

NYC Emergency Management CERT **NEWSLETTER**

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.

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National 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb



The FDNY forwarded a last minute deployment request for NYC CERT members for the 2022 National 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb event. The date of the event is Sunday, October 16, 2022 at Belmont Park. The address is 2150 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont, NY. The report time for the event is 8:00 AM. There will be a shuttle bus to and from the event leaving from NYCEM at 7:30am for those who wish to join.



Please [REGISTER HERE](#) as soon as possible, as we will need a final roster by 5 PM today. Please contact Regina Wilson if you will be using



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: **Brooklyn (CERT BK)**

Call Scenario: **Report how many of your division members submit snow measurements during the winter months.**

10/17 Responding Borough:
Bronx

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

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!

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the shuttle bus for a head count. She can be reached at 347-203-3614 or by email at Rewilson@oem.nyc.gov.

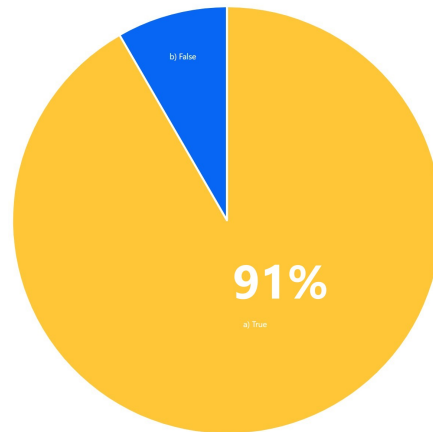
Please review the link for further information regarding the

For more information about the event, visit the National 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb website: <https://nfff.akaraisin.com/ui/national22/about>

Thank you for your continued support.

Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's Quiz of the Week. The correct answer is: **a) True**. Indigenous Peoples' Day recognizes the legacy and impact of colonialism on Native communities, and it also celebrates the cultures, contributions, and resilience of contemporary Native peoples. It is celebrated on the second Monday of October. This year, that is October 10th.



NYC CERT Leadership Positions



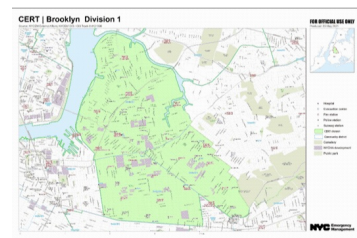
Calling all CERT leaders!

The transition of volunteer leadership for is upon us. We are looking for potential new leadership for the roles of Borough Coordinator, Deputy Borough Coordinator, Division Chief and District Leader. We are encouraged by the amount of interest in leadership expressed by many of the members and we look forward to hearing from more of you.

Click the link below to find the



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](#)



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](#).

roles and responsibilities for both leadership positions. Please note that the Division Chief and District Leader positions are all appointed by CERT program staff and have a term limit of two years. The term limits exist to offer other members the opportunity to lead and bring new and exciting thoughts, ideas, and leadership skills to the NYC CERT program.



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.

[Click here for Division Leadership Roles Description](#)

Please contact **Regina Wilson, CERT Specialist**, to express your interest or inquiries for the available positions of Division Chief and District Leader. She can be reached at Rewilson@oem.nyc.gov or at 347-203-3614.

Thank you again for your consideration



Your NYC CERT Ready New York Liaison can submit a [Ready New York Material Request](#) for upcoming events.

COORDINATE BEFORE YOU DONATE



Never drop off in-kind donations (stuff) without confirming a relief organization's needs.



Cash donations allow agencies to make purchases for survivors' precise needs.



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With so much happening many emergencies in the news right now, NYC Emergency Management would like to reiterate the message that "cash is best" for donations.

Cash is fast, cost effective, environmentally friendly, and flexible – with the capability to provide relief for the everchanging needs of a humanitarian relief operation. Cash does not require administrative and transportation costs to be incurred to manage and it can be used to purchase exactly what goods and services are needed. Donations of cash support the local economies during a time where economic recovery is critical to a community's return to normal. Lastly, an influx of in-kind goods diverts staff time and resources to managing them, sets communities back in economic recovery, and is often not useful to those impacted by the disaster.

You may be receiving questions from your local community regarding support to both asylum seekers and Puerto Rico. We want to make sure we are communicating the most helpful donations practices and providing the best links with the most up-to-date information. See below:

Hurricane Fiona relief:

[NYC Stands with Puerto Rico and the Caribbean](#)

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](#).

Hurricane Ian relief:

[Hurricane Ian: Disaster Relief Donations | Red Cross](#)

Humanitarian relief for asylum seekers:

[NYC Stands with Asylum Seekers](#)

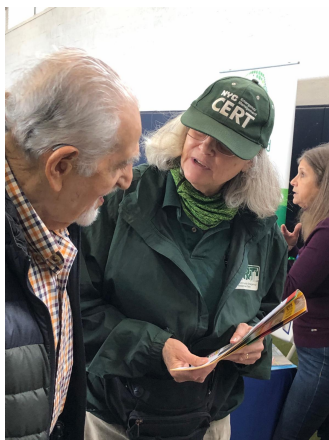
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Brooklyn Division 5 Deployment



NYC CERT members participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Coney Island last Sunday, October 9, 2022, led by Brooklyn Division 5 CERT leadership.

Preparedness Event



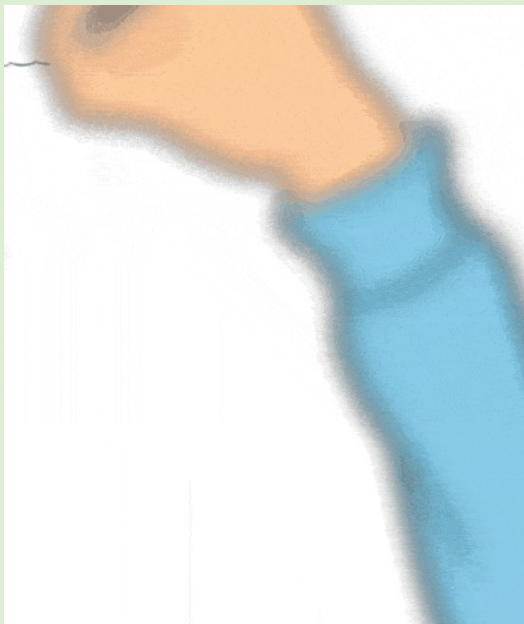
NYC CERT members provided support to NYC Emergency Management at Senator Lanza's Senior Resource Fair by distributing Ready New York preparedness material and speaking with attendees.



[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



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, Oct. 17th at 6:30PM](#)

[Monday, Nov. 21st at 6:30PM](#)

[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



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.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

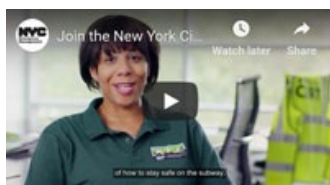
Schedule free training for your Division at [FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#).

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

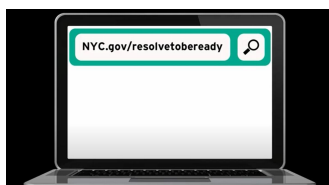
COVID-19 Community Conversations: Mental Health, Equity and Resilience **Updated Links*

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](#) & [Spreker](#)) and ¡Prepárate! on [SoundCloud](#).

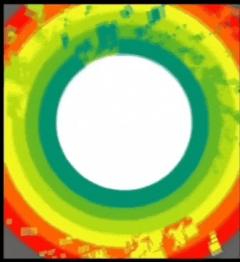
New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan have recently declared a public health emergency due to the Monkeypox outbreak.

For regularly updated information on Monkeypox please visit: nyc.gov/monkeypox



[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.



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