

# 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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## Welcome Americorps member: Gabriel Zervos



Gabrien Zervos joins NYCEM as a NYC CERT Service Corps Member. He recently graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh in May with his B.S. in Criminal Justice and Sociology. He's very passionate about service and giving back to the city that has been such an important factor in his life.

Gabrien is assigned to the CERT unit in the Community Engagement Bureau. He will be expected to work alongside NYC CERT program staff to develop new training and exercises to build upon the skills necessary for emergency deployments.



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: **Bronx (CERT BX)**

Call Scenario: **How many events are you planning to participate in for National Preparedness Month?**

09/19 Responding Borough: **Brooklyn**

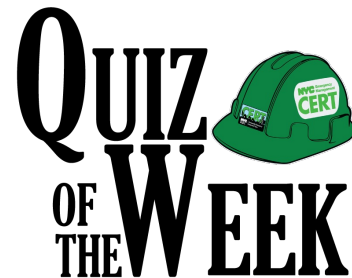
Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

## NYC CERT Family

Our very own Anthony Escoto welcomed a child to our NYC CERT family. Mom and dad are both recovering well after Claire Escoto joined us at 3:34 AM this morning weighing in at 5.11 lbs. and measuring 17 in. Feel free to send the Escoto family some love: [aescoto@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:aescoto@oem.nyc.gov).



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!

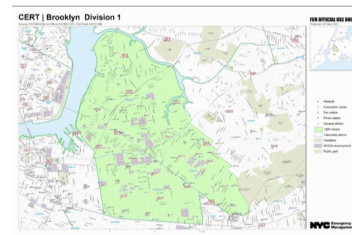
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## National Preparedness Month: Build a Kit





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](#)

This National Preparedness Month, we are reminding you to build your emergency kit. Don't forget to include:

- Non-perishable food and water that can last several days.
- Flashlights, radios & extra batteries.
- First aid kit

An emergency kit should have everything you need to survive for several days. Keeping your kit stocked with necessities like food, water, and medical care can make the difference in the face of a disaster. [Ready.gov/kit](#)

As NYC CERT volunteers, your CERT Divisions should be planning to participate in or host a preparedness event for National Preparedness Month. Visit [NYC.gov/npm](#) for upcoming National Preparedness Month events!

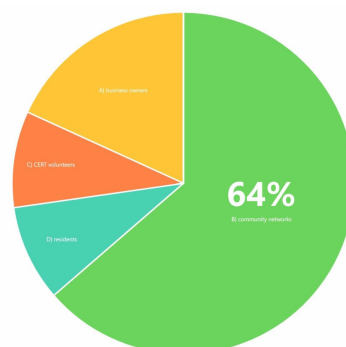
## Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's Quiz of the Week. The correct answer is **B) Community Networks**.

The Strengthening Communities training program focuses on five key areas to build an emergency plan specific to their communities:

- Create a needs assessment review
- Design community maps of the area where they provide services
- Build a directory of resources for after an emergency
- Prepare a communications strategy to message their staff before, during, and after emergencies
- Design plans on how to manage donations and accept volunteers

Please visit the [Strengthening Communities site](#) for more information.



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](#).

# 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.

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](#).

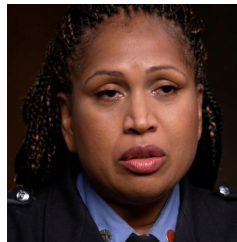


60 Minutes: 9/11



## 9/11: The FDNY | 60 Minutes

FDNY Firefighter and NYC CERT Staff member, Regina Wilson was featured on 60 minutes earlier this week speaking on her experience with Engine 219 on 9/11. You can view this episode or read the transcript by visiting CBS News | 60 Minutes:



<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/september-11-fdny-world-trade-center-60-minutes-2022-09-11/>

## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

### Asylum Seeker Welcome Center Deployment



NYC CERT volunteers have answered the call to support the Asylum Seeker Welcome Center at Port Authority in Manhattan. Volunteers are supporting as flow monitors and line management, receiving the clients coming into New York City. NYC CERT volunteers are there ensuring the smoothest operation possible.

[Register Here](#)

This will be an on-going operation until further notice.

### Brooklyn CB 18 Health & Resource Fair



Brooklyn Division 7 CERT participated in this year's first Brooklyn Community Board 18 hosted tabling event. The weather was great, it was well attended, and hope I it will become an annual event. Volunteers distributed a many emergency preparedness materials and networked with many of the other attending organizations.

### NYC CERT Recruitment



NYC CERT member Dilletta Pina of Bronx Division 3 CERT was in attendance at the St. Luke's Grandparents Day Celebration last Saturday, September 10th distributing NYC CERT recruitment material to build up her division. Nice work!

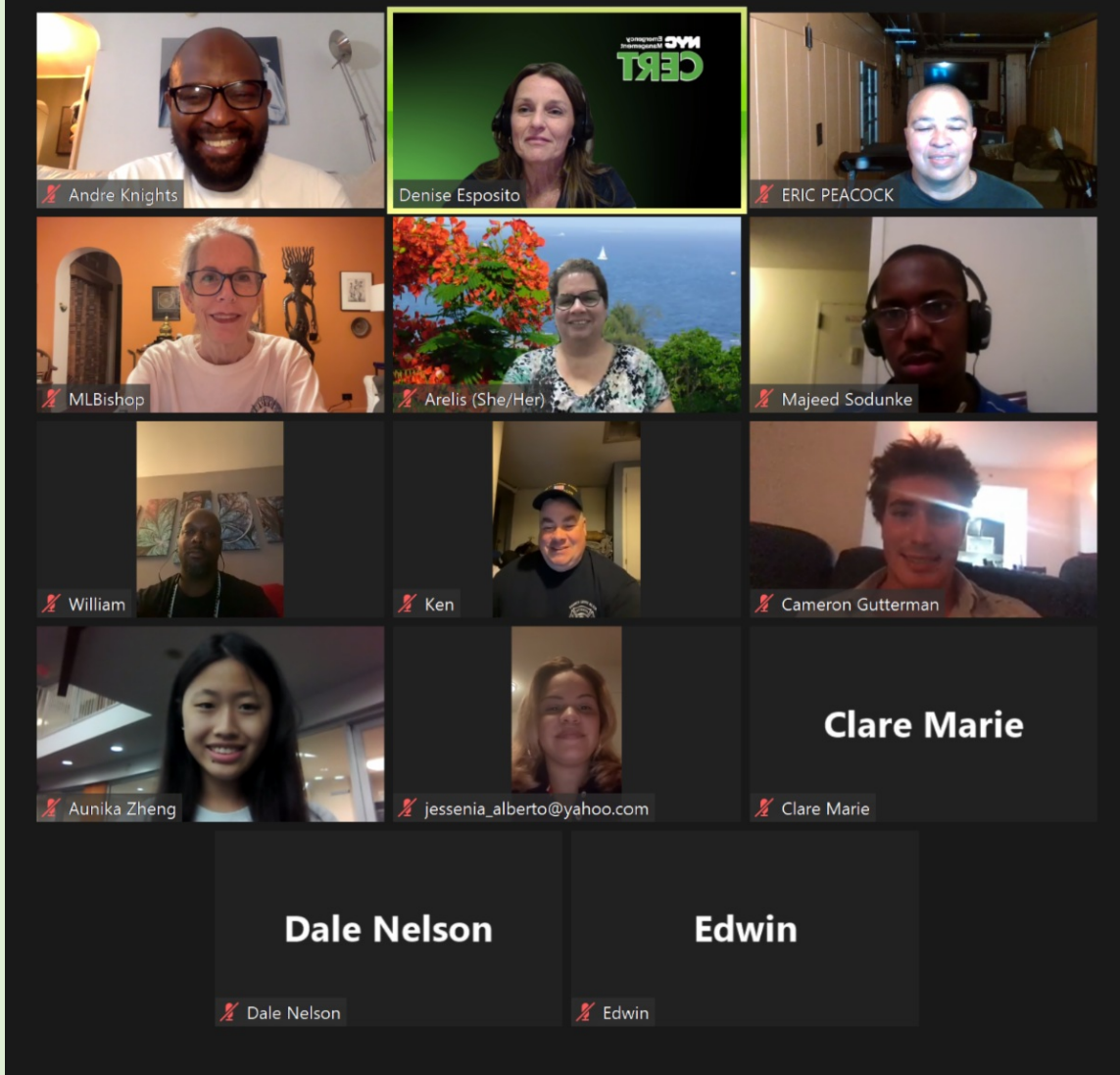
### 9/11 Memorial Event



NYC CERT members attended a September 11th memorial ceremony hosted by Assemblyperson Jaime Williams in Brooklyn. Pictured above are representatives from uniform services and volunteer groups that serve our neighborhoods. Pictures provided by Doreen Garson.

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## CERT Orientation



NYC CERT applicants attended an orientation session with CERT staff this week to receive an overview of the program policies, expectations and the ways that NYC CERT members engage with their communities and NYCEM. Orientation is also helpful in answering any questions that candidates may have and it provides CERT staff with information on where candidates heard about the program and why they want to join. Hoping to see a few of these faces in our next Basic training cycle!

### Manhattan Leadership Meeting



Manhattan Borough Coordinators Jay Schofield and Joyce Holland led the monthly meeting with leadership. They have started to plan for an upcoming borough-wide gathering. Manhattan Division is hosting their own annual

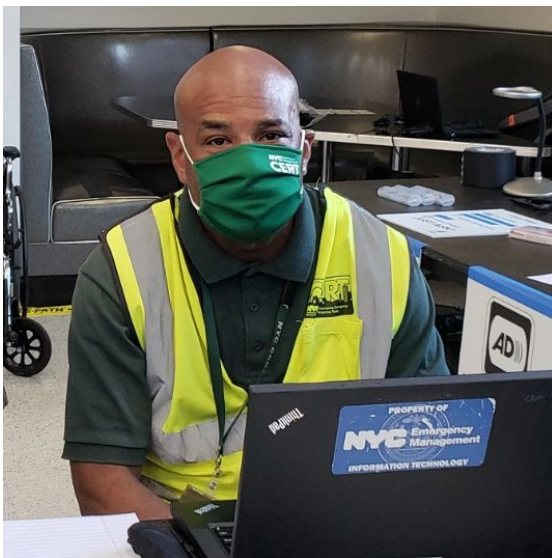
BBQ this Sunday. Also at the top of the agenda: Training, Tabletops, and planned deployments including the Tunnel To Towers Deployment coordinated by longtime Manhattan Division 1 member, Jean Grillo. More information will be available soon.



[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



CERT volunteers are being requested to support Manhattan's Asylum Seeker Welcome center. Much like a Service Center, volunteers are to serve as flow monitors as busses arrive at the Port Authority Bus Terminal. *More Shifts added*

**If you already signed up, this confirms your shift.**  
[EMERGENCY DEPLOYMENT: Asylum Seeker Welcome Center Support Registration, Multiple Dates](#)



### 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](#)



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

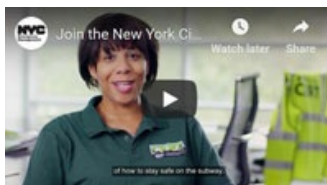
[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

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

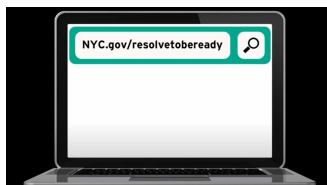
[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalog](#) includes all recorded webinars.

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 your busy schedule.

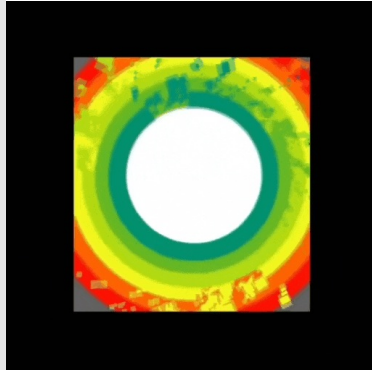


Listen to the NEW episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, Prep Talk ([SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#) & [Spreaker](#)) and ¡Prepárate! on [SoundCloud](#).



New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan have recently declared a public health emergency due to the Monkeypox outbreak.

For regularly updated information on Monkeypox please visit: [nyc.gov/monkeypox](https://nyc.gov/monkeypox)



[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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