

NYC Emergency Management CERT NEWSLETTER

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC) IS ACTIVATED SUPPORTING THE RECOVERY FROM TROPICAL STORM IDA.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: WHEN INTERACTING WITH THE PUBLIC, NYC CERT MEMBERS MUST WEAR FACE MASKS AT ALL TIMES REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS. VOLUNTEERS AT DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS HAVE SPECIAL GUIDANCE. SEE SECTION BELOW.

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

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In the September 2021 issue of Smithsonian Magazine, the attacks on 9/11 are revisited through the eyes of several female first responders who were on the scene, as well as families and children who lost loved ones on that day.

As seen on the cover, NYC CERT's very own staff member and FDNY Firefighter Regina Wilson helps to remember that day and how it has shaped life 20 years later.

[View the full article.](#)

Regina Wilson has had a busy month as she has been involved in a number of projects and events surrounding the remembrance of 9/11, including episode 3 of HBO Original docu-series produced by Spike Lee entitled [NYC Epicenters 9/11 - 2021 ½](#), an interview with [ABC's 60 Minutes](#), and an ABC New report: [Twenty Years Later The Women of 9/11](#). You may have also seen Regina singing at last week's MLB Subway Series game between the Mets and Yankees.



We want to thank Regina for her continued support of the NYC CERT program and her service as an FDNY Firefighter. We are proud to have you on the team!



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: BX

Scenario: How many events are you planning to attend for National Preparedness Month?

9/20 Responding Borough: BK

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



NYC CERT Volunteers are still actively supporting Disaster Recovery Centers (previously known as service centers) set up to provide information and assistance to those recovering from Tropical Storm Ida. Please register now to support one of the sites in your area.



View the [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!](#)

Health and Safety Mandate for Disaster Recovery Centers

The General Public, Staff, Volunteers and Contractors will be required to provide proof of vaccination or take a rapid COVID test to enter the Service Center.

Those assisting in a center should:

- Complete the e-HSA before reporting to your shift. [Health and Safety Screening survey](#)
- Bring proof of vaccination (if available).
- Wear your CERT issued uniform
- Wear comfortable footwear.
- Wear a face covering while inside the Service Center and self-monitor for potential illness.
- Bring a reusable water bottle, as well as an additional personal supply of water/drinks as needed.
- Use the provided hand sanitizer and routinely wash hands throughout the operational period.

Disaster Recovery Centers

Bronx:

Hostos Community College

500 Grand Concourse, East Academic Complex, Bronx, NY 10451

Brooklyn:

Medgar Evers College

231 Crown Street Brooklyn, NY 11225

Queens:

Queens College

152-45 Melbourne Avenue, Student Union, Flushing, NY 11367

Staten Island:

CUNY College of Staten Island





2800 Victory Blvd, Gymnasium Building R1, Staten Island, NY 10314

Manhattan site has demobilized.

NYC'S RESPONSE TO IDA

AS OF SEPTEMBER 17

CITY AGENCIES AND THEIR PARTNERS ARE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO HELP ALL NEW YORKERS RECOVER FROM THIS DISASTER.

 24/7 City's Emergency Operations Center is open	 95,849 meals distributed to those in need	 17,000 tons of debris removed (and counting)	 66,312 NYC.gov/ida website visits (and counting)
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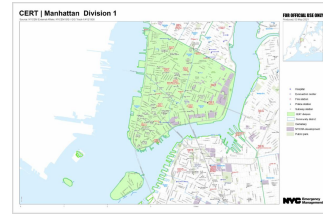
HELP AT NYC SERVICE CENTERS

- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
- RESOURCES FOR HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS
- RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES
- FOOD ASSISTANCE
- HOUSING ASSISTANCE
- PET ASSISTANCE
- REPORTING DAMAGE AND CLEAN-UP GUIDANCE
- MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

2944 households assisted (and counting)

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We encourage those affected to visit their local service center, call 311, or access city services online by visiting [NYC.gov/ida](https://www.nyc.gov/ida).



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

Brooklyn - Bronx - Manhattan - Queens - Staten Island

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.



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

National Preparedness Month continues as we promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year.

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National Preparedness Month

Prepare to Protect

The **National Preparedness Month Toolkit** has tips and information to share with your family and community each week.

National Preparedness Month - Staten Island Children's Museum Family Day (Staten Island)
Register to join us on Staten Island as we host a preparedness fair.

Sunday, September 26, 2021
11:30 AM – 5:30 PM
[Register Now](#)

NYC CERTEVENT CALENDAR

Bay Ridge 5th Avenue
Open Street
Fridays, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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.

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 EVENTS & MEETINGS



Brooklyn Division 5 members in attendance supporting a 9/11 memorial event in Bay Ridge Brooklyn.

Bronx Division 1 District Leader, Obeng Frimpong distributing Ready New York preparedness material earlier today at the Unity Walk at Crotona Park.



Manhattan Division 3 leadership welcomed new graduates and returning members back this past week. NYC CERT Program staff provided a Tropical Storm Ida response update as well as Mentor Mentee announcements.

Download NYC CERT Background to use during Meetings and Training in a virtual environment (e.g. Microsoft Teams, Zoom, etc.)



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Each week, NYCEM's Community Preparedness program will be hosting preparedness webinars covering numerous topics throughout the month.

How to Meet the Moment During Emergencies: Three Steps to Organizational Preparedness

This training is designed to raise awareness for leaders of community and faith-based organizations about the importance of organizational planning in advance of emergencies. This is an introductory training that outlines the three steps organizations can take to ensure that they can continue to provide services following an emergency, and best practices for managing disaster volunteers, donations and recovery grants.

Tuesday, September 21, 2021
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

See what's planned this month by visiting:
[NYC.gov/nationalpreparednessmonth](https://www.nyc.gov/nationalpreparednessmonth)



FEMA Region II Presents: Ready Games

Each Wednesday in September you can join the whole community to test your knowledge and have fun with preparedness!



Emergency Management Jeopardy
September 22, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
[Register Here](#)



Contestants from NY and NJ CERT teams will compete in separate Family Feud-style games by guessing the most popular survey responses collected by the National CERT Association. The winning team will move on to the final round where they will represent Region 2 against Region 1 to determine the ultimate champion.

NYC Emergency Management has already registered an NYC CERT Citywide Feud team consisting of one member from each borough, but you can also register on your own or as a team to participate. Let's show them what we're made of!

CERT Feud
September 29, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
[Register Here](#)

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



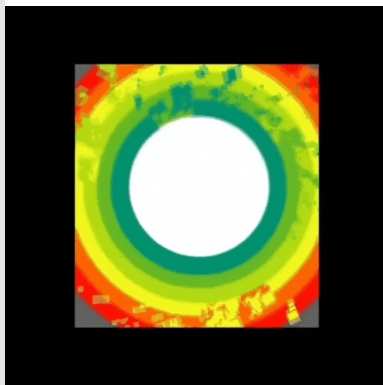
NYCEM's Youtube page
NYC CERT recruitment video
2021 National Volunteer Week video



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 *¡Prepárate!* on **SoundCloud**.



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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