

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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NYC CERT Basic Training



Another NYC CERT Basic training is in the books! This past week, the second of two classes came to a close with the final Disaster Simulation at NYCEM headquarters. During this final exercise, students are tested on all of the knowledge that they have gained during the previous sessions. [View photos.](#)

We want to thank those of you who volunteered as live victims for this final disaster simulation. We truly appreciate your continued support to grow the city's volunteer capabilities by giving your time to come out and work with us to give the students a great experience.



Photo: NYC CERT members participating in the Disaster Simulation hotwash after playing live victims: (left to right: Frank Farance, Craig Kligfeld, Linda Ruiz, and Anita Bailey)



NYC CERT Graduation is scheduled for this coming Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Both graduates and volunteer leadership are invited to join us virtually as we recognize our newest NYC CERT members and welcome them to the family! Invitations were sent by email earlier this week. A reminder will be sent.

Mentoring New Membership



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Channel: **Staten Island**
Responding Borough for 7/26: **Brooklyn**
Call Scenario: **No Response**

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



View the [NEW NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments including National Night Out events that teams are scheduled to participate in.

After you participate, be sure to [Submit Your Volunteer Hours!](#)

READY NEW YORK

If your division is hosting or participating in an upcoming event,



MENTOR PROGRAM

All Division Chiefs welcoming new team members are asked to submit the name of a current member who is willing to participate in the NYC CERT Mentor Program. We would like to pair new graduating members with currently active members in order to build strong relationships within the team and to help guide them through. The participating mentor must complete the **Mentor Interest Form** by Friday, July 30th.



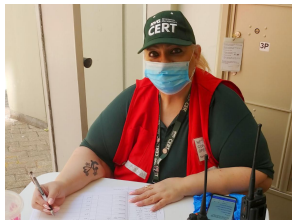
please complete the **Event Request form** to have your opportunity published through Eventbrite.com for members to register.



Submit your **Ready New York Material Request** for upcoming events.

**All National Night Out material requests will be sent out this week. For those picking up, NYCEM staff will contact you when ready.*

Reporting Volunteer Hours



As a reminder, NYC CERT members must report all volunteer hours **HERE** (<https://on.nyc.gov/CERThours>).

Do Not submit hours through the Samaritan Portal. All hours previously reported through Samaritan have been captured. Do Not re-enter volunteer hours.

If you have any questions about reporting volunteer hours, please ask your Division leadership to add as an agenda item for your next monthly meeting. NYC CERT Program staff participating in the meeting can review how to report as well as answer any questions you may have regarding what is eligible for reporting and the approval process. *NYC CERT Program staff is at this time responsible for reviewing all submitted volunteer hours.*



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 3rd, NYPD is hosting National Night Out Against Crime events throughout the city. Click below to view all of the NNO events that NYC CERT is participating in throughout the City.

NYC CERT National Night Out Events

All submitted Ready New York Material requests for these events will be mailed out by next week and tracking information will be emailed to the recipient. For pick-ups, NYCEM staff will reach out to the recipient to arrange a pick-up date and time at NYCEM headquarters.



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Five Boro Bike Tour (Details Coming Soon)

NYC Emergency Management is working closely with Bike New York to plan NYC CERT's participation in the event. An

Bike New York is thrilled to announce that the TD Five Boro Bike Tour will once again welcome bike lovers from across New York and around the country on Sunday, August 22, 2021.

email will be sent out to all NYC CERT membership early next week with private registration links made specifically for NYC CERT members for each location of the tour. If you've already registered through the Five Boro Bike Tour website but plan to support as CERT, you must re-register through the private links, so be on the look out for that email.

The Hudson in Dyckman Marina
in Inwood Hill Park
Mondays, 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Roosevelt Island
Food Pantry Support
Fridays, 12 PM - 7 PM

Bay Ridge 5th Avenue
Open Street
Fridays, 4 PM - 7 PM

NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR

Join the Mask Force

NYC CERT continues to support the MTA by helping to distribute masks to MTA customers. Please register for one of the various locations and sites throughout the five boroughs.

[Register Now](#)



MEETINGS & EVENTS

Borough Meetings



Brooklyn Division Leaders attending a virtual meeting hosted by the Brooklyn Borough Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator this week. During the check-in members discussed best practices for divisions to organize local needs and effectively make requests for support from borough leadership and program staff.

Borough Coordinator Jay Schofield and Deputy Coordinator Joyce Holland held their monthly **Borough Leadership** meeting. Manhattan leadership discussed upcoming events, Division outreach and the needs of each Division for their members. The Borough Coordinators provided their expertise as leaders to give guidance and support to the great Division Chiefs in Manhattan. Great work, Manhattan!

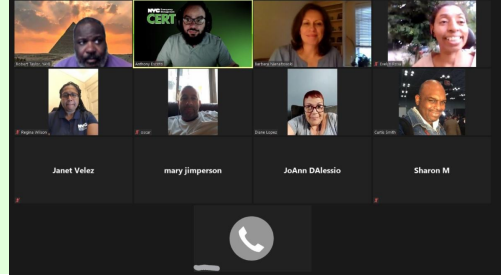


Division Meetings



Manhattan Division 3 members used this month's meeting to begin planning for the end of the leadership term and discussing potential future leaders while also accepting nominations for cabinet positions. Program staff reviewed the NYC CERT Communication Structure to provide a better understanding of how to best request support for specific needs.

Manhattan Division 5 members were proud to announce their annual morale picnic. Program staff provided a walk through on navigating through the **CERT Event Calendar** and the current process of reporting hours. Leadership was also reminded of the new graduates that will be joining their Division in the coming days.



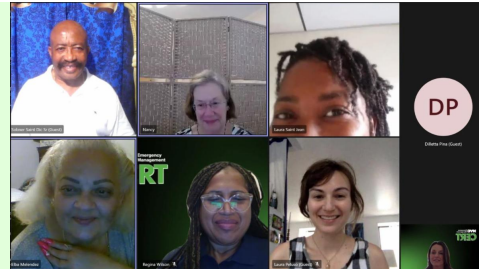
NYC CERT Recruitment



NYC CERT Recruitment Group members answered the call this week to support of NYC Emergency Management's Mobile Office Hours at the Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park in Manhattan.

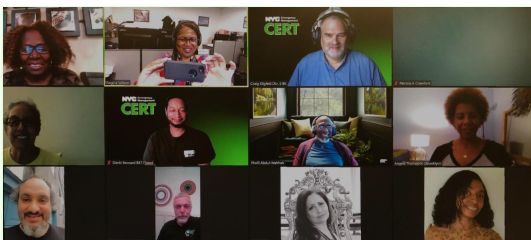


NYC CERT Recruitment Group checked-in virtually on Wednesday, July 21st. Recruitment Group member and Deputy Borough Coordinator Elba Melendez led the meeting as members reported out on their recruitment efforts and upcoming opportunities across the City. Members also discussed their future effort in calling all Division Chiefs to lend their expertise to their team.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Basic First Aid Training



On July 13th, CERT member Sandra Williams of Queens Division 6 conducted a **Basic First Aid refresher** training. Members from across the city attended to refresh their skills. CERT member Williams will hold two (2) additional Basic First Aid refresher training sessions (August and September). Dates are TBD. **Dates will be posted in next week's NYC CERT Newsletter.**

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 latest episodes of
NYCEM's two podcasts, *Prep Talk*
(**SoundCloud**, **iTunes** & **Spreaker**)
and *iPrepárate!* on **SoundCloud**.

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

For information on COVID-19 in New York City
visit the **COVID-19 Citywide Information Portal**

NYC CERT COVID-19 Response Data as of 07/24/2021 :

- Unique Deployments: 51
- Days for COVID-19 Operation: 359
- Shifts Covered: 1,258
- Volunteers Deployed: 285
- Volunteer Hours Reported: 8,942.65

Submit all of your **Volunteer Hours** (<https://on.nyc.gov/CERThours>)

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