

# **NEWSETER**

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.**

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

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## **NYC Service Americorps Member joins CERT Program Staff**



**Luis Villalba** is a current graduate student at CUNY's John Jay College of Criminal Justice. As the newest NYC CERT Service Corps member, he hopes to become a part of the NYC CERT community that has gone above and beyond in its commitment to serving the community. Luis plans to use his past experiences, education and his passion for volunteerism to support NYCEM and the CERT program.



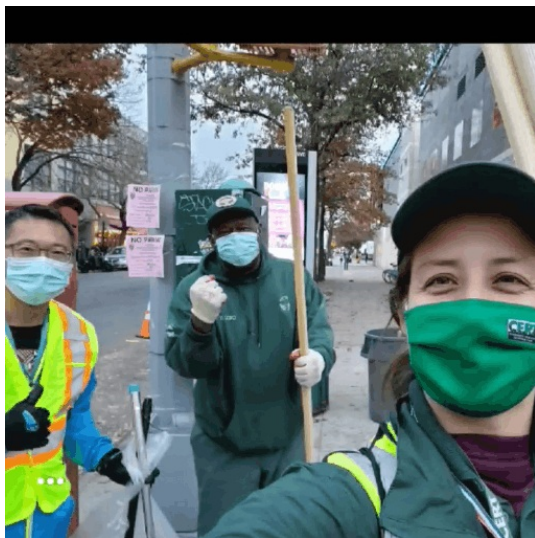
### **MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL**

**Borough Channel:** MN

**Scenario:** What is the most recent drill your Division has conducted?

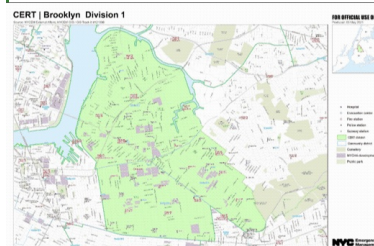
**11/22 Responding Borough:**  
No Responding Borough

**Documents to Review:**  
**Citywide Radio Drill Refresher**  
**Call signs per Radio**



## **Queens Division 1 Coordinated a DEP Support Deployment**

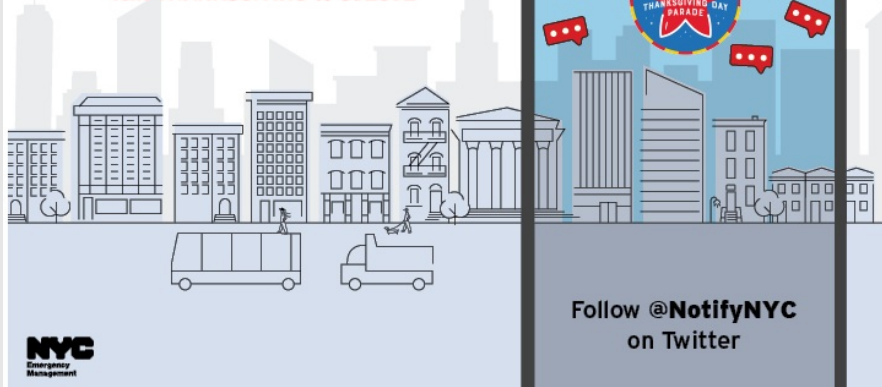
Members of Queens Division 1 CERT coordinated a DEP Deployment with a virtual component having a few members dispatched by staying connected using an open team Zoom link.



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

# GET FREE ALERTS

Text THANKSGIVING to 692692



Attending the **@Macys #Thanksgiving** Day Parade? Receive important event information and emergency alerts by texting THANKSGIVING to 692692

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**!

## HAVE A SAFE THANKSGIVING ~REMEMBER TURKEY!~



T

Thaw turkey at a safe temperature – 40°F or below



U

Use extra caution when frying a turkey and oil-free fryers if possible



R

Remember to clean all cooking surfaces regularly



K

Keep children away from hot foods and surfaces, and kitchen utensils



E

Ensure turkey is cooked and has reached minimum temperature of 165°F



Y

Your smoke detector should be tested prior to cooking



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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**.

## Thanksgiving Day Safety Tips

- Never leave hot food or appliances unattended while cooking.
- Always be alert when you are cooking. If you are under the influence of medication or alcohol, avoid using the stove.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from stoves, toaster ovens, or other heat sources.
- Use the 3-foot rule - keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from hot surfaces.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothes when you are cooking.
- If you are frying, grilling, or broiling food, stay in the kitchen.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Thanksgiving Deployments



### Balloon Inflation Support

NYC CERT has again been requested to provide pedestrian management support on **Wednesday, November 24th**, as the incredible balloons are inflated in preparation for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade the following day.

[Register Here](#)



### Thanksgiving Day Parade Support

On **Thursday, November 25th**, CERT members will be supporting the New York Police Department with pedestrian management in for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

[Register Here](#)

## NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR

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.

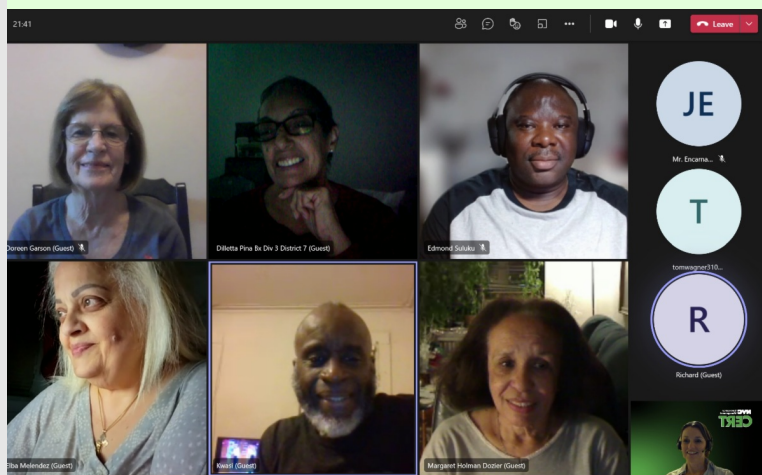
# VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY



## Joann Webb Dixon Street Renaming

Earlier this afternoon elected officials, NYCEM staff members (Moriah Washington, Regina Wilson and Anthony Escoto) and current CERT members joined the community to honor the late Bronx CERT member, Joann Webb Dixon, for the renaming of a street she once lived on before passing in 2017. NYCEM is proud to have been just a small part of the service Joann provided to the community.

[View Brooklyn 12 article](#)



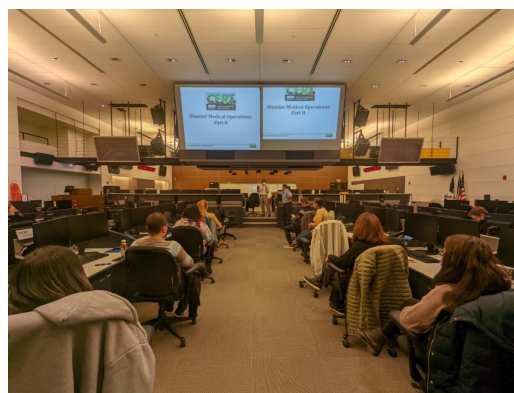
NYCEM hosted the quarterly **Virtual Member Support Meeting** this past Wednesday evening. Whether you're probationary, active or in a leadership position, this meeting is open to all membership to provide an opportunity to express concerns or ask question to NYC CERT Staff. Volunteer Leadership also provides support during these meetings.

The meeting also serves as a great way to learn from one another.

All members can connect with CERT program staff by emailing [cert@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov).

## Basic Training: Disaster Medical Ops II

Our Monday / Wednesday **Basic Training** class arrived at NYC Emergency Management for their first in-person class this week. After meeting each other outside of a virtual square, they practiced patient assessments.



FDNY instructors asked students to provide go-bag presentations for one another. They were asked to bring them to the in-person session, so that students prepared bags with a realistic weight that can be carried during and emergency.

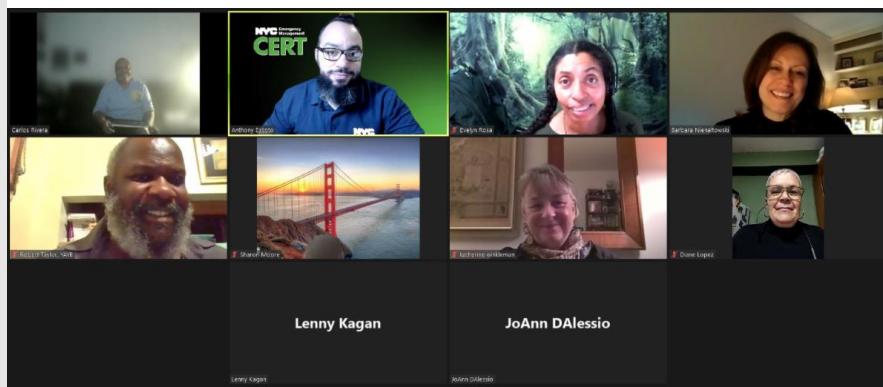
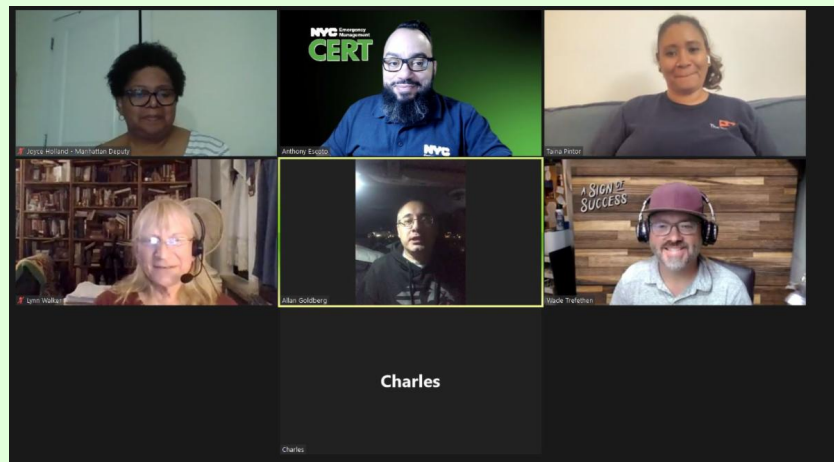
Manhattan Division 3 held their monthly meeting earlier this week. District leader Beth Rowan gave a provided

details on training and engagement opportunities provided by both FEMA (independent studies) and NYCEM (Coastal Storm Plan) courses. As the division also welcomed one of our Basic training students to their local meeting.



**Brooklyn Division 5** members gathered virtually for their monthly meeting. Leadership announced upcoming engagement opportunities as well as member activity and what makes a member "Active".

**Manhattan Division 4** members were joined by the Manhattan Deputy Borough Coordinator to review upcoming events like the Thanksgiving Day Deployments.



**Manhattan Division 5** Division Chief amplified all upcoming training opportunities available to membership during their monthly check-in.

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



# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## Tips and Tricks for Safe Holiday Shopping

Please join the FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division for a special webinar highlighting the Federal Trade Commission's tips to help consumers shop safely, outsmart scammers, and ensure that their charitable donations go to the organizations and people they want to help.

Now that the holiday shopping season is almost here, scammers are shopping too, looking for people to separate from their money.

This presentation will provide tips and tools to help consumers shop wisely, protect their personal information, and make their donations count.



**Tuesday, November 23, 2021**

**12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**

**[Register Here](#)**

## CERT Radio Training

### ***November Radio Training is Full!***

The CERT Radio Committee has added another in-person **Point-to-Point Radio training** at NYC Emergency Management headquarters in Brooklyn. This training is open to all members interested.

At the same time, members already citywide radio trained will have the opportunity to train towards becoming a **Network Control Operator (NCO)** and will support the point-to-point exercise portion of the class.

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**[Register Here](#)**

You must register for one of the three options: Student registration, Radio Committee Member Only, or NCO training (for Citywide trained volunteers)

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](mailto:CERTTraining@oem.nyc.gov) prior to the training date.



## Skywarn Training

NYC CERT volunteers will have an opportunity to help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service (including Snow measuring).

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

**6:30 PM - 8:00 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**

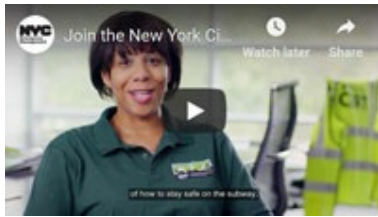
**Catalog** includes all recorded webinars from Jan-June of 2021.

## 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](#)

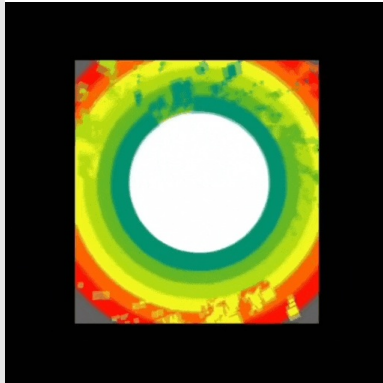


[Resolve to Be Ready Calendar](#)

Regular reminders in simple steps that can help you work preparedness into your busy schedule.



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



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