

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 Preparedness Month



National Preparedness Month

Each September serves as a reminder to take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, learn, and worship.

With all of the challenges New Yorkers have faced, the 2022 theme of National Preparedness Month is: "A Lasting Legacy." The life you've built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family.

In the coming weeks, NYC Emergency Management will be sharing more details on planning for the month including the release of an updated National Preparedness Month Toolkit for tips and information you can share with your family and community.

As NYC CERT volunteers, your CERT Divisions should be planning to participate in or host a preparedness event in September. Please let us know how we can help!

Find more information as it is released on our website: nyc.gov/nationalpreparednessmonth



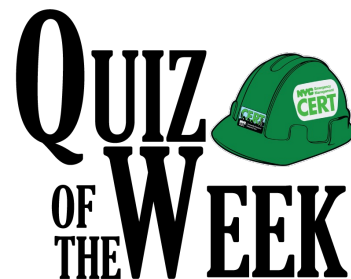
MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel:
CERT BK

Call Scenario:
Is your division radio being rotated? How often?

8/15 Responding Borough:
Queens

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



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!](#)

NYC CERT ID Renewal and Distribution



As we continue to receive updates about newly compliant members, rosters are being updated and new IDs may be produced. Leadership can arrange pick-up of new IDs with Denise Esposito at desposito@oem.nyc.gov. Please contact your leadership to inquire about the status of your ID.

Leadership may designate a rep from the division to pick up at NYCEM if they are not able to.



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

CERT Recruitment Flyer

JOIN A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (NYC CERT)

Tired of talk? Get in on the action.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members receive intensive training in emergency preparedness, fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, and more.

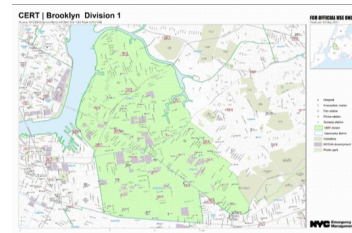
If you are 18 or older and you want to join NYC CERT, please visit:
www.CERTvolunteer.nyc

To be considered for this training, applicants must attend an orientation session.
Apply now!

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NYC
Community Emergency Response Team
nyc.gov/cert

Below is a link to the CERT Recruitment flyer, which can be downloaded and printed for use at any preparedness events that CERT members are staffing. Our best recruitment resource is still our CERT members, themselves. When the public sees you out at preparedness events and deployments, it sparks their interest. The flyer provides the link to apply for NYC CERT and can be used with or without the CERT palm card. Thank you for your support in growing CERT membership!

[Click Here to Download the NYC CERT Recruitment Flyer](#)



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

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



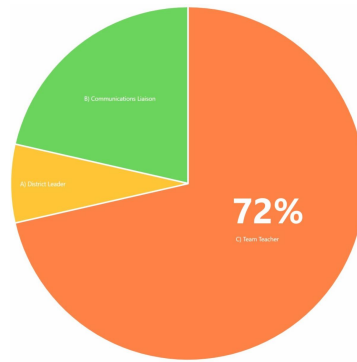
View the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

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](#).

Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's Quiz of the Week. The correct answer is: **C) Team Teacher**. Team Teachers co-present the Ready New York presentation with other trained staff at community events throughout the city. Team Teachers are encouraged to promote the Ready New York and NYC CERT programs as well as get organizations to schedule preparedness events in their community. Other roles that a trained Ready NY Presenter may be designated to serve in are: Outreach Specialist, Solo Presenter and Ready NY Liaison (division election). More information on this can be found on page 23 of the [NYC CERT SOPs](#).



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.

Active Shooter Training Preparedness



The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Region 2 (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands) invites local Colleges and Universities to join a two-hour security webinar to enhance awareness of and response to an active shooter event.

[Tuesday, August 16, 2022 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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](#).

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

NYC CERT was in attendance for a recent Storm Preparedness Conference with NYC Emergency Management First Deputy Commissioner Christina Farrell and Senator Jessica Ramos.



Brooklyn Division 5 CERT members staffed an event in Brooklyn at NYCHA's Warbasse Houses with NYCEM staff and Councilmember Kagan on Wednesday, August 10th, to present on emergency preparedness and the role NYC CERT serves in the community. Ready New York preparedness literature was also distributed to attending residents.

[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](#)

NYC Parks: Rockaway Beach Support

CERT volunteers are expected to be posted on the boardwalk assisting visitors to the open beach areas together with NYC Parks staff.



[NYC Parks Support Rockaway Beach Registration, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Virtual Reality Simulation: Hurricanes and Rip Currents

Please join us in-person at NYC Emergency Management on August 16 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM for an immersive experience using a virtual reality simulator showing you the effects of Hurricanes and Rip Currents.

VR Simulation:

Hurricanes and Rip Currents



August 16,
2022

11 AM to
2 PM

Come and experience this VR simulation!



VR Simulation: Hurricane and Rip Currents Registration

Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite



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

NYC Emergency Management
CERT | **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



READY UP NYC

Animal Planning Task Force

This webinar will review the plans, response and information for pet and service animal preparedness.

Special guests include NYC Emergency Management, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and the Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC).

Date: Thursday, August 18, 2022
Time: 1:00 p.m. EST
Link: <https://bit.ly/ReadyUp2022>

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[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the newest Ready Up NYC webinar on Thursday, August 18 at 1:00 PM.

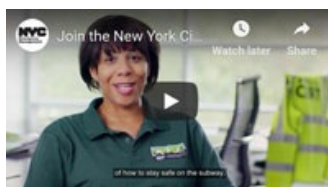
[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

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

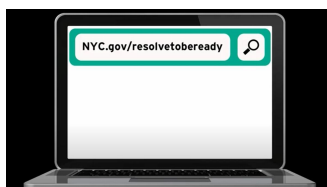
[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalog](#) includes all recorded webinars.

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



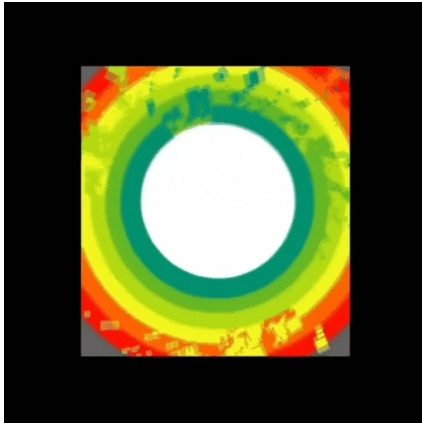
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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



[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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