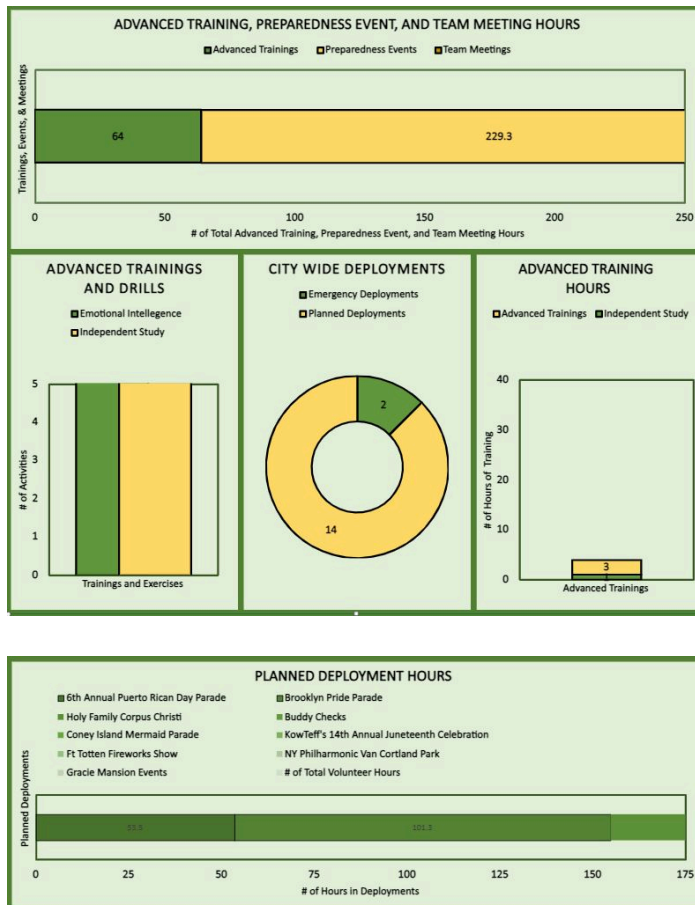


## After Action Report June 2024



The NYC CERT volunteers have kicked off this summer season with great enthusiasm and dedication. They have been actively supporting several Gracie Mansion events and participating in various local community parades. Amidst all these activities, they have also been diligently recruiting new members, conducting team meetings, and engaging in advanced trainings. Their hard work and commitment have resulted in a total of 1125.11 volunteer hours reported. It's truly inspiring to see such a passionate and dedicated group making a positive impact in the community.

## Beat the Heat Talking Points



### MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Radio Channel  
Bronx

**07/08/2024**  
Responding Borough:  
Manhattan

Scenario: What is your evacuation zone?

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



The [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#) provides guidance and outlines policies and procedures for you and your team to follow.

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



Extreme heat is one of the most significant hazards facing New York City. On average, 350 New Yorkers die each year because of heat. In New York City, most heat-related deaths occur after exposure to heat in homes without air conditioners. You can stay safe during hot weather by spending time in an air-conditioned space - a few hours of relief can reduce your risk of heat illness. If you don't have an air conditioner, you can apply for a free air conditioner through the Home Emergency Assistance Program (HEAP) by calling 311 (212-639-9675 for Video Relay Services, or TTY: 212-504-4115) or visiting: <https://on.nyc.gov/HEAPCooling>.



#### Indoor Safety Tips

When the Indoor Temperature in Your Home is in the 80's Fahrenheit

People with pre-existing health conditions such as mental illness, heart conditions, and diabetes can be more vulnerable to heat. Speak with your doctor about your risk to heat.

On hot days:

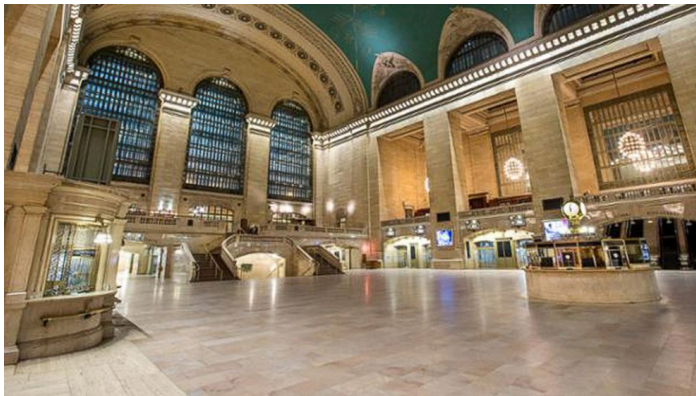
- Close your shades or curtains to keep the sun from heating your home more during the day.
- Limit use of the stove and oven—it will make you and your home hotter.
- Taking a cool (but not freezing) shower or bath can help cool you down.

NYCEM has developed a Beat the Heat one-pager that will be distributed to community members throughout the city to better prepare friends and family for high temperatures this summer.

You may download the [Beat the Heat flyer](#) in multiple languages. Please share with your contacts.

## \*\*Event Registration\*\*

### Grand Central Station Full Scale Exercise Support Evening of July 12 -13



CERT volunteers were recently asked to complete a form to gauge interest in participating as part of this exercise. Because of the overwhelming interest shown, NYC CERT will have an opportunity to support. If you're still interested in signing up, you must complete the new registration form here: <https://on.nyc.gov/grandcentralex>

Scheduled for the evening of July 12th, Grand Central Terminal will be closed for a full-scale exercise. In past years, NYC CERT volunteers' participation helped to make the exercise a success. Volunteers can serve in a number of roles including live victims.

[Registration | July 12-13](#)

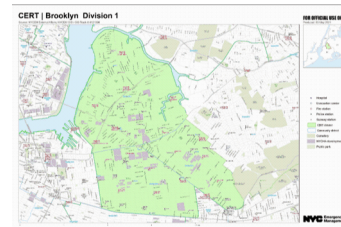
## Fireworks Safety



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

After you participate, be sure to [Submit Your Volunteer Hours!](#)


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](#)

# READY NEW YORK




Fire Department, City of New York

**FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION**

**THE DANGER OF  
FIREWORKS**

**LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS**



**AMATEUR USE OF FIREWORKS CAN LEAD TO DEVASTATING BURNS AND OTHER INJURIES, FIRES AND EVEN DEATH.**

Each year in the United States approximately 10,000 people are medically treated for fireworks-related injuries. More often than not it is the bystanders that sustain the injuries.

**A 4-year-old girl was injured** by a 6-inch fountain that shot colored fireballs. When the fountain tipped over, the girl was struck in the chest by a fireball. She sustained 2nd and 3rd degree burns to her chest and neck. She was hospitalized for three weeks for burn treatment and skin graft.

**ALMOST HALF OF THE INJURIES OCCUR AMONG CHILDREN AGES 14 YEARS AND YOUNGER.**

- ✓ Males sustain about 72% of the injuries.
- ✓ Parts of the body most frequently injured are hands and fingers (26%), eyes (21%), and head and face (18%).
- ✓ More than half of the injuries involve burns (63%).
- ✓ Injuries are most commonly associated with fire-crackers (24%), sparklers (21%) and rockets (18%).


**A 15-year-old boy was injured** when he tied together the wires of 10 sparklers. The sparklers ignited quickly and burned down very fast, finally exploding in his hand. The boy sustained a five-inch long laceration to his hand and forearm, exposing muscle, and lodging of debris in his hand and arm. The boy required extensive plastic surgery.

**MANY PEOPLE THINK OF SPARKLERS AS HARMLESS FIREWORKS THAT ARE SAFE FOR CHILDREN TO USE. THEY ARE NOT!**

Sparklers can heat up to 1800 degrees (hot enough to melt gold) and can easily catch fire to clothing or hair.

**A 33-year-old man was killed** while setting off mortar style fireworks out of a black plastic pipe while in his backyard. As he leaned over one of the tubes to light the fuse, the fireworks suddenly went off striking him in the face. He was transported to a hospital where he was pronounced dead from head injuries.



**THINK BEFORE YOU LIGHT!**




*Any person possessing, using or exploding **ANY** fireworks in New York City is guilty of a criminal misdemeanor. The criminal penalty is a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment of six months or both. Such person is also liable for a civil penalty of \$750.00.*

**Concerned citizens can anonymously report the delivery, sale and/or storage of fireworks.**

**Call 311**  
(NYC Hotline)


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Fireworks are dangerous — and in New York City, they're illegal. Each year, thousands of people are medically treated for fireworks-related injuries. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, there were an estimated 15,600 fireworks-related injuries treated in emergency departments in 2020. Possession or use of fireworks in New York is a criminal misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$10,000, imprisonment of six months, or both. Guilty persons are also liable for a civil penalty of \$750.

- Amateur use of fireworks can lead to serious burns, injuries, fires and death. Remember: Leave the fireworks to the professionals.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public show put on by professionals. Anonymously report the delivery, sale, use and/or storage of fireworks by calling 311.

#### SPARKLERS ARE DANGEROUS, TOO

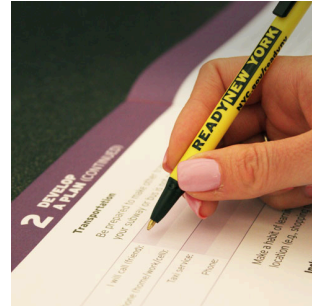
Many people think sparklers are harmless fireworks that are safe for children to use, but THEY ARE NOT!

Sparklers can get VERY HOT, reaching temperatures between 1,200 and 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit at their tips when ignited. These temperatures are hot enough to melt gold and can cause serious burns and ignite flammable materials. Sparkler safety is crucial. Here are a few safety tips:

- Always supervise children when they are using sparklers. Make sure they understand how to handle them safely and never allow young children to handle sparklers unsupervised.
- Only use sparklers outdoors in open areas and away from buildings, trees and other flammable materials.
- Encourage everyone using sparklers to wear closed-toe shoes and avoid loose-fitting clothing that could catch fire.

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 Divisions 1, 3, and 5 IDs are Ready



**Leadership:** All Division 1, 3, and 5 member credentials are ready.

Also, if you have any members that graduated in November 2023 (cycle 45), please remember to schedule a pick-up, or permit them to schedule a pick-up for their permanent ID using this link: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTpickup>

If the pick-up options do not work with your schedule, please reach out to: [desposito@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:desposito@oem.nyc.gov)

Get Notified with New York City's official source for information about emergency alerts and important city services.

- Light one at a time and make sure everyone keeps a safe distance from each other to avoid accidents.
- Have a bucket of water or hose nearby to extinguish used sparklers. Dunk used sparklers into water immediately after they burn out.
- Be cautious when using sparklers on windy days.
- Encourage everyone to respect personal space and not wave sparklers near others, especially children or pets.

There are safe alternatives to fireworks and sparklers. Here are a few ideas to celebrate Independence Day with family, friends and neighbors.

Download the free [Notify NYC](#) mobile app, available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

[For More information click here](#)



## 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!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



### Brooklyn Cyclones Preparedness Events

The Brooklyn Cyclones have invited CERT, Ready NY and Notify NYC to table at Maimonides Park during several upcoming games. CERTs are being requested to join NYCEM staff to distribute NYC CERT recruitment materials with park visitors. Check out the dates below and register through the links provided. Game times vary by date.

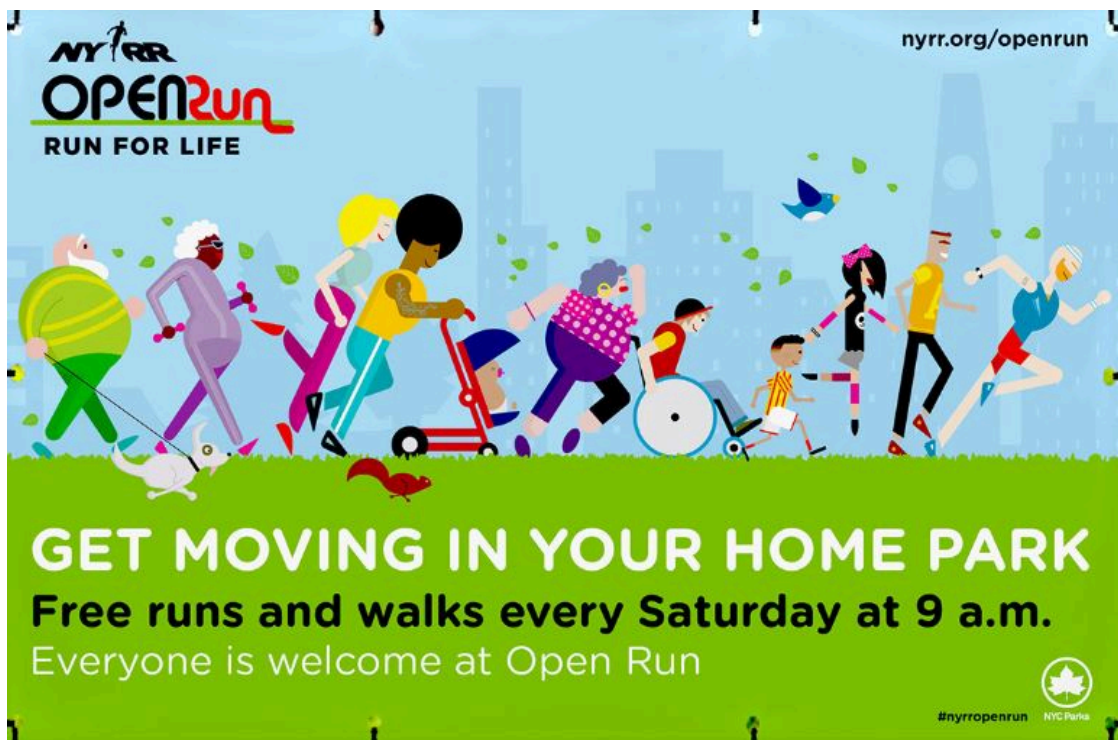
[Registration | Thurs, July 25, 2024 8:30AM](#)

[Registration | Sun, August 25, 2024 1:30PM](#)

[Registration | Fri, August 9, 2024 6:30PM](#)

[Registration | Wed, Sept 4, 2024 6:30PM](#)





#### NY Road Runners (NYRR) Open Runs Preparedness Events

NYRR still has a number of Open Run events coming up and NYC CERT is being requested to distribute Ready New York emergency preparedness literature and discuss pet preparedness with event attendees. Check out the dates below and register through the links provided. All shifts are scheduled for 8:30am – 11am.



Conference House Park  
[Saturday, July 14, 8:30 AM](#)

Highland Park  
[Saturday, July 14, 8:30 AM](#)

Highland Park  
[Saturday, July 27, 8:30 AM](#)

#### 2024 National Access and Functional Needs Symposium

## National AFN Symposium

Highlighting forward-leaning, inclusive, innovative practices in emergency management



July 11-12, 2024



12-3 PM ET Daily

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The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (CDHSEM), and New York University (NYU) are hosting the two, half-day, online National AFN Symposium to highlight forward-leaning, inclusive, innovative practices in emergency management.

The National AFN Symposium will bring the disability community together with emergency managers, disaster planners, and first responders from across the country in an online forum to foster an environment of trust and understanding vital to advancing the mission of access and functional needs throughout the nation.

[Registration](#) | [July 11, 2024 and July 12, 2024 12PM - 3PM](#)

# NYC CERT CALENDAR



## 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.

## [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.

## NYC CERT ADVANCED TRAINING

## Advanced Training: Citywide Radio 700MHZ (Virtual)

### Learning Objectives:

- Objectives: Radio Approved Roles for CERT
- Citywide Network (700 MHz)
- Review of Radio Terminology & Functionality
- Operability of 700 MHz radios
- Calling Protocol
- Your Role and Responsibility as a Citywide radio operator

### Mandatory Pre-Requisites for this course:

1. IS 242 Effective Communication
2. Point to Point Radio Training Approved
3. A second point to point Exercise or Deployment



[Registration](#) | [Tue, Jul 16, 2024 6:30PM](#)

## CISA: De-Escalation Series Training



### Description

The De-Escalation Series follows the [Employee Vigilance Through the Power of Hello](#) to help identify and navigate suspicious activity or potentially escalating situations to safely dis-engage and report to local law enforcement or their organization's multi-disciplinary threat management team.

### Learning Objectives

- [Observe](#)
- [Initiate a Hello](#)
- [Navigate the Risk](#)
- [Obtain Help](#)
- [Resources](#)

[Registration](#) | [Tue, Aug 13, 2024 6:30PM](#)

## NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Fourth of July in Brooklyn





CERT assisted NYPD with crowd management for both the July 4th Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest and Fireworks display yesterday in Coney Island



## Fort Totten Fireworks Show





This past week on June 26th, CERT supported City Council Member Vickie Paladino's Fort Totten Firework show in Bayside, Queens. Members assisted with crowd control and pedestrian management throughout the event. Pictured above CERT members with NYCEM's Director for Public Safety Kevin Clark Deputy.

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### **Ready NY Table at NYRR Open Run - Crocheron Park**

On June 29th, CERT members Moses Yi ( QN Div 4) and Margaret Bishop ( MN Div 4) hosted a preparedness event at the New York Road Runners Open Run event at Crocheron Park. They distributed emergency preparedness materials and discussed pet preparedness with a multitude of pet owners throughout the event.




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### Brooklyn Community Board#18 Pop-up BBQ at Bayview Community Center



This past Saturday on June 29th, CERT members staffed a Ready NY Tabling at Community Board 18's last pop-up BBQ event this month over at the Bayview Community Center. The volunteers informed all event attendees on emergency preparedness and took this opportunity to recruit for new members.

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### CERT Recruitment Event at the Brooklyn Cyclones Game





NYC CERT members joined CERT Staff at the Brooklyn Cyclones Game at Maimonides Park in Coney Island this past Monday night, July 1st, to spread the word about NYC CERT and share some emergency preparedness information. Members engaged with interested individuals at the table and did some canvassing around the food court to distribute CERT palm cards. The Announcer also gave a shout-out to CERT and encouraged park attendees to visit our table. It was a great night and a nice venue. Go CERT Team!

## CERT Recruitment Event at New Dorp Library



NYCEM and CERT staff teamed up to host a Recruitment event at the New Dorp library in Staten Island on Wednesday, July 3rd. Thank you to CERT member, Eileen Pacheco, for your support at this event and for helping to greet library visitors and provide them with information on how to join. Thank you to library staff for giving us a perfect spot at the door!

## Brooklyn Division 3 Monthly Meeting





Brooklyn Division 3 held their monthly team meeting to plan for National Night out and community engagement. Members of the team will be participating in the Grand Central terminal exercise later this month.

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



## THINGS TO KNOW



### How To Request NYC CERT

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

- 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](#)



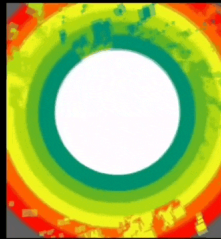
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)  
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)  
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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

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