



NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

ACTIVATION STATUS: NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IS ACTIVATED AS A RESULT OF WINTER WEATHER INCLUDING SNOW AND HIGH WINDS.

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

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Winter Weather

New York City winters, which often bring extreme cold, heavy snow, ice, sleet, and freezing rain, can pose serious hazards.

It's important to prepare for winter weather-related dangers. There are several steps you can take to stay safe before, during, and after winter storms.

Visit the [NYC Hazards: Winter Weather](#) page

for winter safety tips.

Download the [Winter Weather Health & Safety Tips Guide](#).

Visit [PlowNYC](#) to track the progress of DSNY spreader/plow vehicles and more.

For those interested in serving as Emergency Snow Laborers for the NYC Department of Sanitation this winter season you can [REGISTER HERE](#).

NYC Emergency Management is promoting this as a volunteer opportunity outside of NYC CERT. This is not a CERT-sanctioned activity and CERT liability coverage does not apply.

View the following links for more information:

[NYC.gov/snow](#) | [Snow Laborer Registration](#) | [Work With Us](#)



NYC CERT Support

NYC CERT members provided support during yesterday's funeral service for Officer Jason Rivera who lost his life



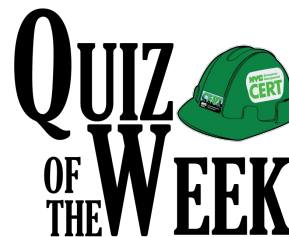
MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Channel: CERT SI

Call Scenario: Does your team have an emergency plan?

1/31 Responding Borough: Brooklyn

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](#)



last week in the line of duty.

FDNY is again requesting CERT volunteers for the NYPD Funeral service of Officer Wilbert Mora who also passed as a result of his injuries sustained on the same day as Officer Rivera.

This deployment will take place Wednesday, February 2nd. Volunteers will be assisting with FDNY's Ceremonial unit during the ceremony and providing general event support to first responders attending the event.

NYPD Police Officer Funeral Support Registration
Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 8:00 AM



Health & Safety Protocol

Only a few days left.

Beginning **Tuesday, February 1, 2022**, volunteers who have not submitted appropriate documentation to meet the vaccine mandate and have not applied for a medical or religious reasonable accommodation through NYCEM will be placed as inactive and unscheduled from

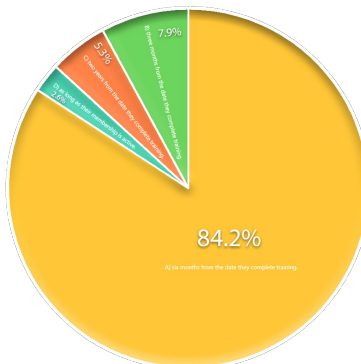
volunteer shifts until they are in compliance.

- To submit vaccination records, please e-mail an approved proof of vaccination to: CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov.
- To request a reasonable accommodation for either religious or medical please follow the steps [HERE](#)

All NYC CERT members MUST provide proof of vaccination (as per below protocol) or receive approval for an accommodation prior participating in any in-person CERT-related activity, including deployment.

Quiz of the Week

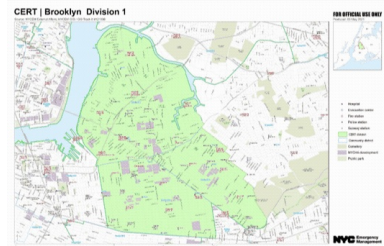
Thank you to all who participated in last week's **Quiz of the Week**. Most of you selected **A) six months from the date they complete training. (84.2 %)**. Toward the end of the six-month probationary period, the member's division leadership will verify status as a CERT member in good standing, at which point the member will be issued a permanent credential by NYCEM and be considered an active member of the division.



You can find this information and more on page 3 of the [NYC CERT SOPs](#).



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

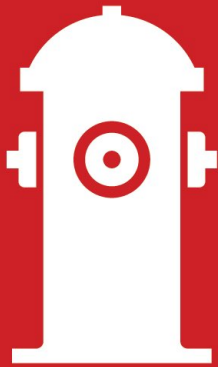


View the **NYC CERT Event Calendar** to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

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

NEW YORK CITY

Homeowners and Business Owners



Shovel a path to **hydrants** so they are **visible** to **Firefighters** in case of an **emergency**.



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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**.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Snow Measuring Request

New Snow Measuring Tool!



ArcGIS Survey123

Download on your mobile device to fill out this form



The New York City **Winter Weather Plan** is activated. **National Weather Service** issued a **Winter Storm Warning in effect from 7 PM Friday through 7 PM today Citywide**. Continue to monitor your email for the latest forecasts and other updates relating to winter weather.

For our snow measurers - New York City Emergency Management is requesting your assistance. Please be reminded that you do not have to officially activate 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 training, you may use any ruler to take the measurements.

There are now two ways to submit your measurements – using your mobile phone or

internet browser on your computer desktop.

[Click here for Mobile Application Walkthrough](#)

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

Complete the following form: **NWS Citywide Snow measuring Report**

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



Snowfall measuring tips:

- The ruler must have one-tenth of an inch increment.
- Before your first measurement, identify the most undisturbed and representative area(s).
- Take multiple measurements. Discount outliers and AVERAGE the readings. The final result will be that average number to the nearest tenth of an inch, e.g., 3.2.
- Unless conditions change drastically, you will likely measure in approximately the same locations during an event. Watch your step and try to keep these areas as undisturbed as possible.
- When to measure: no more frequently than every three (3) hours.
- If snow changes to rain or sleet, take a measurement as soon as possible.
- Remember, sleet is treated as snow.
- Although there may be no snowfall, indicate "0" readings through the website as well.



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.

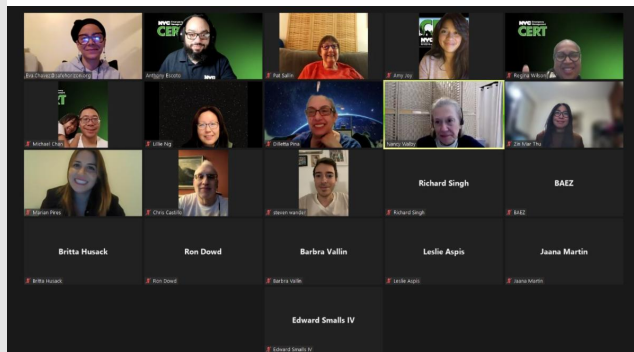
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

NYC CERT Deployment



Pictured above are NYC CERT members from around the city providing support to the NYPD funeral service held on 44th St Manhattan. As volunteers assisted with general support including serving food to first responders in attendance.

NYC CERT Advanced Training

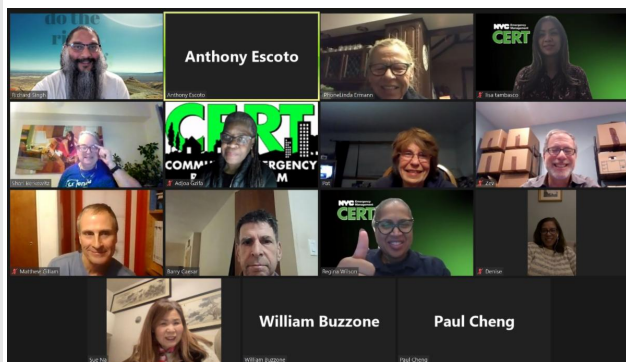


National Human Trafficking Awareness Month
NYC CERT members participated in a Human Trafficking Awareness 101 presentation presented by Safe Horizon Training and Outreach Manager, Eva Chavez who also happens to be an active CERT volunteer.

NYC CERT Virtual Meetings

Brooklyn Leadership kicked off their first

meeting of 2022 by a discussion on best practices. Brooklyn leaders were also joined by CERT program staff to support in answering questions and addressing concerns.



Queens Division 4 members joined their recently appointed Division Chief, Richard Singh at what was the largest of their division meetings to date. They were also joined by their recent graduates and newest members as they had a great conversation recollecting previous events facilitated by both Division members and program staff.

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



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Engagement/ Volunteer Hours Overview



If you are having questions difficulties or issues with current program Engagement, events, deployments or volunteer hours?

Program staff will be providing an overview on the tools and links to the event calendar volunteer hours and much more. Sign up for this opportunity below.

[Sign up here for Virtual Volunteer Engagement overview | Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:30 PM](#)



Each of the FEMA Region II webinars presented in 2021 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 **[2021 Webinar Catalog](#)** which includes the webinar description and recording link for each webinar by category.

Ready Up NYC Webinar Series

February
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Topic: Financial Emergency Planning with FEMA

- 4 steps to financial preparedness
- Disaster assistance resources

Register via: <https://bit.ly/ReadyUp2022>

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.

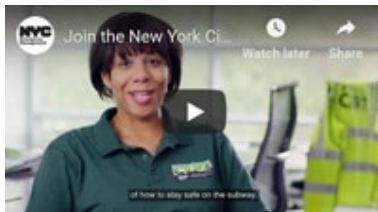


FDNY Smart offers free hands-only CPR classes through the FDNY Mobile CPR Program. The goal of these classes is to equip New Yorkers with the basic skills needed to take action in the event of a cardiac arrest emergency. To sign up for one of our free classes or to schedule a class in your community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

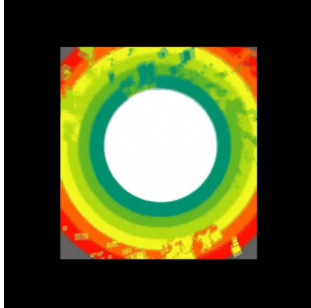


Listen to the **NEW** episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, *Prep Talk* (**SoundCloud**, **iTunes** & **Spreaker**) and *¡Prepárate!* on **SoundCloud**.

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know about hurricanes in New York City.

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