



NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC) IS ACTIVATED SUPPORTING THE RECOVERY FROM TROPICAL STORM IDA.

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

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

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Winter Holiday Fire Safety



Did you know?

Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

- ✔ Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.
- ✔ Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily.
- ✔ Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- ✔ If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.

For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov.



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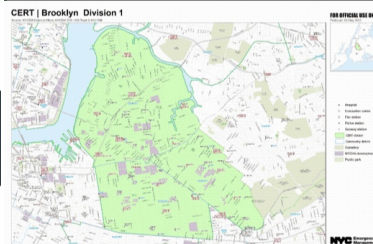
MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: SI

Scenario: Report the number of your Radio # your Division currently has.

12/20 Responding Borough: Queens

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



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



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](#)

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 10PM to 4AM. Volunteers will canvass parks, subways, and other public spaces to estimate the number of people who are experiencing street homelessness.

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



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

After you participate, be sure to [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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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Disaster Simulation: Live Victims Support



As the current Basic training comes to a close, NYC CERT members are invited to provide support to our students as they transition into probationary members. Come support the upcoming Disaster Simulations.

[Register here](#)
Monday 12/20
Tuesday 12/21
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm



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.

All CERT volunteers will muster at the New York Aquarium Education Hall 602 Surf Avenue, at 9:00 AM. The entrance is from the Boardwalk. 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.

Saturday, January 1, 2022

[Register Here](#)

NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR

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

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CERT | **MENTOR PROGRAM**

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



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.

[Register Here](#)

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

[Shifts:](#)

[First Shift: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm](#)

[Second Shift: 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm](#)

NYFCF MLS Championship Celebration



CERT Volunteers were requested by the Mayor's office of special events to provide support during the NYC Football Club Championship celebration at City Hall. Volunteers assisted with line management and as flow monitors for fans entering and exited the event ceremony.



NYC CERT Basic Training

The Monday/ Wednesday class gathered at NYCEM HQs as NYPD walkthrough the Police Science and traffic management lecture, After coordinating each other practicing hand signs to conduct Pedestrian/Vehicle management.

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



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Recap the year's Preparedness webinars
[View Here](#)

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



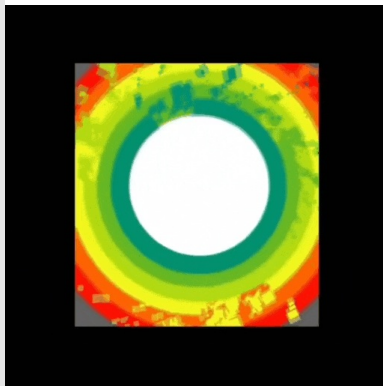
[NYCEM's Youtube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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