



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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Notify NYC Toolkit

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Notify **NYC**

As NYC CERT members, one of your main duties is to support emergency preparedness throughout the city starting with your local community. The easiest way for civilians to get emergency preparedness information fast is through Notify NYC.

Please feel free to use any of the images, messages, and information from our Toolkit linked here: [Notify NYC Toolkit](#) for any messaging or social media content your division may release.

Below we have also included general information on the program to support your messaging:

Notify NYC offers subscribers 13 notification types, including emergency alerts, significant events, public health notifications, public school closing/delay advisories, planned events, unscheduled parking rules suspensions, major traffic and mass transit disruptions, weather notifications, waterbody advisories, and beach notifications. Subscribers can customize how and when they receive their alerts, including format, preferred language, and location, as well as when they want to receive them. Messages can be received by email, text message, phone call, the Notify NYC mobile application, RSS feed, and Twitter, and can be targeted to specific ZIP codes.

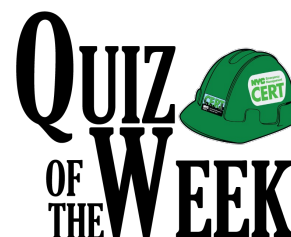
[Download the Notify NYC Toolkit here](#)



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

No call until further notice

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

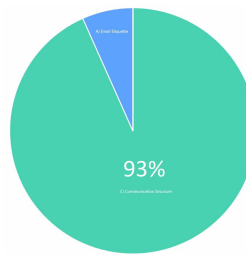


Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[CLICK HERE](#)

Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's **Quiz of the Week**. The correct answer is **C) Communication Structure (93%)**. This structure was put in place as a result of membership expressing concerns over connecting with leadership and program staff to get the answers and support needed. It is important to provide a clear method of communication between NYC CERT volunteers and NYC Emergency Management.



Please review this information starting on page 7 of the **NYC CERT SOPs**.

IDs are ready!

Probationary Member ID -

These credentials are given to new graduates until the volunteer completes their six-month probationary period and leadership confirms that they have remained active. At that time NYC CERT program staff will issue a CERT photo ID.



Member ID - Members will now see their Division affiliation and current membership or leadership role listed above their their photo.

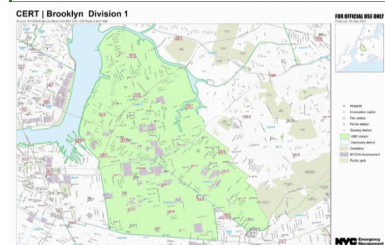
Leadership may choose to pick up IDs for their divisions at NYCEM headquarters or send a representative from the division, in their place. Please be sure to schedule an appointment with CERT Staff **BEFORE** coming to the office, to be sure that a staff member is available to distribute IDs and to provide NYCEM Security with details on pick up. Receipts will be prepared for the pick-up person to sign. Please return old/expired IDs at the time of pick up. If unable to pick up or distribute IDs to members, please let us know and we will work on an alternate method for distribution for your division.



FEMA seeks feedback on resource typing definition

FEMA has rolled out a great new resource this month—the Guide for Alerts and Warnings available for **download as a large print document** and for **order from the warehouse as a pocket-sized booklet** with a magnet on the back so that you can hang it on your fridge, stick it in your glove compartment, or keep it in your

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



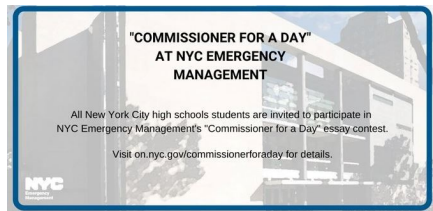
View the **NYC CERT Event Calendar** to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

After you participate, be sure to **Submit Your Volunteer Hours**

bag.

View all downloadable FEMA promotional material [HERE](#).

NYC Emergency Management Commissioner for a Day



New York City high school students are invited to participate in the NYC Emergency Management "Commissioner for a Day" essay contest. One winner will be selected to visit the agency headquarters to participate in the Commissioner for a Day Award ceremony. Submissions must be made by **April 1, 2022**.

[VIEW HOW TO APPLY HERE](#)



HERricane

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NYC Emergency Management invites New York City high school students to participate in the inaugural HERricane NYC program, designed to encourage young women in grades 9 through 12 to pursue careers and leadership roles in emergency management. The program consists of a weeklong session from April 18, 2022, through April 22, 2022, that will be hosted at NYC Emergency Management's headquarters in Brooklyn. NYC Emergency Management intends to select up to 20 students to participate in the 2022 program.

For eligibility and more information please visit [HERricane NYC Program - NYCEM](#)



Only CERT members in compliance with the vaccine mandate will continue receiving messaging from NYCEM CERT Program staff. Volunteers who did **not** submit appropriate documentation to meet the vaccine mandate, or request a reasonable accommodation through NYCEM, will be considered inactive until they submit following the below steps.

- To submit vaccination records, please email an approved proof of vaccination to: CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov.
- Please review the necessary steps [HERE](#)

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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and important city services.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Local Saint Patrick's Day Parades

Brooklyn Division 7 is requesting volunteers to march in the parade in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, and carry the CERT banner.

Registration: **Gerritsen Beach's 12th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade | 3/26 | 10:30am - 1:30pm**

Queens Division 4 is requesting volunteers to assist with pedestrian traffic and crowd control being led by the 111th Precinct.

Registration: **Bayside Queens St. Patrick's Day Parade | 3/26 | 1:00pm - 3:30pm**

Brooklyn Division 5 and the 68th Precinct Community Affairs have requested assistance with crowd and traffic control for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Bay Ridge.

Registration: **Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade | 3/27 | 8:45am - 4:00pm**



The TD Five Boro Bike Tour will once again welcome participants from across New York and around the country on **Sunday, May 1, 2022.**

Bike New York relies on a small army of more than 2,000 volunteers each year to ensure the riders have the best possible experience. As in years past, they are requesting NYC CERT to support. NYC Emergency Management have worked closely with organizers to provide these specific registration links. All interested NYC CERT members **MUST** register for their site and shift using the links below. We're excited to have another successful Five Boro Bike Tour!

Brooklyn
Gowanus Water Stop
8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Commodore Barry Rest Area
7:00 AM-5:00 PM

Brooklyn Bridge Park
Water Stop

Shift 1: 7:30 AM-12:00 PM
Shift 2: 11:30 AM-4:00 PM

Bronx
Bronx Water Stop
6:45 AM-12:45 PM

Queens
Astoria Rest Area
6:30 AM-3:30 PM

Con Edison Rest Area
7:00 AM-3:30 PM

Manhattan
FDR Rest Area
6:30 AM-2:00 PM

Staten Island
Bay Street
Water Stop
Shift 1: 9:30 AM-2:00 PM
Shift 2: 11:00 AM-6:30 PM

SI Finish Festival
(New Location)

Shift 1: 6:30 AM-12:00 PM
Shift 2: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Shift 3: 3:00 PM-8:00 PM

[Click Here](#) for a detailed list of site locations and volunteer roles for the event.



[Report your Volunteer Hours](#)

Search for *Buddy Check* Event

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.

NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR



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.

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

NYC CERT Virtual Meetings



Manhattan Leadership Meeting

The Manhattan Borough Coordinators hosted their third leadership meeting. Discussions included membership credentials and larger upcoming events.

Manhattan Borough Check-In

Program staff continues to check in with Borough Coordinators. Program staff discussed questions that came up during the leadership meeting making sure the Manhattan Borough Coordinators were better equip to follow up on all member's questions and concerns.

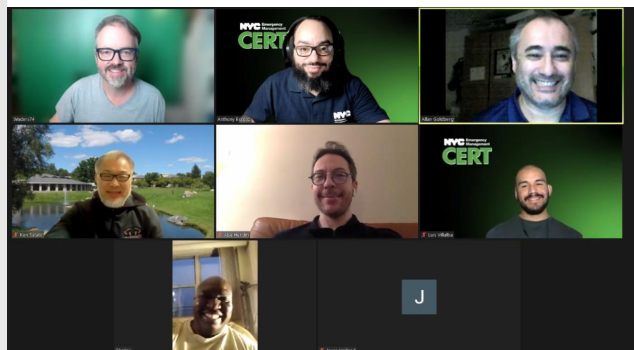
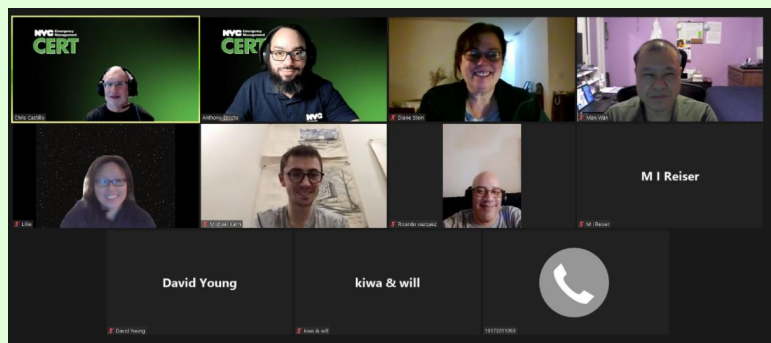


Manhattan Division 3

This month's meeting was facilitated by former chief, Pat Sallin as Division leadership was unavailable. A presentation reviewing upcoming division plans was provided by the division's communication liaison.

Manhattan Division 1

Division Chief, Chris Castillo was joined by division members to discuss their participation in planned deployments in years past, including the upcoming Five Boro Bike Tour.



Manhattan Division 4

During this monthly check-in, division members took the time to welcome new graduates to the division and invited all to participate in upcoming planned deployments.

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



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Advanced Training: Narcan/ Opioid Prevention

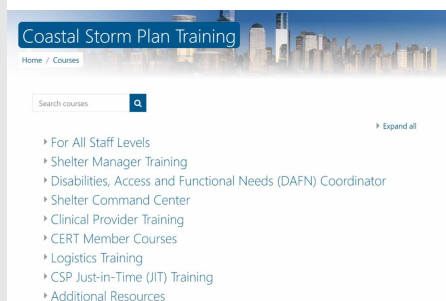


Opioid overdoses is a serious public health issue. There were approximately 5,300 accidental drug overdose deaths in New York City between 1990 and 1998. Such deaths are very often preventable, so long as a witness to an overdose recognizes what is happening and knows how to respond appropriately.

CERT Volunteers have an opportunity to learn how they can help prevent death and other negative consequences of opioid overdose by participating in this non-medical responders training built to recognize a suspected opioid overdose and to take appropriate action.

Registration, Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite

Coastal Storm Plan Training



As we are fast approaching the upcoming flood season, the Coastal Storm Plan Training Learning Management System is available to volunteers 24/7 to be done as either Just In Time training or a self-paced training. This is the new training for shelter managing and all Coastal Storm Plan staff levels.

If you have not created an account you can easily do so on the home page of the site. These credentials are independent of any other credentials you have created in the past for NYC CERT.

Register for Coastal Storm Training here: <https://csptraining.org>



Each of the FEMA Region II webinars presented in 2022 has been recorded and archived. If you wish to revisit a webinar you attended or would like to listen to one you missed, or even share with a friend or co-worker, you can find the links on the document linked here **2022 webinar recordings** which includes the webinar description and recording link for each webinar by category.

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

Schedule a free Fire Safety training for your Division at

FEMA Region 2 (R2) Webinar Catalog includes all recorded

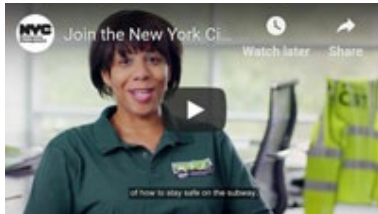


FDNY Smart offers free hands-only CPR classes through the FDNY Mobile CPR Program. The goal of these classes is to equip New Yorkers with the basic skills needed to take action in the event of a cardiac arrest emergency. To sign up for one of our free classes or to schedule a class in your community visit www.fdnysmart.org/cpr/.

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



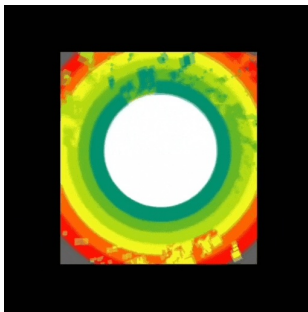
[NYCEM's Youtube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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



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