

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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Mayor de Blasio Names Andrew D'Amora as Acting Emergency Management Commissioner.

October 19, 2021

Deputy Commissioner for External Affairs Christina Farrell promoted to Acting First Deputy Commissioner

Mayor Bill de Blasio today appointed Andrew D'Amora as the Acting Commissioner of New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM). Outgoing Commissioner John Scrivani, who has served in the role since March,

will return home to Virginia at the end of October. D'Amora, a seven-year veteran of NYCEM, first served as the agency's Chief of Staff for five years and has served as First Deputy Commissioner since 2019.

"Andrew D'Amora has served this city with energy and vision, across multiple roles, and I know he will work tirelessly to keep our city safe and prepared," said Mayor Bill de Blasio. "I'm grateful for John Scrivani for his service, and I look forward to working with Acting Commissioner D'Amora to move his agency forward."

"I have been honored to work for the City of New York for more than three decades and at NYC Emergency Management since 2014. The women and men at this agency are among the most dedicated, hard-working people I have ever known and I am humbled to lead them through the end of the year," said Andrew D'Amora.

"I am honored to fill the role of Acting First Deputy Commissioner. The work NYC Emergency Management does with its partners to help New Yorkers before, during and after emergencies is incredibly important, and we will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of all the city's residents," said Christina Farrell.

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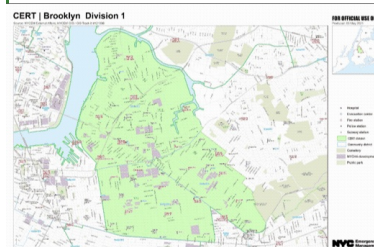
MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: BK

Scenario: Report on how many members in your division are trained snow measures?

10/25 - No Responding Borough

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



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

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



NYC CERT program staff is seeking new leadership for the positions of Division Chief and District Leader in the boroughs of Manhattan and Queens. On October 28th, CERT program staff will host a leadership orientation for all interested CERT members. Please join us and learn about the different roles of leadership and hear from some of our current volunteer leaders on their experience in the program.

Thursday, October 28, 2021
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

Please review the [NYC CERT Communication Structure document](#), which includes the NYC CERT Volunteer Leadership Roles and Responsibilities.

NYC Emergency Management CERT PARTICIPATION

Upon registering for any in-person opportunity, you must agree to the following:

All NYCEM CERT volunteers who will be in contact with City employees or the public must follow COVID safety protocols. I affirm that I have been fully informed by New York City Emergency Management of these protocols and that I will follow them.

As a NYCEM CERT volunteer, I hereby affirm:

1) I am fully vaccinated. I agree to still wear a mask at all times when on City property and when interacting with the public.

or

2) I am not fully vaccinated. I agree to wear a mask at all times when on City property and/or interacting with the public; AND, prior to deploying to a CERT activity I will undergo a PCR test and will only deploy if results are negative.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at cert@oem.nyc.gov.

[Locate a COVID-19 Testing Site](#)

[NYC COVID-19 Vaccination webpage](#)



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

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

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](#).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Holy Family - St. Laurence Indoor Flea Market
Distribution of Ready New York preparedness material
Saturday, November 6, 2021, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Bay Ridge 5th Avenue
Open Street
Volunteers will support traffic management.
Fridays, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Gracie Mansion Halloween



Each year Gracie Mansion welcomes over 2,000 children and families from all 5 boroughs, including families residing in New York City's homeless shelters. Gracie Mansion will be converted into a haunted maze and graveyard. Tricks and treats will be provided for all children throughout the event.

Event Details

CERT volunteers will support crowd management as well as provide access to resources.

Saturday, October 30 or Sunday, October 31

[Register Here](#)



Veterans Day Parade

The United War Veterans council will host a virtual orientation prior to the event to provide assignment details.

Thursday, November 11, 2021, 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

All registered participants will be provided the date of the orientation when available.

NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR

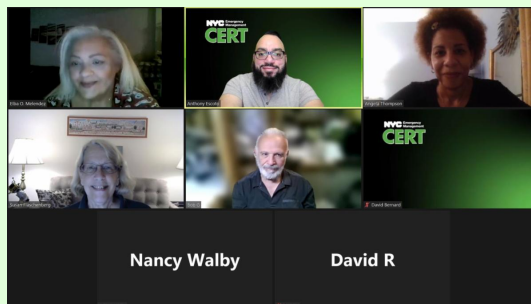
Are you interested in becoming a mentor to new NYC CERT members?



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.

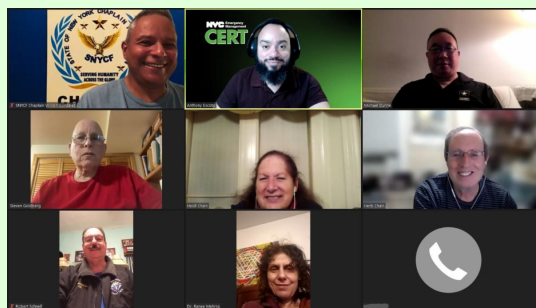
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY



Brooklyn Division leadership gathered virtually for their monthly leadership meeting with the Borough Coordinators. Members were reminded of the available resources available on the weekly newsletter. Topics discussed included the important of email etiquette with the group even deciding to plan a presentation for membership. It was also discussed how current leadership need to start thinking of succession planning.

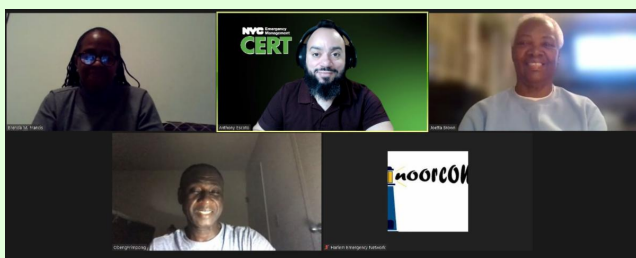
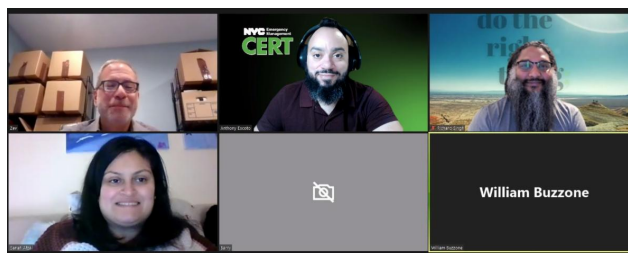
Brooklyn Division 5 CERT held their monthly meeting this past week to discuss their accomplishments including the difficult task of coordinating large events that are reoccurring throughout the summer months, as they prepare

for a number of volunteer opportunities for the upcoming holiday season.



Queens Division 3 CERT members changed their regular meeting to a Monday this month. CERT program staff fielded questions on a number of topics as well as providing a walkthrough for members to show how to report volunteer hours.

Queens Division 4 CERT members joined their monthly meeting to discuss past events that they participated in as well as upcoming local events they can potentially support. They also reviewed how members can properly report their volunteer hours.



Bronx Division 1 CERT members talked about their experiences at previous tabling events and started to plan for upcoming events. CERT program staff was present to also answered questions regarding the upcoming **CERT Basic Radio Training**.

Manhattan Division 3 CERT members gathered to plan for upcoming events such as their annual participation at the **New York City Veterans Day Parade**, which is coordinated through the division's relationship with the United War Veterans Council.



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



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

CERT Radio Training

The CERT Radio committee will be hosting the an 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.

Saturday, November 6, 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

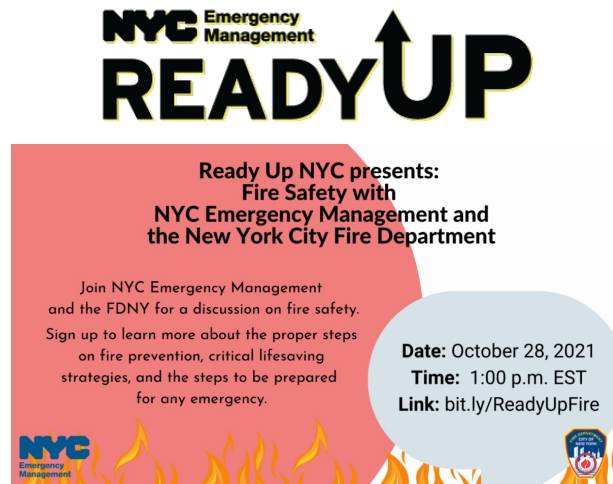
Please send verification of completion to CERTTraining@oem.nyc.gov prior to the training date.

Join New York City Emergency Management and the New York City Fire Department on **Tuesday October 28th at 1 PM** for a webinar discussing emergency preparedness and fire safety tips.

[Register Here](#)

Please share this link with your networks and community members so that all can learn more about the proper steps to preventing fires, critical lifesaving strategies and how to be better prepared for any emergency.

If you need special accommodations please email readyny@oem.nyc.gov by 10/25.



NYC Emergency Management
READY UP

Ready Up NYC presents:
**Fire Safety with
NYC Emergency Management and
the New York City Fire Department**

Join NYC Emergency Management and the FDNY for a discussion on fire safety. Sign up to learn more about the proper steps on fire prevention, critical lifesaving strategies, and the steps to be prepared for any emergency.

Date: October 28, 2021
Time: 1:00 p.m. EST
Link: bit.ly/ReadyUpFire



Maintaining and Revitalizing your CERT Program

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:00PM - 2:30 PM

Please join **FEMA Region 2** as ideas and best practices are shared for maintaining and revitalizing your CERT program.

[Register Here](#)

NYC CERT online platform
includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

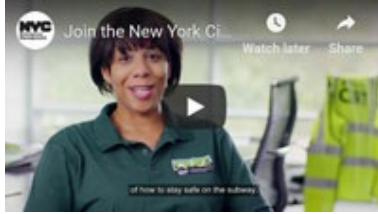
Schedule a free Fire Safety training for your Division at **[FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#)**.

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](#)

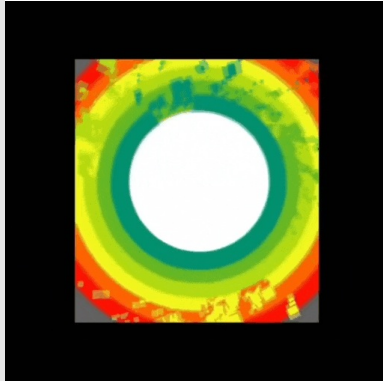


[Resolve to Be Ready Calendar](#)

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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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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