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

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Lunar New Year 2023 - Year of the Rabbit



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL
Borough Channel: CERT BK (Brooklyn)

01/23 Responding Borough: Bronx

Call Scenario: Does your teams have

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

We at NYCEM want to wish everyone a Happy Lunar New Year!

To learn more about one of the most important celebrations of the year among Asian cultures, both East and Southeastern alike, [please click here](#).

Winter Weather Trivia

A severe snowstorm characterized by strong sustained winds and low visibility. Also known as famous Dairy Queen treat.



Do you think you got what it takes to ace our Winter Weather Trivia?

[Click Here to Play](#)



NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S LATEST 'PREP TALK' PODCAST DISCUSSES HOW THE DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION PREPARES FOR WINTER WEATHER

On this episode of "Prep Talk" Christian Hourihan, assistant chief at the Department of Sanitation, also known as the "Snow Chief" discusses how the agency prepares for snowstorms, the challenges of garbage removal during snowstorms, the process of clearing streets of snow and debris, and snow removal safety tips. Hourihan also talks about the department's biggest challenges when facing snowstorms and their role in citywide events such as the New York City Marathon.

"For Sanitation, winter season prep is a year-round thing," said **Christian Hourihan, Assistant Chief at the Department of Sanitation**. "Coming out of winter, the first thing we are doing is reassessing how did we perform and changes to routes that are necessary."

Listen to the latest episode: [SoundCloud](#) | [Apple Podcasts](#) | [Spreaker](#).

2022 Volunteer Hours Deadline is January 20th

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

We are still hoping to have all of our volunteer survey. There is no right or wrong answers. We are looking for what other organizations you also survey in this survey.



The [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedure](#) provides guidance and outlines policies and procedures for the team to follow.

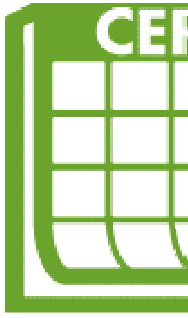


NYC CERT Division maps are available for recruitment and preparedness planning.

[Brooklyn](#) - [Bronx](#) - [Manhattan](#) - [Queens](#)



All volunteers must [submit their volunteer](#) hours for 2022 by **Friday, January 20th**. As a volunteer, you should be receiving credit for the hard work and incredible support you provide in serving your community whether it be at in-person events, during virtual training or on deployment. If you have any difficulty submitting your hours, please contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov.



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

After you participate, be sure to [Submit](#) your hours.

For more questions on how to submit your hours, view the [Hours Submission FAQs](#).



If your division is hosting or participating in an event, please complete the [Event Request Form](#) and publish it through Eventbrite.com for public access.



Check out the [DisasterClass Podcast!](#) On this episode, hosts Jason and Wesley welcome special guest Anthony Escoto to discuss NYC CERT and the incredible service volunteers provide the community. Nice work, Anthony!



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CERT SPOTLIGHT

Throwback Edition

At the FDNY Training facility on Randall's Island on October 19, 2014, members of the New York City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) took part in a training exercise.

CERT members received hands-on instruction in triage, light search and rescue, traffic management, reception center operations, subway safety, and other support disciplines from instructors from the FDNY, NYPD, and NYC Emergency Management.

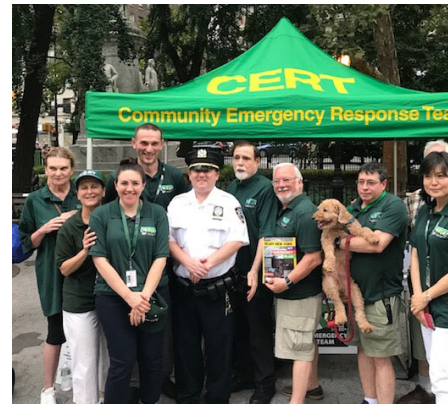


NYC CERT Throughout the Years!



New NYC CERT graduates posing for a picture together in 200

NYC CERT members distributing Ready New York emergency preparedness material at Verdi Square in Manhattan.



NYC CERT members posing for a team picture while they participated in a park reservation project as a team in 2010.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

ReadyNY Speaker Refresher

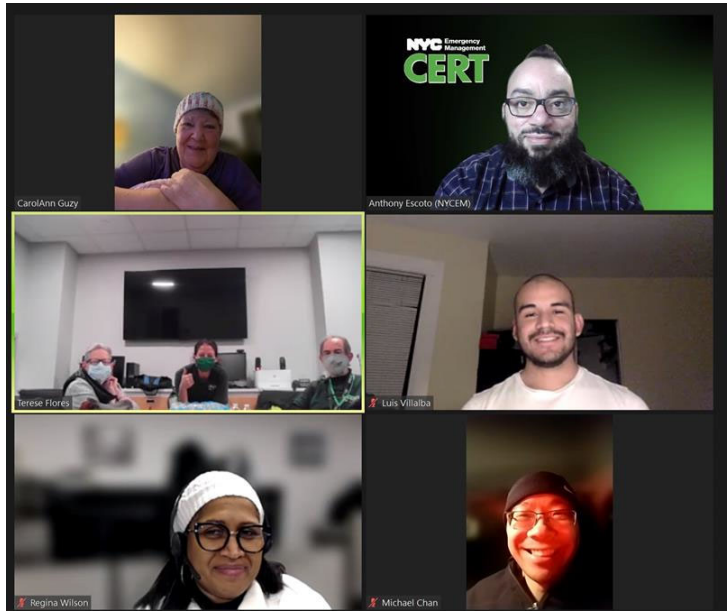
This past Tuesday, the ReadyNY program hosted a presentation looking for trained presenters to join the Speaker Bureau. During this event they explored skills to improve presentation skills and common practices while also showcasing ReadyNY materials.

Coverage for these events does put you in the running for the John D. Solomon Award for Exemplary Service in Emergency Preparedness Education.

Thank you for everyone involved!



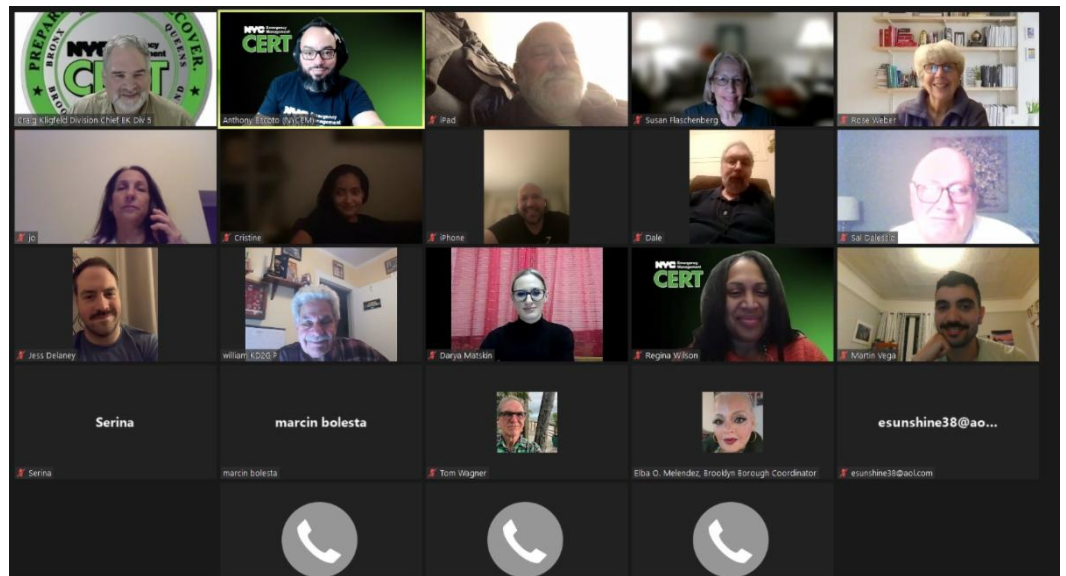
Monthly Meetings



MN Division 4 Monthly Meeting

The Division 4 gathered for the new year v... Division chief Allan Goldberg went through members number one resources for any o... Program staff provided updates on leader... 2023 training forecast for the NYC CERT p... to see more of the Division thought the ye...

Brooklyn Division 5 Monthly Meeting



This was a very important meeting for division 5 since it was not only their first team meeting of the year, but the meeting intro... appointed leadership and their visions for the team. They talked about the importance of the continuity of team activities in 20... included targeting community engagement with CERT, and the focusing on recruitment of new members and more team train... also talked about holding team elections for new a Communications Liaison, a new Secretary/Recorder, and a new Ready Ne... reaching out to all team members to participate in planning and implementing team events and activities. Great Job Bk Div 5!

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Human Trafficking Awareness Presentation



The month of January signifies Human Trafficking Month and we should always be aware of these heinous acts.

On January 23rd, there will be a presentation held to learn how to understand the severity and scope of human trafficking, identify human trafficking, the intersections between intimate partner violence and human trafficking, the intersections between intimate partner violence and trauma-informed lens, resources, and tools to increase the safety of survivors of trafficking.

[Click Here to Register](#)

NOAA Eastern Region Climate Services Webinar

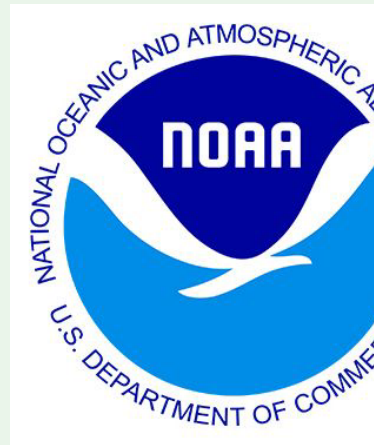
The Northeast Regional Climate Center hosts a monthly webinar with NOAA affiliates to address timely weather and climate concerns.

The topics vary by the day the presentation is given; they are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 31 - Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation Tool

[Webinar time: 9:30am-10:30am]

[Click Here to Register](#)



Resolve To Be Ready With: Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN)

FEMA HQ and Region 2 will be hosting a webinar on the Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN) training on January 25th from 2pm-3pm.

Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN) training provides a variety of organizations tools they need to prepare for disasters and sustain operations, in order to provide critical services to those disproportionately impacted by an incident.

[Click Here to Register](#)



Responding to the Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs Community



[Click Here to Register](#)

FEMA will be hosting a webinar on January 24th from 1pm - 2pm involving and serving individuals with DAFN in CERT.

By starting at the municipal level, these CERTs help improve preparedness and response efforts—from helping individual personal preparedness plans to ensuring accessibility is restored. Strategies on how to best involve and serve individuals with DAFN in the CERT program will be discussed.

NYC CERT CALENDAR



Buddy Check

As we close out a long year of volunteering to support your community in the new year with new challenges, please take some time to support your community in a new 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 who are not at home for any reason. You might be surprised by the impact you can have when you connect with.

[Report your Volunteer Hours](#)

Search for *Buddy Check* Event



Are you interested in becoming a mentor to our newer 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 support 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

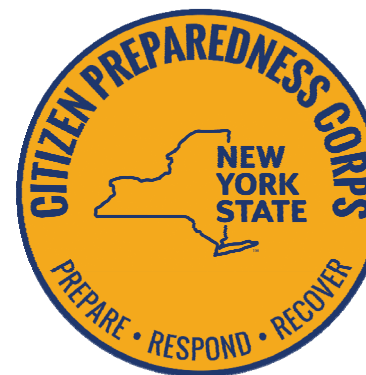
Citizen Preparedness Training

The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will also be hosting two Citizen preparedness trainings, one in the Bronx on 2/16/2023 and another in Manhattan on 2/23/2023. If you are interested, [please click here](#).

There will also be two more Citizen preparedness Trainings located at:

[Church of Jesus Christ of latter Day Saints - 254-10 Bates Rd, Little Neck, NY 11362 on Saturday, January 21, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.](#)

[PS 111 Seton Falls Elementary School Gym - 3740 Baychester Ave, Bronx, NY 10466 on Thursday, February 16, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.](#)



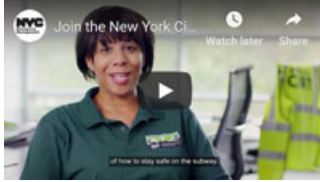
[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

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

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

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](#) (English, Spanish, Cantonese, and Mandarin).

THINGS TO KNOW



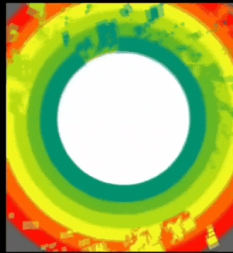
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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