

NYCEM CERT



New York City Emergency Management is requesting your assistance in measuring snowfall in your area. Please be reminded that you do not have to be officially activated to submit snow measurements. Any help that you can provide is always appreciated. If you do not have your measuring stick, you can still participate. As explained during the training, you can use any ruler to take the measurements.

MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Radio Channel
CERT MN

2/10 Responding Borough:
Bronx

Scenario: Is your team radio being rotated?

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



NYCEM Weather Brief (as of 08:00 AM)

Products

- Winter Weather Advisory in effect 5 PM Saturday to 11 AM Sunday

Precipitation

- Snow starts by the late afternoon and intensifies this evening
- Snow accumulation is expected this evening into early Sunday morning
- The snow will transition to a wintry mix for much of the area tonight into early Sunday morning

Timing



Download the NYC
CERT SOPs

New York City Emergency Management Staff is excited to announce the release of the updated [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#)! All volunteers are encouraged to review the

- Light snow and/or wintry mix possible anytime after 4 PM.
- Periods of moderate to heavy snow likely after 7 PM.
- Bulk of accumulating snow expected between 7 PM and midnight.
- The snow will mix with or change to sleet and freezing rain after midnight.
- Plain rain may mix in where temperatures briefly rise above freezing, more likely along the coast.
- Precipitation expected to taper off tomorrow after 7 AM.
- Dry conditions expected by tomorrow afternoon.

Amounts & Rates

- Snowfall total: 3 to 5 inches, locally up to 6 inches possible; rates between 1 - 2 inches/hour possible between 7 PM and 1 AM
- Ice Accumulation: 0.01 inches

Impacts

- Snow, sleet, and slush covered roads and hazardous travel.

**Complete the following format the updated 2025 link:
NWS Citywide Snow measuring Report**

Review the documents below to assist you in a step-by-step process to set up your mobile app or if you're using the web browser.

[Click here for Application Walkthrough.](#)

[Click here for a Web browser walkthrough.](#)

****Please note: When using the mobile app, it will be asked to turn on your GPS location access in order to provide the National Weather Service with more accurate data that can be mapped.****

Sign in accounts

Please sign in using the appropriate borough that you are measuring in. Borough usernames and passwords are listed below:

Borough	Username	Password	Security Question
Manhattan	cert_manhattan1	certManhattan1	Manhattan
Bronx	cert_bronx1	certBronx1	Bronx
Brooklyn	cert_brooklyn1	certBrooklyn1	Brooklyn
Queen	cert_queens1	certQueens1	Queens
Staten Island	cert_statenisland1	certStatenIsland1	Staten Island

Community Safety Event for Houses of Worship

latest iteration of expectations and guidance.
For any questions, please reach out to your volunteer leadership or email CERT@oem.nyc.gov.



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

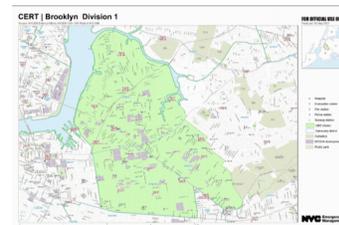


View the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

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

****Only events submitted and approved through the Event Request form will be available to volunteers to submit service hours. If you don't see your event listed, please connect with your division leadership.****

For more questions on how to submit your service hours you can view the [Hours Submission FAQs](#).



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

- [Brooklyn](#) - [Bronx](#) - [Manhattan](#) -



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New York City Emergency Management

SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS FOR HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Medgar Evers College
Founders Auditorium
1650 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225

Date
Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 5:30PM

Want additional information, please contact:
Ed Powell: (917) 682 - 4754

- ✓ Emergency Prep & Safety Tips
- ✓ Fire Prevention Planning
- ✓ Network with other Faith Leaders
- ✓ Active Shooter Training
- ✓ Communication Planning
- ✓ Life-saving techniques like CPR

Register and confirm your attendance plus get an entry to the Go Bag raffle via https://bit.ly/NYCEM_CommunitySafety

MUST BE PRESENT AT EVENT TO PARTICIPATE IN GO BAG RAFFLE



Join us for an engaging and informative community safety event! Doors open at 5:30 PM for an hour of networking and access to resource tables featuring the NYPD, FDNY, NYC Emergency Management and more. The event kicks off at 6:30 PM with speakers covering critical topics such as life-saving techniques, fire prevention & extinguishing methods, flood prevention strategies and the key steps to organizing your safety plan. Participation in this event will give you a chance to win a **Go Bag!**

[Click here to Register](#)

Extreme Winter Weather Preparedness

NYCEM 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.



Update on Material requests

- All requests will contain the following:
- My Emergency Plan - 50
 - Hurricane Map - 50
 - Notify NYC card - 50
 - NYC CERT card - 50
 - Give-a-ways will depend on availability

Note: Ready New York plastic bags and tablecloths are no longer available.

Updated NYC CERT IDs



Membership:

All members should reach out to their division leadership to exchange expired credentials for updated ones.



Leadership:

Please remember to schedule a pick-up, or permit your members to schedule a pick-up for their updated IDs using this link: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTpickup>

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](#).



Join FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division for a webinar featuring FEMA Liaisons to the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) and National Water Center (NWC). This presentation offers a comprehensive overview of winter-related hazards and

their associated impacts, including but not limited to:

- observed and forecast snow
- snowmelt and rain-on-snow
- freezing rain and ice accumulation
- extreme cold temperature and wind chill
- river ice and ice jam formation

The session will also walk through National Weather Service (NWS) winter-related products, providing attendees with valuable tools and insights to enhance operational preparedness and response during winter-related incidents.

Who should attend? Whole community partners, Individuals and families, Volunteer and faith-based organizations, Local, State, Federal government, Private Sector, Emergency Managers.

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

Registration: <https://fema.cosocloud.com/winterweather/event/registration.html>

Make sure to [test your Adobe Connect](#) before the meeting.

If you need an accommodation, please email kathleen.madigan@fema.dhs.gov 5 business days prior and we will do our best to fill your request.

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When the weather is extremely cold, try to stay indoors. If you must go outside, **dress properly** and know who is at **high risk** for **hypothermia** or **frostbite**.

When going outside be sure to wear:



When going outside in winter make sure body parts most often affected by frostbite are covered in warm, dry clothing.



Know who is at high risk:



Older adults without proper food, clothing, or heating



People who stay outdoors for long periods (homeless, hikers, hunters, etc.)



People who drink alcohol in excess or use illicit drugs



Babies sleeping in cold rooms

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FROSTBITE

A victim is often unaware of frostbite because frozen tissue is numb.



Signs & Symptoms

– Redness or pain in any skin area may be the first sign of frostbite.

Other signs include:

- a white or grayish-yellow skin area
- skin that feels unusually firm or waxy
- numbness

HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia often occurs at very cold temperatures, but can occur at cool temperatures (above 40°F), if a person is wet (from rain, sweat or cold water) and becomes chilled.



Signs & Symptoms

Adults:

- shivering
- exhaustion
- confusion
- fumbling hands
- memory loss
- slurred speech
- drowsiness

Infants:

- bright red, cold skin
- very low energy



If a person's temperature is below 95° get medical attention immediately.

How to Help: DC Plane Crash

On January 29, 2025, many people were killed after a helicopter collided with a passenger plane in Washington, DC. The [GoFundMe](#) community is coming together to support those affected. [Click Here](#) to donate to verified fundraisers today to help the people and families affected.



California Wildfires - Where to Donate?

Donate online at <https://redcross.org/donate/>

Donate online at <https://calfund.org/funds/wildfire-recovery-fund/>

Your generosity will help provide essential resources, shelter, and support to those affected by the devastating wildfires.

[National VOAD](#) explains that sorting, storing, and transporting unsolicited goods can overwhelm relief efforts. Cash donations to nationally recognized organizations are the most effective way to

help. Organizations can buy exactly what's needed, when it's needed. Purchases are made locally, supporting businesses and aiding recovery and streamlines the relief efforts, eliminating wasted time or resources dealing with an influx of donated items.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Emergency Operations Center/ & NYCEM Watch Command Overview

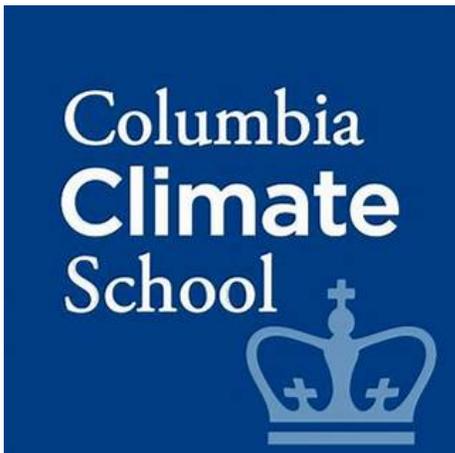
Learning Objectives include:

- NYCEM 101
- Operations Division
- CERT Roles in the EOC
- Tour of the EOC



We ask that you wear your NYC CERT polo shirt.

[Registration, Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM](#)



Extended FEMA Learning

National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP) has several on-demand web-based trainings to train learners quickly on mass care shelter and evacuation operations.

- [AWR-423-W: Mass Care Shelter and Relocation Communication](#) provides participants with an understanding of messaging for shelter and evacuation operations. This course is focused on the whole community.
- [AWR-424-W: Pandemic Planning Multilateral Risk Communication](#) provides participants an overview of multilateral risk communications during a pandemic.
- [PER-402-W: Pandemic Planning for Mass Sheltering](#) is designed to help learners plan for mass sheltering operations during multiple disasters.

These trainings can be completed in as little as two hours. Trainings are available for individual learners or can be incorporated into the curriculum for volunteer groups, university courses, healthcare and hospital systems, and more. To learn about and register for these trainings, please visit our training portal at <https://training.ncdpcourses.org>.

CISA Learning

CISA's new Learning Management System has replaced the Federal Virtual Training Environment (FedVTE) and will replace multiple other platforms. CISA Learning will be the go-to learning platform CISA staff, contractors and external partners. CISA Learning will continue to offer the same no cost online cybersecurity training as FedVTE on topics such as cloud security, ethical hacking and surveillance, risk management, malware analysis, and more.



CISA Learning using the following link: <https://learning.cisa.gov/>

- External users will access CISA Learning via Login.gov, a secure government site.
- While Login.gov uses personal identifiable information (PII) for verification, this information is not shared with or captured in CISA Learning.
- For more information, visit: [What is Login.gov?](#) | [Login.gov](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Chinatown Lunar New Year Parade



Be part of the celebration! NYC CERT is invited to join NYCEM staff as we march in the Chinese New Year Parade! Register to attend below.

[Registration](#) | [Sun](#) | [Feb 16](#) | [2025](#) | [12:15 PM](#)



NYC CERT Orientation Support

We are seeking volunteers from our active membership to assist with upcoming in-person Orientation sessions for new applicants in 2025. These evening sessions, held from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at NYCEM headquarters, will require volunteers to assist with light logistics, set-up, and answer questions from attendees. We encourage interested members to consider this valuable opportunity to contribute to the NYC CERT program.

[Register for an Orientation Date](#)

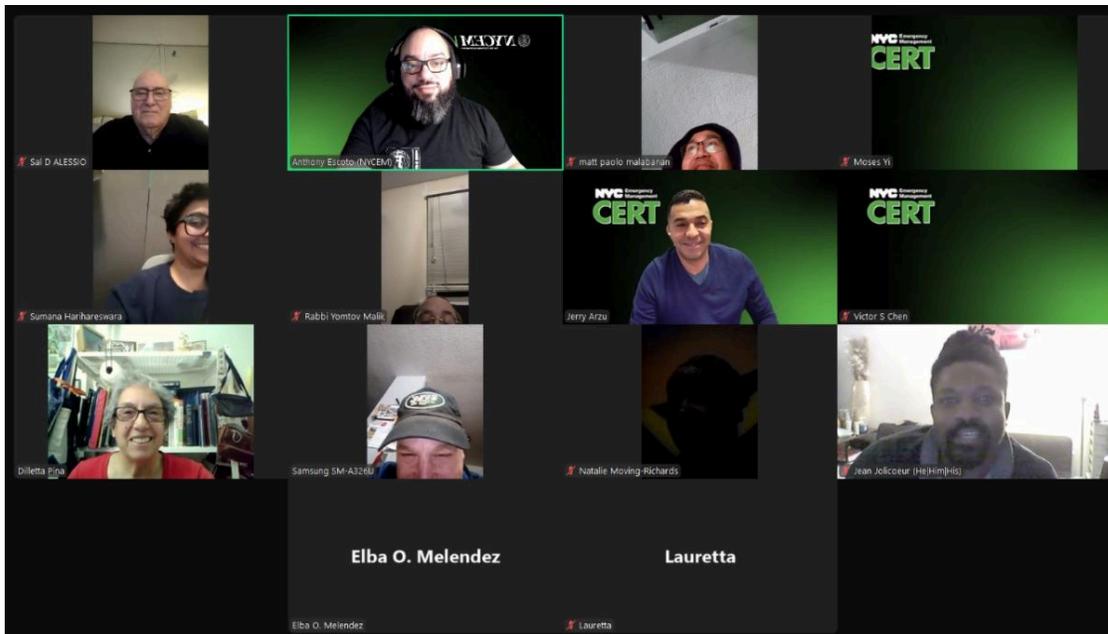
Recent Activity

Lunar New Year Celebration Parade in Bensonhurst



This past Sunday, NYC CERT members attended the 2025 Lunar New Year Celebration Parade in Bensonhurst! Members were tasked with supporting the 62nd Precinct with crowd control throughout the event.

New Volunteer Orientation/ Refresher



This past Tuesday, February 4th, Program staff hosted a new graduate orientation and refresher for some of our active members. We walked through all resources available for volunteers, including the ones outlined in the newsletter, while answering questions on volunteer hours and event registration. We hope to continue offering

these for new and current members; if you have questions or concerns, please reach out to your leadership or book some time to chat with program staff at your earliest convenience.

NYC CERT Orientation

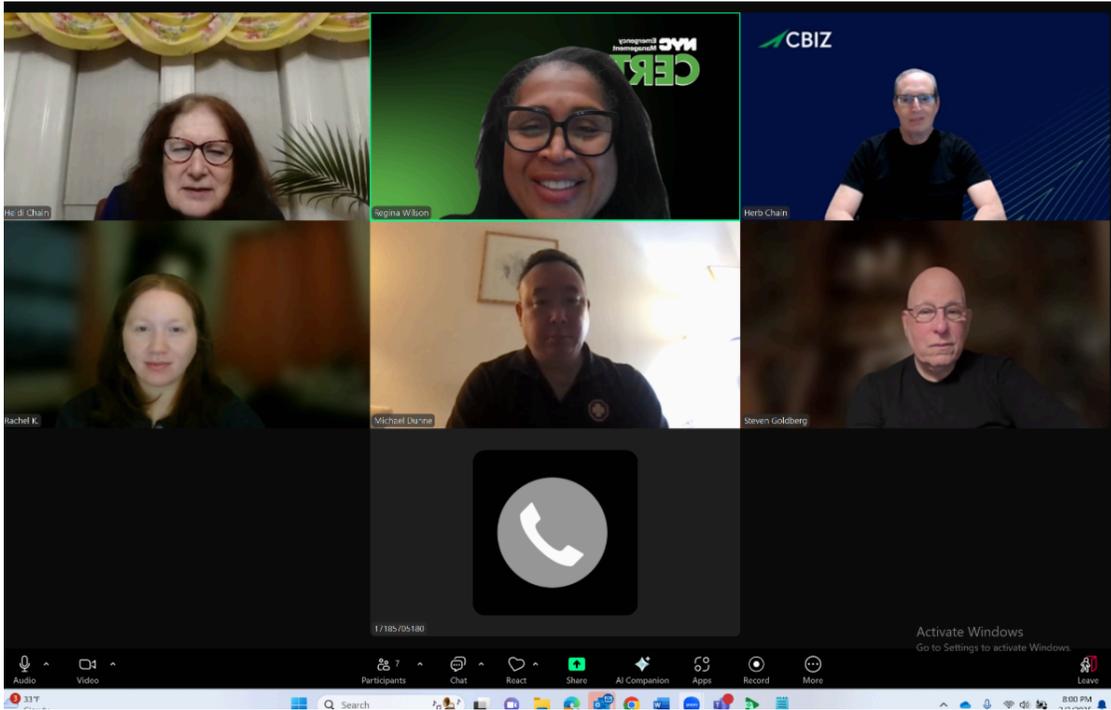


CERT Staff hosted an orientation session on Thursday, February 6th as part of a new initiative to offer new applicants the opportunity to complete the orientation requirement any month of the year. All attendees registered for an upcoming cycle and expressed their interest in preparing their communities. They also shared that they heard about the program from CERT members that they know in the program, so a big thank you goes out to you for your recruitment efforts! It's working! Pictured here are Vanessa, presenting to new applicants, and Laura (McNamara) Guigui, BK Div 1 Division Chief. Thank you, Laura for your support in making sure all had the proper forms and were able to process their registrations that evening.



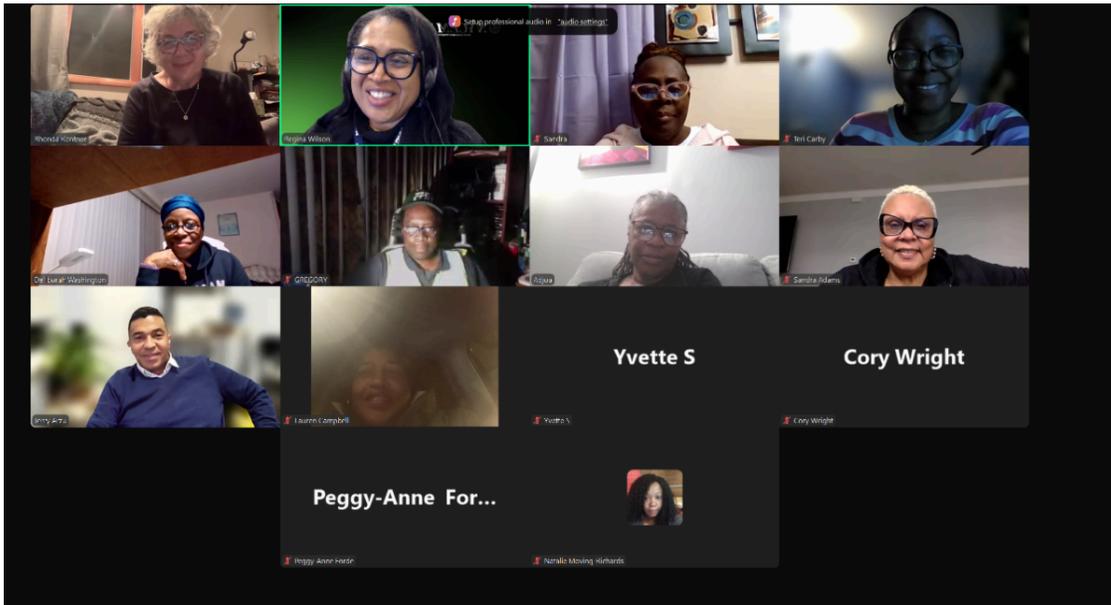
Meetings

Queens Division 3



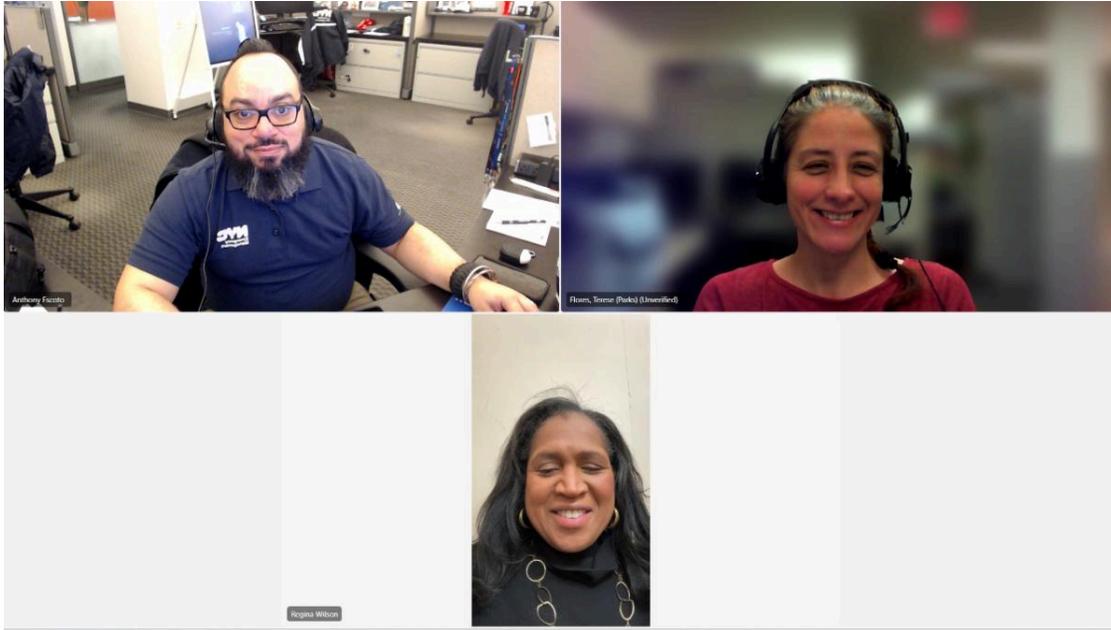
On February 2, 2024, Queens division 3 hosted their monthly team meeting. The team discussed attending a Lunar year celebration and the State of Forest hill event in the month of February to bring emergency preparedness to the community and offer CERT services to the upcoming events.

Queens Division 6



Queens Division 6 convened on February 3rd, 2025, for their monthly team meeting. A key focus was increasing radio proficiency, with the team eagerly awaiting radio training postings on Airtable to enhance participation in roll calls and rotations. The meeting also included planning for community outreach and emergency preparedness events in February and March.

Queens Borough Coordinator Check in



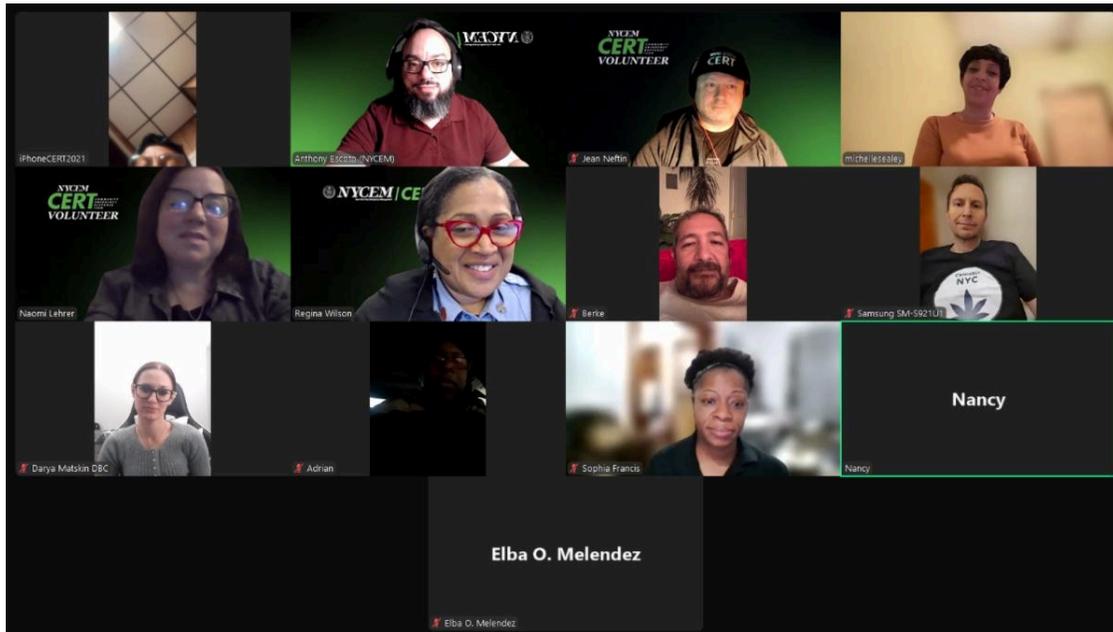
Queens Borough Coordinator Terese Flores met with program staff on Monday for our monthly check-in. These meetings are crucial for fostering effective collaboration between Division leadership, program staff, and the Borough Coordinator. We are all looking forward to the continued collaboration.

Brooklyn Division 3



Brooklyn Division 3 held its initial meeting of the year, bringing together new and existing members to welcome Division Chief Tony Yancey. The team collaborated on new initiatives and celebrated the start of a productive year.

Brooklyn Division 7



This past Thursday, Brooklyn Division 7 held its monthly meeting, co-led by program staff and Deputy Borough Coordinator Darya Matskin. The meeting saw the enthusiastic participation of new members, sparking a lively exchange of ideas and setting the stage for upcoming local trainings. Thank you to all who contributed to a productive brainstorming session!

Send Us Your Photos!



Please continue to share *an and all photos and videos from your NYC CERT events* at on.nyc.gov/CERTupload

Please note **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. Thank you!

NYC CERT CALENDAR



What is a Buddy Check?

A simple check-in can mean the world. Reach out to family and friends, especially those who might be isolated. Your call, text, or visit could brighten their day and provide essential support. Don't underestimate the power of human connection. Be a good neighbor, be a good friend. Check in today!

[Report your Volunteer Hours](#)

Search for *Buddy Check* Event

NYCEM 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.

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

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

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

THINGS TO KNOW



How To Request NYC CERT

If approached to support an event in your community, the following steps must be taken:

- Event organizer submits an official request using the [NYC CERT External Request Form](#).
- NYC CERT Leadership *should not* submit form on behalf of the event organizer.
- For events lead by a NYC CERT Division, volunteer leadership (Ready New York Liaison, if a preparedness event) should submit this [Event Request form](#).

NYC CERT program staff will review all requests. If approved, program staff will add the volunteer opportunity to the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) with a registration link. If more details are required for approval, program staff will use the contact information provided in the request form to connect with the organizer.

NYC CERT External Request Form: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTrequest>



What is the NYC CERT Uniform?

We are a Team! To ensure we all represent NYC Emergency Management with professionalism, this message serves as a friendly reminder about our uniform policy. Whether it's a preparedness event or an emergency response, being in proper uniform allows us to be easily identified by the public and first responders. It signifies our commitment to safety and fosters a sense of unity.

Here's a quick rundown of the NYC CERT uniform:

- Green NYC CERT polo shirt (mandatory)
- Khaki pants (mandatory)
- NYC CERT reflective vest (always most visible outer layer)
- NYC CERT credential on lanyard, visible at all times (mandatory)
- Optional items: NYC CERT baseball hat, windbreaker, green helmet (for emergency responses), green CERT response bag (for emergency responses), NYC CERT branded sweaters/jackets (produced with NYCEM approval)

Find the NYC CERT Protocols here: [NYC CERT SOPs](#)
Schedule a meeting with NYCEM staff: [NYC CERT Volunteer Support](#)

Not sure about an item? Don't hesitate to reach out! Contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov and we'll be happy to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.



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



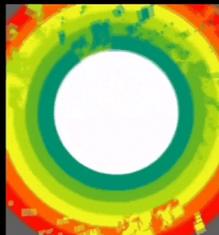
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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Schedule a meeting with NYC CERT Staff:
<https://on.nyc.gov/bookCERT>

<i>Choose a Topic:</i>	CERT Pick-up (In-Person)	NYC CERT Operations	Advanced Training	Exercises & Tabletops
General Questions	CERT ID Questions	Leadership Interest	Borough Discussion	Division Discussion

ONLY active NYC CERT membership may book a one-on-one meeting with a staff member who specializes in each specific topic. Please provide a clear description of your needs so we can prepare to address all of your questions and concerns. Please do not share this link externally. All external inquiries can be directed to the program email address: CERT@oem.nyc.gov.



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