

**ACTIVATION STATUS: NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IS ACTIVATED.**  
**PLEASE NOTE: Program staff will respond to inquiries and requests as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and support.**

## Flood Preparedness Day of Action Survey



The NYC CERT program is gearing up for a Flood Preparedness Day of Action, and we want you to be a part of it! We are planning to hit the streets to distribute crucial flooding materials to high-impact areas throughout the city.

But that's not all! This event is not only about spreading awareness and preparedness for floods but also an opportunity for you to get involved in some hands-on action. We'll be conducting door-to-door canvassing and distribution, and guess what? Exercising citywide radio communication protocols during this event.

To make sure we have the most engagement, we need your input. We've prepared a survey for you; please [fill out here](#).

The Flood Preparedness Day of Action is not yet scheduled but is just around the corner. We will be scheduling an official date in the coming weeks and will notify membership through the weekly newsletter. Take advantage of this chance to make a real difference in your community. Fill out the survey by COB Sunday, July 16th, and let's come together to tackle floods head-on!

**Please fill out your choice here COB Sunday, July 16th**

**\*\*More information on logistics will follow after the survey results\*\***

## National Night Out Against Crime



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

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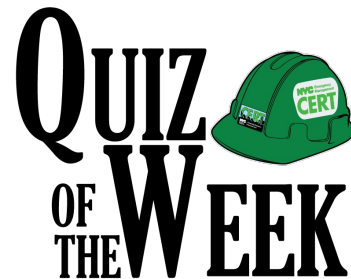
07/17 Responding Borough: Brooklyn

Call Scenario: Have you participated in your district or division virtual meetings?

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

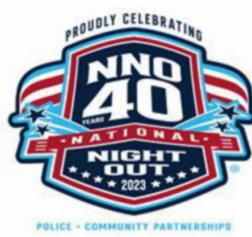
[Call signs per Radio](#)



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 FOR THIS WEEK'S QUESTION](#)**

Last week's question: There is no right or



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023

AUGUST 1, 2023



It is that time of year again! National Night Out, which is the largest annual citywide event that the NYC CERT program participates in, is coming up on Tuesday, August 1st. Thank you to all who have already submitted their event and material requests.

If you have not yet connected with your leadership to discuss which NYPD precinct events you will be supporting this year, please reach out ASAP. It is best to work in pairs to cover as many precincts in your division as possible. We need your help to spread the word about the importance of being prepared for emergencies and this citywide event is the perfect opportunity to reach the greatest amount of New Yorkers!

Please check in with your team to also determine who will be submitting the event and material requests to avoid duplicates. We have compiled the Coordinator Contact list and NYPD Precinct contacts, in the link below for your reference.

[NYPD Aux Coordinator Contact list](#)  
[Find your Precinct - Contact](#)

## Summer Preparedness Tips

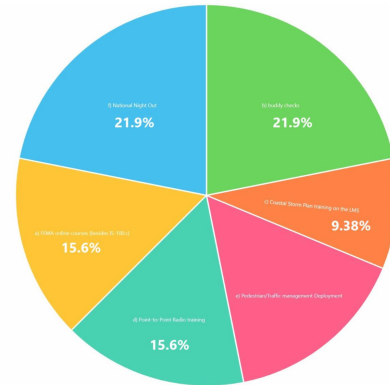
### Beat The Heat

| Heat Exhaustion  | Heat Stroke   |
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| <p><b>ACT FAST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move to a cooler area</li> <li>Loosen clothing</li> <li>Sip cool water</li> <li>Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve</li> </ul> | <p><b>ACT FAST</b></p> <p><b>CALL 911</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move person to a cooler area</li> <li>Loosen clothing and remove extra layers</li> <li>Cool with water or ice</li> </ul> |
| <p>Dizziness</p> <p>Thirst</p> <p>Heavy Sweating</p> <p>Nausea</p> <p>Weakness</p>   | <p>Confusion</p> <p>Dizziness</p> <p>Becomes Unconscious</p>  |
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| <p><i>Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.</i></p> <p><i>Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.</i></p>  |   |

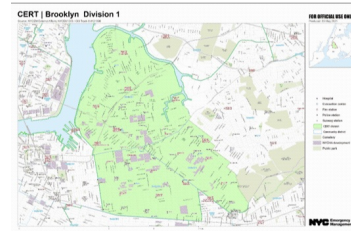
Heat exhaustion and heat stroke are both different and require different treatments.

wrong answer to this question, but your answer will act as a poll to see which of the following is most popular. Which of the following open opportunities have you participated in during your CERT membership?

Below are the most popular Volunteer opportunities amongst NCERT membership.



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](#)

To learn more about how to identify and treat both, visit: [nyc.gov/beattheheat](https://nyc.gov/beattheheat)

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## Know the difference between a Flood Watch, Advisory, Warning, & Emergency.



Flood WATCH: potential risk, plan ahead.

Flood ADVISORY: nuisance, no life/property threat.

Flash Flood WARNING: imminent danger, act.

Flash Flood EMERGENCY: life-threatening, catastrophic, evacuate.

To learn more visit: <https://www.weather.gov/safety/flood>

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## HERricane Program

NYC Emergency Management is looking for young leaders to join the **HERricane NYC program**, a free one-week program designed to empower women\* aged 16-22 and inspire them to take on leadership roles in emergency management. We request that you share this opportunity with your networks. Help us raise the next generation of trailblazers in emergency management!

HERricane NYC is a groundbreaking program aimed at fostering a new generation of women\* leaders in emergency management. This free, weeklong program hosted by NYC Emergency



Management will equip participants with the skills and knowledge they need to excel in this critical field. From July 31, 2023 to August 4, 2023, up to 20 students will have the opportunity to learn from and interact with industry professionals, gaining invaluable experience and insights.

Upon completion of the program, students can attend monthly follow-up sessions throughout the rest of the year.

Applications are open to all women\*, including transgender and



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](#).

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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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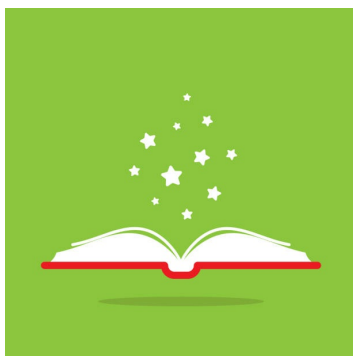
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cisgender women, and non-binary people aged 16-22 who reside in the five boroughs. To apply, simply submit the application form along with responses to the essay questions. If you're under 18, a parent or guardian's signature is required.

The deadline for applications has been extended to Tuesday, July 25, 2023. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity - **Apply Today!**

\*NYC Emergency Management is inclusive of all women, including transgender and cisgender women, and non-binary people. NYC Emergency Management encourages all women to apply for the program.



## Basic Training Manual

We're thrilled to announce that our NYC CERT Basic Training Student manual is now available for you to access! Whether you're a seasoned CERT member or just starting out, our Basic Training program has got you covered. Our manual has everything you need to know to become a pro, from emergency management and community preparedness to disaster medical operations and effective communication. With topics like fire safety, light search and rescue, terrorism awareness, and more, you'll be well-equipped to handle any emergency situation. So what are you waiting for? Dive into our manual today and get ready to become a CERT pro!

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

### Help us Celebrate 20 Years of NYC CERT



### ***Send us your CERT photos or videos!***

We have created a link for you to easily upload your collection of CERT related photos and videos from your time in the program.

You may upload several items per event/deployment, but only a maximum of three per submission. After submitting, there will be an option to submit three more!

You can scan the accompanying QR code or use this link: [on.nyc.gov/CERTupload](https://on.nyc.gov/CERTupload)

Please label the files in the following manner: **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](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov). Thank you!

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY**



## Another Basic Training cycle Complete

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### Basic First Aid

Students practiced bandaging and tourniquet placing on one another after having their instructional Powerpoint by FDNY EMS. That looks spot on!

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### Light Search and Rescue

Our CERT students have been working hard to prepare for emergencies, and we are proud to announce that they have mastered the art of teamwork! During their latest training session, they learned the importance of working together to extract patients from dangerous situations. They were challenged to use unconventional items to make it work, and they rose to the occasion. With 1-2-3 lift, they were able to safely remove patients from harm's way. We are confident that our CERT students are fully equipped to handle any emergency situation with their newly acquired teamwork skills. Great job, team!





### Free Summer Funfest

This past Thursday morning, we had an absolute blast teaming up with the Community Preparedness team and the SYEP interns at the "FREE Summer Funfest" event. We were able to provide the participants and the community with some awesome Ready NY materials. We were also on the lookout for new members to join our program. We had a great time meeting new people and spreading awareness about emergency preparedness. Thanks to everyone who stopped by and said hello! We hope to see you all again soon. Stay safe and stay prepared!

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### Gracie Mansion: Puerto Rican Reception

CERT volunteers continue to support MOPCE at the Gracie Mansion cultural events performing line management, crowd management, and distribution of supplies, including goodie bags to all guests. Last night volunteers received NYC Emergency Management, First Deputy Commissioner Christina Farrell. Thank you all!



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

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



## Gracie Mansion Cultural Receptions

The Mayor's office asked for Special Projects and Community events; CERT will help with pedestrian and line traffic management.

Please see below for the cultural receptions registration:



### Eastern European Cultural Heritage Celebration

[Registration: Tue, Jul 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)

### Dominican Republic Heritage Reception

[Registration: Tue, Aug 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)



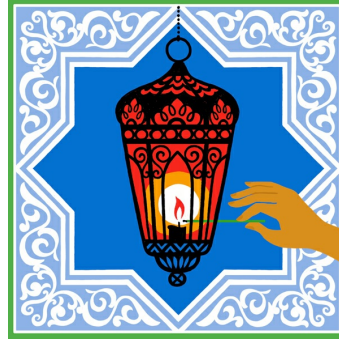
### Haitian Heritage Reception



[Registration, Thu, Aug 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)

### Arab Heritage Reception

[Registration, Thu, Aug 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)



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### German American Heritage Reception

[Registration, Thu, Aug 31, 2023 at 6:00 PM](#)



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### CERT Recruitment Suggestions Welcome!

The July CERT Recruitment Group Meeting is open to all members who are interested in sharing their ideas/suggestions for recruitment. CERT Recruitment Group members meet each month to discuss recruitment events and ideas for developing the NYC CERT program throughout NYC. If you have some ideas or success stories you would like to share about recruitment in your area, please join us at the next meeting on Monday, July 17th. We are always looking for fresh ideas!

[Register Now: Mon, Jul 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM](#)



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### Keeping Homes Safe for Children Webinar Series



# Community Engagement Webinar Series

## Child Safety Webinar: Burn Prevention



Learn how to prevent children from getting burn injuries, and the first steps to take if a burn injury should occur.

This presentation will be led by Ekta Vohra, BSN, RN, CWON of the William Randolph Hearst Burn Center at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. EST

Link: [https://bit.ly/NYCEM\\_HOMESAFETY](https://bit.ly/NYCEM_HOMESAFETY)

**NYC** Emergency  
Management

Take some time to join us for the upcoming Child Safety Webinar: Burn Prevention on Tuesday, July 18th at 11 AM.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### NYC CERT CALENDAR



#### 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  
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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.

## Monthly Meetings

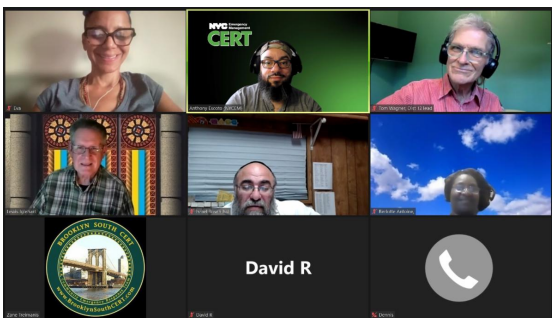


### Queens Division 5

Members received top-notch CPR and AED training led by the FDNY. It was an electrifying experience that left everyone feeling empowered and ready to take on any emergency situation. The team is now equipped with the skills and knowledge to be true life-savers! Don't wait another moment to sign up for our next training session. Your quick action could be the difference between life and death. Join us and let's make the world a safer place, one heartbeat at a time!

### Brooklyn Leadership

Our Brooklyn Borough Coordinator, Elba Melendez just served up another piping hot leadership meeting that's got us all fired up for the summer months! With National Night Out Against Crime and other exciting events on the horizon, our division chiefs are revving up at full speed. And that's not all - we're already planning a morale-boosting summer BBQ and gearing up for National Preparedness Month in September. Elba's meetings always give us the inside scoop and make sure we're all on the same page. Great job, team - let's make this summer one to remember!



### Brooklyn Division 6

We are thrilled to report that the Brooklyn Division 6 monthly meeting held on July 13th was a huge success! Our program staff facilitated a highly productive meeting where all questions and requests were addressed. In addition, some fantastic suggestions were made to help accommodate all members for hybrid meetings. We are proud of the hard work and dedication of our members, who are gearing up for their National Night Out Against Crime events and the upcoming Flatbush Frolic for National Preparedness Month. Keep up the great work everyone!

## THINGS TO KNOW

### CERT Self-Deployment

We at NYCEM appreciate NYC CERT volunteer's service and dedication to public safety and want to support members in any way possible. However, as your instructors, volunteer leadership, and NYCEM staff have told all CERT members from day one of basic training: NYC CERT **NEVER** self-deploy.

We encourage all CERT to listen to their Division leadership and ask any questions that may come to mind. We also want to encourage all members to review the NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures, Section 5: Operations, Deployment protocol.

Find the NYC CERT Protocols here: [NYC CERT SOPs](#)

Schedule a meeting with NYCEM staff: [NYC CERT Volunteer Support](#)



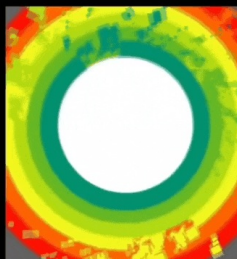
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[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)  
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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