

# NYCEM

## Weather Brief

### Possible snow!

full forecast: <http://Weather.gov/nyc>

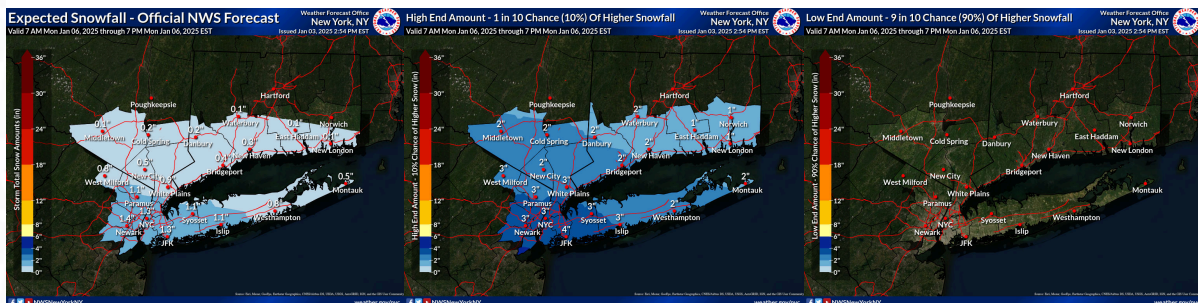
Sign up for emergency alerts: <http://nyc.gov/notify>

#### 1/4/2025 (TODAY)

- 20% chance for flurries and a dusting of snow now through this evening
- Dry conditions anticipated next Tuesday through Thursday Winds
- Daily gusts of 30-40 mph through next week, highest during the day and along the coast
- Winds of 10-20 mph expected during the storm on Monday
- 5-10 degrees below the norm through late next week with wind chills in the low teens
- Temps may remain below freezing for several days following snowfall Monday

#### 1/6/2025

- 30% chance for snow to begin daybreak Monday
- 50-60% chance for snow developing by daybreak through the afternoon Monday
- Expected amounts of .5 inches based on the current data
- 10% chance for 2 inches
- Light snow expected at this time; moderate snow possible if the storm track shifts
- Slick snow-covered roads possible during the morning and evening commutes
- Sub-freezing temps may persist through late week; some snowmelt and icy refreezes possible depending on cloud cover and sun angles



New York City Emergency Management is requesting your assistance. 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 a measuring stick, you can still participate. As explained during the training, you may use any ruler to take the measurements.

Open in browser


Open in the Survey123 field app


If you don't have the Survey123 field app, please download it first.

There are now two ways to submit you're your measurements – using your mobile phone or internet browser from your computer desktop.

**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

#### 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.
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## NYCEM / NYC CERT Updates



### Press Release: Mayor Adams Lifts Drought Watch for New York City

January 3, 2025

*Increased Rainfall and Melting Snowpack in Upstate Watershed  
Have Significantly Replenished Reservoir Storage Levels  
November and December Saw 20 Percent Above Average  
Precipitation Levels Throughout Water Supply System*

**NEW YORK** – New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Rohit T. Aggarwala today announced the lifting of the city's drought watch. Strategic decision-making by DEP, conservation efforts by New Yorkers, and favorable weather conditions have together contributed to the replenishment of the city's reservoir system — ensuring a stable water supply for millions of residents and eliminating the risk of a water shortage.

“Thanks to everyday New Yorkers stepping up to conserve water, and above-average precipitation over the last two months, we are now able to safely lift the drought warning for our city,” said Mayor Adams. “Again, our city has shown its resiliency and ability to come together during difficult times. By working together and heeding officials’ advice, we were able to avoid a much more serious drought emergency. The work of New Yorkers in conserving water these past two months has paid off, and now we can end this historic drought.”

[Full Press Release](#)

**Submit your  
NYCEM  
CERT  
Volunteer Hours  
for 2024**

**Deadline: Friday, January 17, 2025**

**Have You Submitted Your Hours?**



#### MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

**Radio Channel**  
CERT BX

**1/6**  
Responding Borough: Staten Island

**Scenario:** Have you checked on a fellow NYC CERT member?

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

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

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

**Submit your NYC CERT Volunteer Service Hours** for 2024, **no later than Friday, January 17, 2025**. If you have any issues or concerns, please connect with your leadership for support.

**Starting in 2025** - To remain Active, volunteers must complete and report a minimum of 25 approved volunteer service hours annually.

# 25 hours in 2025

## 25-hours Policy Takes Effect in 2025

To remain Active, volunteers must complete and report a minimum of 25 approved volunteer service hours annually.

Because this policy was just added to the latest edition of the NYC CERT SOPs, we are not putting into effect until we tally up your total hours for 2025. With that said, you should continue to do your best to submit your volunteer hours for 2024 as soon as possible, as it will better help you understand what it will take to fulfill this new requirement going forward. Submit your NYC CERT Volunteer Service Hours no later than Friday, January 17, 2024. If you have any issues or concerns, please connect with your leadership for support.

### Why 25 hours?

This new standard was introduced in response to numerous volunteer requests for clearer guidelines on activity status. We understand that volunteer commitments vary across boroughs, divisions, and individuals. The 25-hour annual minimum is a reasonable benchmark, aligning with common volunteer practices and providing a clear framework for maintaining active status.

You can meet the 25-hour minimum by making sure to submit your volunteer hours for: Time spent on training, drills, deployments, community outreach, and other CERT-related activities. By meeting this simple requirement, you'll ensure your continued participation in the program and help maintain the readiness of NYC CERT membership.



## Connect with New Graduates

Thank you to all division leadership that reached out to their new members prior to graduation! That connection really helps to welcome them into the team and begin engaging with their fellow members.

Contact information for new membership were emailed to division leadership on Tuesday, November 26th. Please check your inboxes (and spam folders) to see if you received an email and follow up with any new members as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. Thank you! For new members - welcome! If you have not yet been contacted by leadership, please let us know by emailing [cert@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov) and we will make sure we connect you.

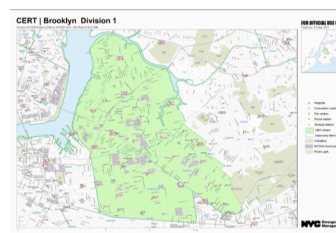


View the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#) to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

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](#) -  
- [Queens](#) - [Staten Island](#) -



## Transitioning Leadership

**Schedule Your Exit Interview** As the two-year terms for division and district chiefs in Brooklyn and the Bronx conclude, we kindly request that all transitioning leaders schedule an exit interview with Regina Wilson.

Your insights are crucial! These interviews will help us improve the CERT program and ensure our teams remain strong.

Please use this link to schedule your meeting:  
<https://on.nyc.gov/leadtransition>

# Language CERTification

As NYC CERT volunteers, we know that you have a passion for helping others. NYCEM is seeking dedicated individuals who are fluent in a language other than English to join our team of interpreters and translators.

As a volunteer, you have the opportunity to play a crucial role in supporting non-English speakers during emergencies, including at NYC Service Centers.

If selected, NYCEM is offering the opportunity to be certified in specific languages (written and/or spoken). [CLICK HERE to Apply](#).

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### NYC Asylum Seekers

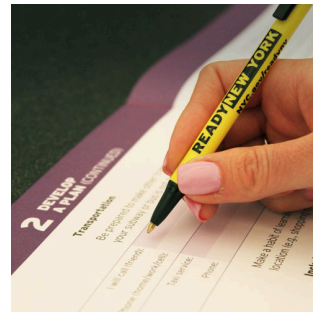
The NYC Mayor's Office of Asylum Seeker Operations (OASO) seeks motivated volunteers to expand our ability to provide in-person English classes for asylum seekers in shelter. Volunteers will use the We Speak NYC curriculum— New York City's free English language learning program that provides civic focused multimedia resources created to empower adult immigrants through learning and practicing everyday English. The curriculum includes an Emmy-Award winning educational drama series that informs learners about important New York City resources. The episodes address issues that most concern immigrants and asylum seekers such as health care, democracy, education, immigration legal help, elder care, and managing finances. Previous teaching experience is welcomed but not required!

*Note: If interested, the NYC CERT background check is sufficient for your participation in this opportunity.*

## 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.*

All Division IDs are Ready



### Membership:

Credentials for probationary members, who graduated last cycle (April), expired on September 30th. All members should reach out to their division leadership to exchange expired credentials for updated ones.

### Leadership:

You may share the below sign-up link:

<https://www.nycservice.org/opportunity/a0TQg0000000vdXMAR/volunteer-english-class-facilitator-for-asylum-seekers>

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>

# hope

## 2025

### Make a Difference

Thank you again for your help in making previous HOPE nights a success!

Your support helps gather valuable information for determining how to allocate resources to best serve and support New Yorkers in need.

The 20th annual HOPE survey will take place on **Tuesday, January 28, 2025, and we still need your help!** Many volunteers have signed up so far, but we still need more to make HOPE 2025 a success. We especially have a need for volunteers in **Queens and the Bronx**.

Volunteers are critical to helping us conduct this citywide effort. Please register at [nyc.gov/hope](https://nyc.gov/hope) to join **HOPE 2025!** Every volunteer makes a difference.

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](#).

## 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

### Deployments

## Parranda in El Barrio



The NYPD's 23rd and 25th Precincts hosted a vibrant Parranda in El Barrio on December 23rd. NYC CERT volunteers played a crucial role, ensuring pedestrian safety, managing crowds, and guiding participants through the event's various stops. Their dedication contributed to a safe and enjoyable experience for all, making this holiday celebration a resounding success.



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## Polar Plunge





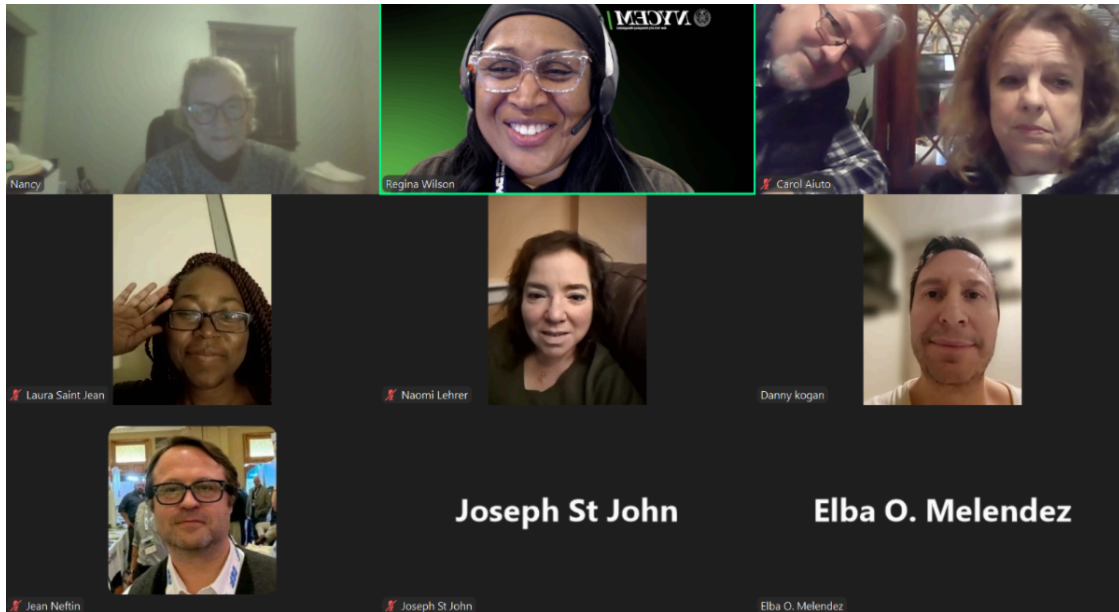
On January 1, 2025, NYC CERT once again assisted the Coney Island Polar Bear Club with the 122nd Annual New Year's Day Plunge. CERT's responsibilities included managing participant registration before the event, providing crowd control on the Boardwalk during the plunge, and keeping the beachfront clear for safe water entry and exit. CERT also monitored swimmers for signs of distress, ensuring prompt access to emergency aid when needed.



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## Meetings

## Brooklyn Division 7



Brooklyn Division 7 of the CERT program held their monthly meeting on January 2nd. The team welcomed new members and planned for upcoming trainings and events as they kicked off the new year. The CERT program staff would like to express their sincere gratitude to all the leaders of Division 7 for their dedication in maintaining a strong and committed team, while continuously striving to educate themselves and the community.

## Send Us Your Photos!

Please continue to share an and all photos and videos from your NYC CERT events at [on.nyc.gov/CERTupload](https://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](mailto: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





## 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.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

### 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](#)

## THINGS TO KNOW



### How To Request NYC CERT

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



### 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

- 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>

Find the NYC CERT Protocols here: [NYC CERT SOPs](#)

Schedule a meeting with NYCEM staff: [NYC CERT Volunteer Support](#)

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)

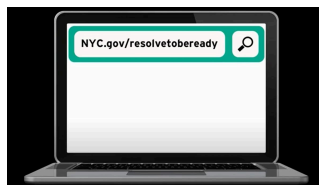
**Not sure about an item?** Don't hesitate to reach out! Contact us at [cert@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov) and we'll be happy to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.



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



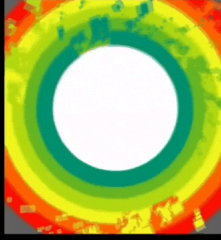
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)  
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)  
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



Listen to all 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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## **NYCEM CERT VOLUNTEER SUPPORT**

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

*Choose a Topic:*

[CERT Pick-up  
\(In-Person\)](#)

[NYC CERT  
Operations](#)

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This application lets you 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.



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