

ACTIVATION STATUS: NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IS ACTIVATED.

PLEASE NOTE: Program staff will respond to inquiries and requests as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and support.



International Women's History Month



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

BOROUGH CHANNEL

Queens

03/11/2024

Bronx

Call Scenario:

Report how many team members are radio trained.

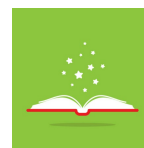
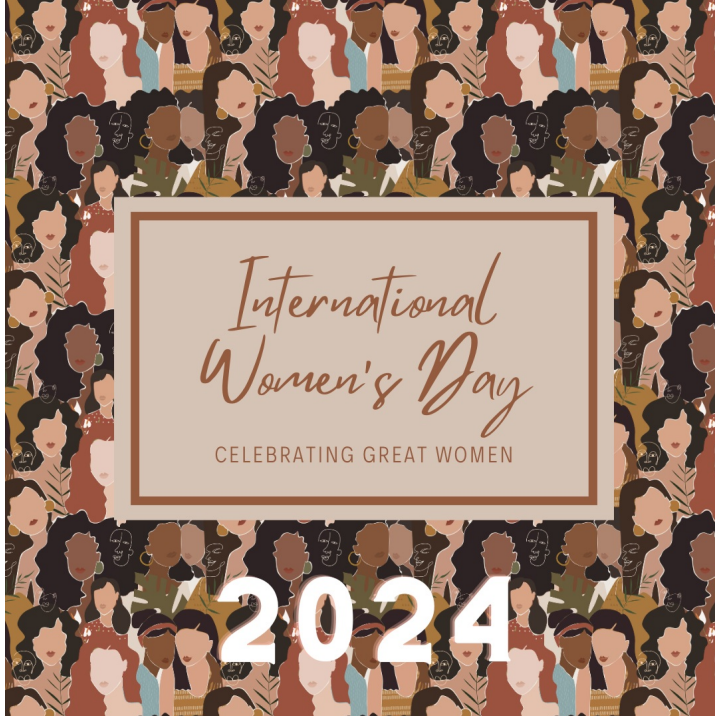
Documents to Review:

[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](#)



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

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

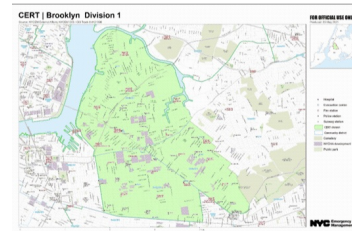
For more questions on how to submit your service hours you can view the [Hours Submission FAQs](#).

On International Women's Day, we celebrate the remarkable contributions of women who have made a significant impact on society, despite facing systemic inequality. From scientists to activists, women have been at the forefront of change, and their legacies continue to inspire generations. This year, we want to highlight some of the heroes whose names may not be as well-known, but whose impact on their communities is immeasurable. These women have shattered stereotypes, broken barriers, and paved the way for future generations of women to rise up and make their mark. Let's take a moment to honor these remarkable women and recognize their abilities to pave the way for diversity, equality and inclusion.

National Women's Hall of Famer, [Patsy Mink](#) (1927 – 2002) was an American attorney from Hawaii. She served 24 years as a member of the Democratic Party in the US House of Representatives from 1965 – 1977 and again from 1990 – 2002. She was the first woman of color and the first Asian American woman elected to Congress (1977 – 1978). She served as the Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. In the interim, before returning to the House of Representatives, Mink was the first woman to head the *Americans for Democratic Action*, in D.C., having served 3 consecutive terms. She spent her political career improving education and devoted to creating public policies to open doors for women and minorities.

As the first woman and Latina elected to the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), [Luisa Moreno](#) (1907 – 1992) served as the international Vice President. She organized the labor at food-processing plants in southern California. Moreno was a champion for Latinos civil rights and founded the *National Congress of Spanish Speaking Peoples* in 1938. She was an advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion by speaking out against racial profiling, and the police brutality of her time.

The controversial New York City nurse and social worker, [Margaret Sanger](#) (1879 – 1966), saw the growing need for sex education and the distribution of contraception. She coined the term "birth-control," and established the first family planning and birth control clinic in Brooklyn, NY. The establishment was closed nine days after, but it sparked the 1936 court ruling that overturned the Comstock Act, which prohibited



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

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



If your division is hosting or participating in an upcoming event, please complete the [Event Request form](#) to have your opportunity published through

distribution of contraception. William Marston, the creator of the Wonder Woman comic-book, cited Margaret Sanger as the inspiration for the character.

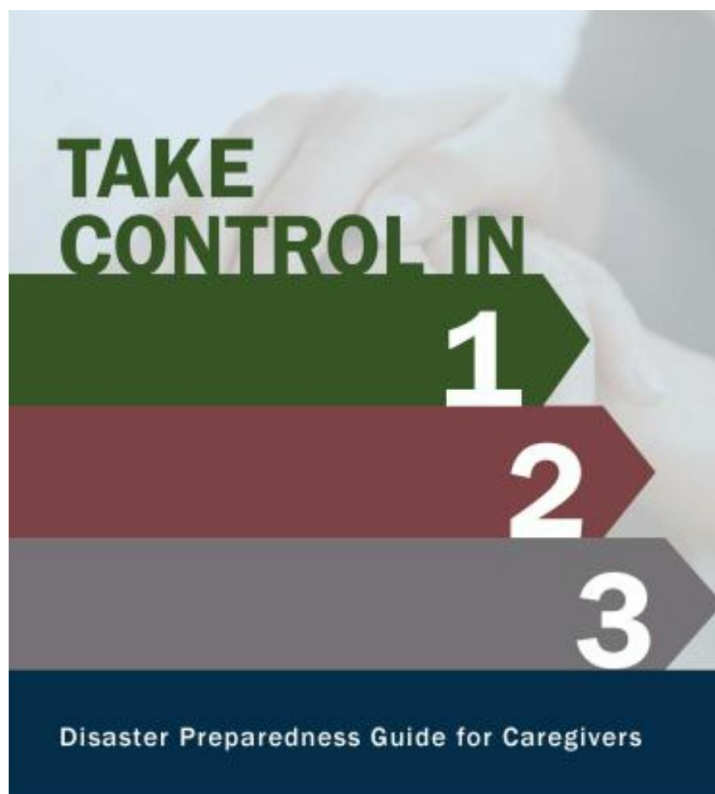
[Emma Tenayuca](#) (1916 –1999) was an American labor leader, union organizer, civil rights activists and educator, who is best known for her work organizing Mexican workers in Texas. She led the 1938 San Antonio Pecan Shellers Strike to a successful end assuring better working conditions and a pay increase for the factory workers in the pecan shelling industry.

Not only was [Shirley Chisholm](#) (1924 – 2005) the first Brooklyn-native African American woman in Congress (1968), she was also the first black candidate for a nomination for US Presidency. She was the first woman to run for presidential nomination for the Democratic Party. She was an outspoken advocate for women and civil rights during her 7 terms in the US House of Representatives.

We've honored the unstoppable force of women empowerment since 1910, and continue to be in awe of the generational resilience and impact. We look forward to the stories of more heroes that will uplift their communities, change the conversations and shape the fabric of our society.

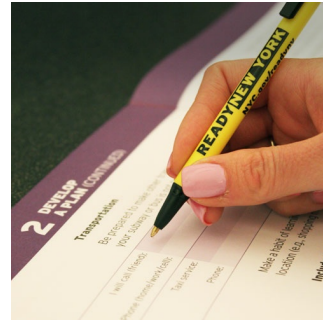
Happy International Women's Day and History Month.
Read more about [Women's History](#).

Are you a Caregiver? Here is your best tool for preparedness.



Eventbrite.com for members to register.

Your NYC CERT Ready New York Liaison can submit a [Ready New York Material Request](#) for upcoming events.



Leadership: Division 1 members' credentials are ready for pick-up! Also, if you have any members that graduated in July 2023 (cycle 44), 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.



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](#).

In recognition of caregivers' dedication and commitment to those in their care, FEMA and the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers (RCI) have created the Disaster Preparedness Guide for Caregivers to help them navigate unique challenges that may arise during disasters. While caregiving can be overwhelming, [read more...](#)

Get your [Disaster Preparedness Guide for Caregivers](#).

Leadership Development



CERT Leadership development class will be held on March 12, 2024, from 6:30pm-8:00pm. This session is for future CERT leaders and members who would like to learn more about the expectations of a leadership role in the NYC CERT program. Please click on the link to register. We hope to see you there!

[Registration | Tues, March 12, 2024
6:30PM](#)

Bronx Recruitment



NYCEM is hosting a NYC CERT Recruitment event at Bronx Library Center next Wednesday, March 13, 2024, in an effort to recruit new members from that specific community as part of our 2024 recruitment plan. If you are available to support this event, please register below:

[Registration | Wed, March 13, 2024
12PM - 4PM](#)

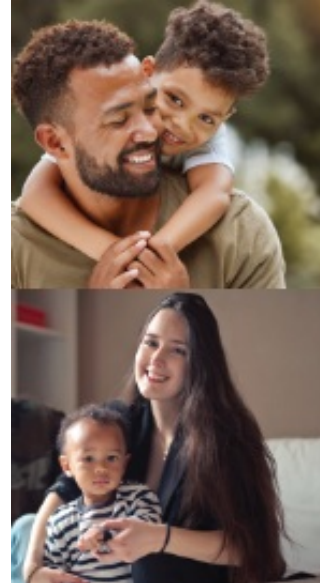


The NYC Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD) invites you to join us in honoring Moms and Dads this June by nominating a "Community Mom" or "Community Dad" for our award (See attached flyer).

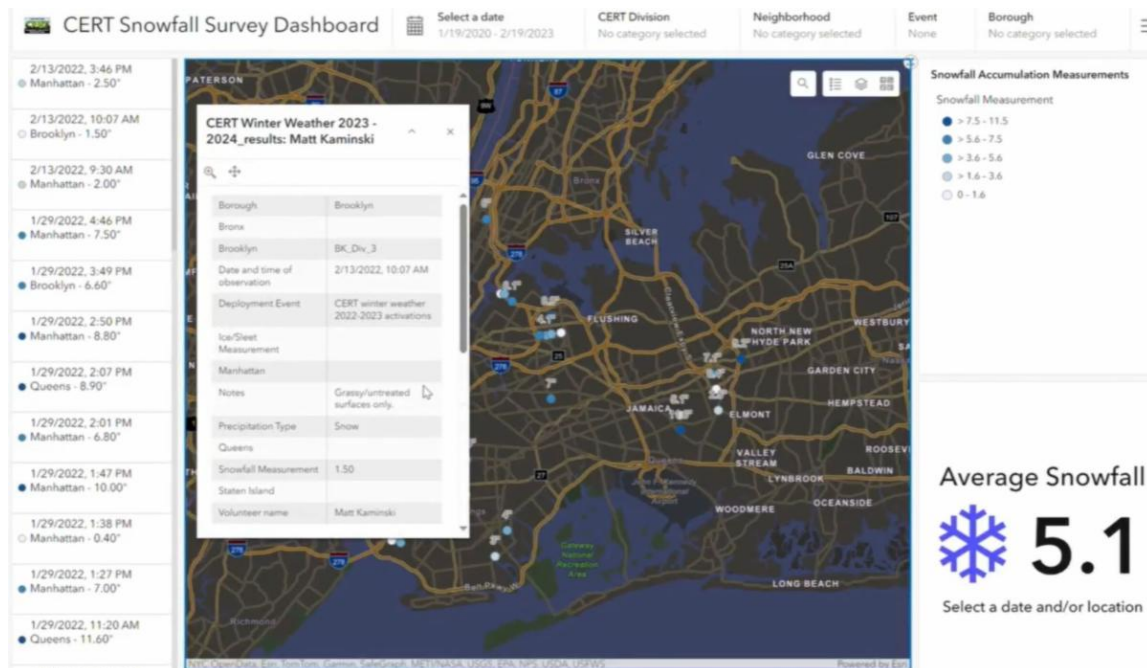
Our [#DYCDCommunityMomsnDads](#) campaign celebrates Moms and Dads as well as caregivers who provide inspiration and support to families and communities. These community moms and dads—whether volunteers, mentors, teachers, community leaders, healthcare staff, essential workers, caregivers, aunts, uncles, sisters, or brothers — dedicate their time and energy to the physical, social, and emotional well-being of our City!

Let the nominations commence:

Feel free to submit as many nominations as you wish, the deadline for submission is **March 13, 2023**.



NYC CERT Winter Weather Webinar



Join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division and NYC Emergency Management for a special webinar on training, exercising and engaging CERT in winter weather.

Hail, snow, freezing rain and ice-cold temperatures present challenges for volunteers assisting in their community. Learn how NYC Emergency Management trains, exercises and utilizes CERT volunteers to assist EM and provide support to the citizens of New York City.

Watch the [NYC CERT Winter Weather Webinar](#).

Send Us Your Photos!

Please continue to share an and all photos and videos from your NYC CERT events at 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. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CERT Basic Training Disaster Simulation

Support - Live Victim

CERT volunteers will be playing victims in the disaster simulation, which may include sitting or laying on the ground and acting in distress.

[Registration | Mon, March 18, 2024 6:30PM](#)

[Registration | Tues, March 19, 2024 6:30PM](#)



Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade

CERT volunteers will assist the NYPD 68th precinct community affairs Office with pedestrian and vehicle traffic control.

[Registration | Sun, March 24, 2024 12PM](#)

Good Friday Procession in Bensonhurst

The 62nd Precinct Community Affairs Division has requested CERT assistance with vehicle and crowd safety control.

[Registration | Fri, March 29, 2024 6PM](#)



Gerritsen Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade

CERT volunteers will assist the Gerritsen Beach St.



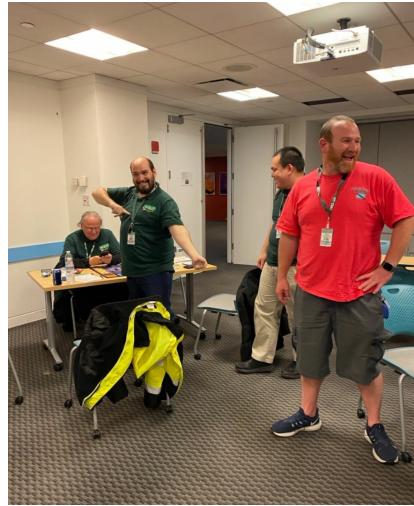
[Registration | Sun, March 30, 2024 10AM](#)

FEMA Region 2 Webinar Series

How to Keep CERT Training Fun & Engaging

Please join the Region 2 and Region 8 National Preparedness Division for a webinar on how to Keep CERT Training Fun & Engaging.

[Registration | Wed, March 13, 2024 1PM](#)



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

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 VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY



NYCEM's 12th Annual Community Preparedness Symposium

NYC Emergency Management hosted the 12th annual Community Preparedness Symposium, titled *'Path to Preparedness: Empowering Community Action'*. The symposium was held at Baruch College on March 6, 2024.

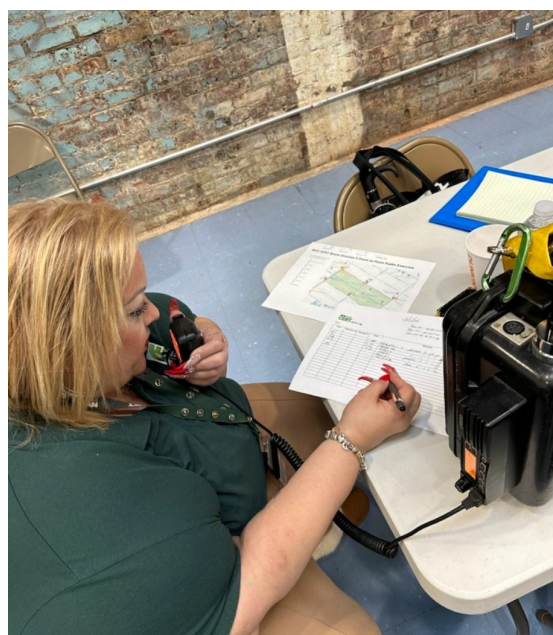
NYC CERT members were present, attentive and engaged.



Bronx Point-to-Point Radio Training



It was a cold and rainy Saturday, but that did not deter the CERT members from hitting the Northeast Bronx streets to apply the skills they learned on the morning of March 2, 2024. Bronx Division 5's Chief, Janice Hemby, was able to secure CERT program staff and host this important training for Bronx members. CERT members came from all of the city's boroughs to participate. It was an informative training session and a fun time for all.





St. Brigid Center Support



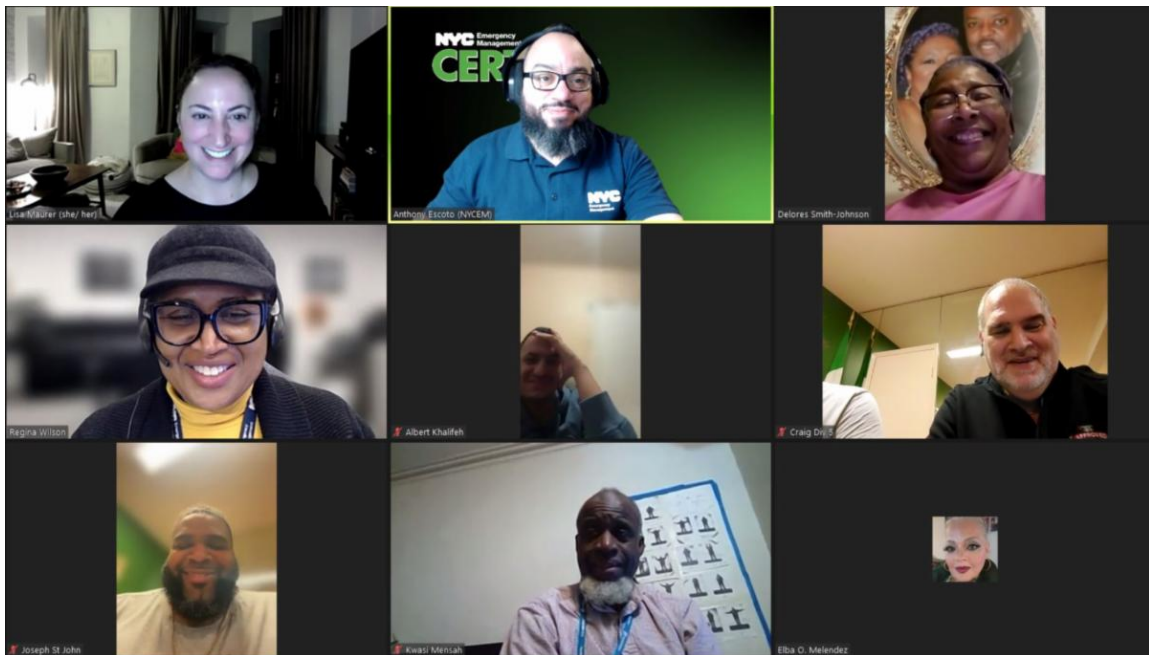
This past Sunday, on March 3, 2024, NYC CERT assisted our Community Preparedness partner, E.V. Loves, with their distribution operations at the St. Brigid Reticketing Center. CERT members helped with line management and coordinated the distribution of cold weather items to on-site clients.

Brooklyn Division 7 Monthly Team Meeting



On March 7, 2024, Brooklyn Division 7 held their monthly team meeting virtually. They recapped previous event engagement, reviewed the newsletter resources and discussed IDs. They planned out upcoming collaborative events with Brooklyn Division 5 and the NYPD Auxiliary.

Brooklyn Leadership Monthly Meeting



On March 5, 2024, Brooklyn Leadership was joined by CERT Program Staff to discuss upcoming events, possible community engagement, rosters and the effectiveness of the Buddy check system throughout the divisions.

Queens Division 6 Monthly Team Meeting



Queens Division 6 held their monthly team meeting on March 4, 2024. They planned for the upcoming Disaster Simulation with a refresher, discussed recent geographic changes in their area, and fundraising. CERT program staff is slated to host a virtual discussion-based exercise in next month's Division team meeting.

[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](#)



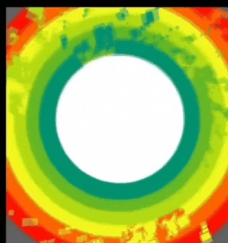
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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



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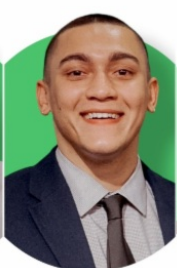
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