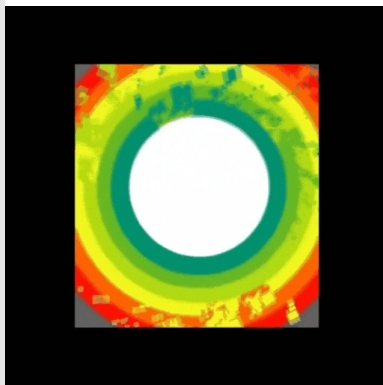
NYCEM's Youtube page
NYC CERT recruitment video
2021 National Volunteer Week video



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**.



KNOW YOUR ZONE is your destination for everything you need to know about hurricanes in New York City.

You'll find information about the city's hurricane evacuation zones, the hazards you may face from a hurricane, and what to do to prepare.

-- *Happy Holidays!* --

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