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NYC Emergency Management CERT NEWSLETTER

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

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

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Thank you to all who came out to support the Balloon Inflation and food Distribution out in the Rockaways. We hope you and your family had a great Thanksgiving Day!

November After Action Report



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: **Manhattan (CERT MN)**

Call Scenario: **What is the most recent drill your team conducted?**

11/28 Responding Borough: **No Response**

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




In November, NYC CERT volunteers answered the call and attended an assortment of planned deployments; these deployments included the 103rd Annuals NYC Veterans Day Parade as well as the DEP Catch Basin Request. Other opportunities included advanced trainings, such as CERT leadership development classes, that provide invaluable materials for our volunteers to learn what it takes to become a great leader. And last but not least, volunteers participated in FEMA Independent studies that expanded the knowledge of potential members providing preparedness education through FEMA course materials. Thank you, NYC CERT members!

Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's Quiz of the Week. This week there is no right or wrong answer. NYC CERT volunteers wear many hats in the community. Our volunteers are our community ambassadors and assisting that other organizations assist whether it is during Preparedness, Response, or Recovery phases. NYC CERT volunteers are always supportive. [Click Here!](#) to participate in this survey.



QUIZ OF THE WEEK

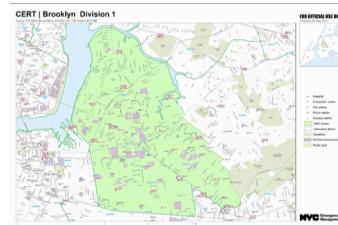


Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[Click Here!](#)



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



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

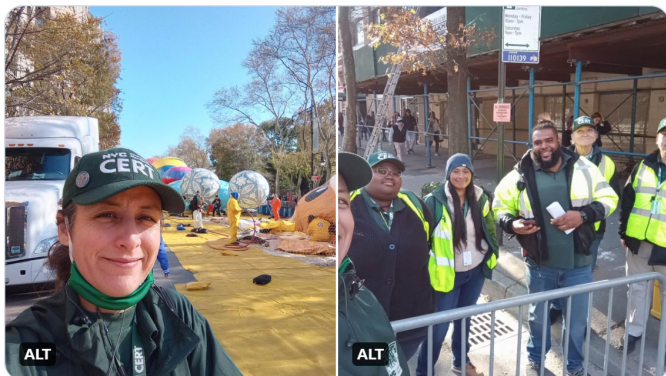
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NYCEM Highlight - Commissioner Iscol shares thoughts via Twitter



NYC Emergency Management Commissioner
@NYCEMCommish

Nothing like @Macys Thanksgiving Day Parade to lift our spirits! CERT and @nycemergencymgt on the ground making sure everything goes smoothly for the big day tomorrow.



3:53 PM · Nov 23, 2022 · Twitter Web App

A couple of pictures that captured the spirit of how CERT conducts and operates on a big deployment such as the balloon inflation for the highly anticipated Macy's Day Parade!!

FEMA Region 2 Webinar: Stay Safe this Holiday Season



With the holiday season rolling in we would like to inform you about a special webinar highlighting the Federal Trade Commission's tips on how to help consumers shop safely, outsmart scammers, and ensure that their donations go to the proper organizations and people they are actively trying to assist.

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division will be running this presentation and will provide additional tips and tools to help



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](#).



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

consumers shop wisely, protect their personal information, and make their donations count.

Tips and Tricks for Safe Holiday Shopping Webinar will take place on Nov.30th from 12:30pm-1:00pm

Volunteer hours



Not too late to submit your volunteer hours for 2022, please remember your travel time counts as well, and any miscellaneous volunteer time like emails outreach FEMA Independent studies and Buddy checks also count.

Any questions on how to submit your service hours, you can view the [Hours Submission FAQs](#).

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VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Planned Deployments

Bloomingtondale Playground Fall Community Festival



CERT members last Sunday participated in Bloomingdale's Community Festival and spoke with community residents concerning CERT recruitment and Ready New York training.

Thanksgiving Day Parade Balloon Inflation Deployment



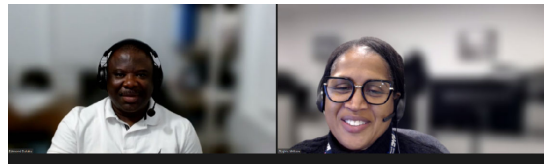
In support of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, CERT members attended the balloon inflation and supported the New York Police Department with pedestrian management. Great work and big thanks to everyone who came and lent a hand!



Division Meetings

Bronx Division 5 Meeting

Bronx Division 5 held their monthly meeting last Tuesday on November 22nd. The communications Liaison, Edmond Suluku, filled in for the Division Chief to discuss with program staff about their plans for the upcoming year, as well as training and the needs of the team.



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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

[NYC CERT CALENDAR](#)

Community Mayors for Special Children with Special Needs



NYC CERT members will be assisting the Community Mayors for Children with Special Needs, Inc. with their annual Operation Santa Claus event at JFK Airport, Port Authority Hangar No. 19. This event has been on hiatus the past few years, so it's great to be able to provide this opportunity again.

Register Now:

[Community Mayors for Special Children with Special Needs, Wed, Dec 07, 2022 at 8:00am](#)

IRS Security Summit Webinar: Deeper Dive into Emerging Cyber Crimes and Crypto Tax Compliance

This webinar will cover the following:

- Understanding and responding to a business email compromise and/or data breach
- Identifying what the Dark Web is and how it is utilized for cybercrime and identity theft
- Recognizing general terms and information pertaining to virtual currency
- Understanding the efforts by IRS-Criminal Investigation to combat cyber criminals and illicit activity
- Plus, Q & A

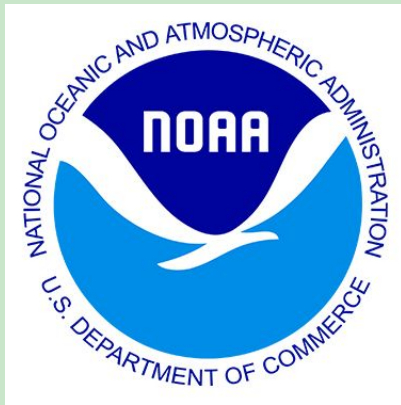
All participants who qualify will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Tax Professionals - Earn up to 1 CE Credit. Category: Federal Tax

[The webinar will take place on November 29th from 2pm-3:15pm](#)



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, November 29 - ENSO Update and Winter Outlook
- Thursday, December 15 - Massachusetts Drought Dashboard
- Tuesday, January 31 - Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation Tool

[All Webinar's are from 9:30am-10:30am]

[To register click here](#)

FEMA Region 2 Webinar: Active Shooter Awareness

Preparing for a potential active shooter incident is an integral component of an organization's incident response planning. Because active shooter incidents are unpredictable and evolve quickly, preparing for and knowing what to do in an active shooter situation can be the difference between life and death.

Workshop objectives:

- Discuss active shooter response actions (Run-Hide-Fight)
- Describe common behaviors, conditions, and situations associated with active shooter events.
- Discuss how to recognize potential workplace violence indicators.
- Provide information about best practices, communications protocols, and resources that will assist stakeholders to develop or enhance their emergency planning, preparedness, and response to active shooter incidents.

[The webinar will take place on December 15th from 12pm-1pm](#)



FEMA Region 2 Webinar: Give Yourself, and Others the Gift of Preparedness

The Individual and Community Preparedness team joined forces with FEMA to bring you some unique ideas. FEMA, NJOEM, The American Red Cross, NJVOAD and others has a seemingly endless supply of unique gift ideas for yourself, your family and your community. Giving the gift of preparedness shows loved ones you care about their safety and well-being, especially during a time of emergency.

[The webinar will take place on December 13th from 12pm-1pm](#)



FEMA Region 2 Webinar: The Future of Emergency Management



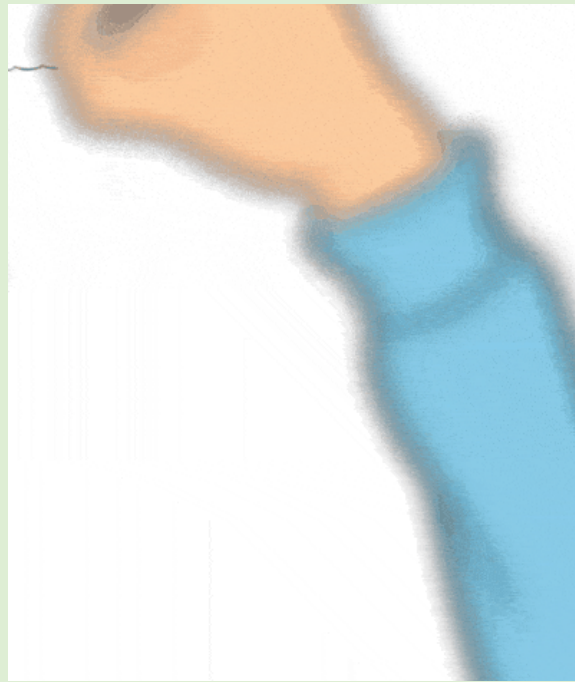
The Individual & Community Preparedness Division of Region 2 will present a webinar about The Future of Emergency Management as a field. This webinar will feature Dr. Bernard Jones from St. John's University, Dr. Tom Carey from Monmouth University, Dr. Bill Toms from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and Dr. Scott Fisher from New Jersey City University. These distinguished panelists will be addressing topics such as Behavior, Emotional Intelligence Competencies, Data, Data Science, Technology, GIS, Climate Change, Homeland Defense vs Homeland security, and misleading titles.

[The webinar will take place on December 7th from 12pm-1:30pm](#)

CERT Recruitment Group

Are you interested in joining the NYC CERT Recruitment Group? NYCEM is trying to expand the group, to better assist all boroughs with recruitment. Recruitment group info sessions will be offered at the start of the monthly meeting, going forward, to enable interested CERT members the opportunity to hear more about this task force and meet current members of the group. This is a great opportunity to be a part of the effort to grow membership in the program. Consider joining us for an info session this year! Dates and registration links below:

[Monday, Dec. 19th at 6:30PM](#)



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



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.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Snow Measuring/ SkyWarn Training

With winter weather rapidly approaching, NYCEM will be hosting advanced training concerning snow measuring. Through the webinar, CERT members will learn the basics of thunderstorm development, fundamentals of storm structure, how to identify potential severe weather features, Information to report, how to report information, along with basic severe weather safety.



[The SkyWarn Training will be conducted over zoom this Dec. 13th from 6:30pm-8:00pm.](#)

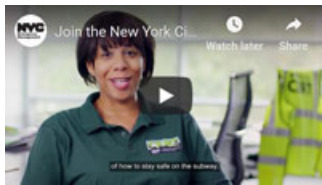
[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

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

[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalogue](#) includes all recorded webinars.

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.

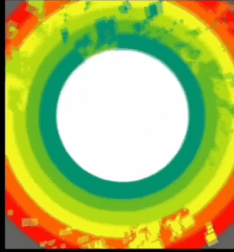


Listen to the NEW episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, Prep Talk ([SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#) & [Spreaker](#)) and ¡Prepárate! on [SoundCloud](#).

New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan have recently declared a public health emergency due to the Monkeypox outbreak.

For regularly updated information on Monkeypox please visit:
nyc.gov/monkeypox





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