

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.

Air Quality Alert



New York City Mayor Eric Adams released the following statement on air quality deteriorating across the five boroughs due to smoke coming from wildfires in Canada, hitting 218 at 10:00 PM on the Air Quality Index ("Very Unhealthy" on the Levels of Health Concern) according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in parts of New York City:

"Our team is coordinating with the Health Department, Environmental Protection, Emergency Management, the NYPD, the FDNY, the Department of Education, the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection, and numerous additional agencies across the city to gather the right information for New Yorkers as quickly as possible."

The City of New York recommends the following steps to limit health risks as a result of the reduced air quality:

- All New Yorkers should limit outdoor activity and stay inside when possible. People with heart or breathing problems and children and older adults may be especially sensitive and should avoid outdoor activities during this time.
- If you are an older adult or have heart or breathing problems and need to be outside, wear a high-quality mask (e.g. N95 or KN95).

A toll-free air quality hotline has been established so New York residents can stay informed on the air quality situation. The toll-free number is 1-800-535-1345.

For the full press release, [click here](#).



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: CERT MN (Manhattan)

Responding Borough: Brooklyn

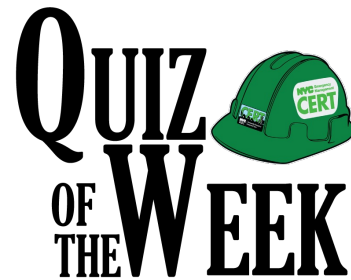
06/12 Call Scenario: Report the unit #'s of the radios your Team possesses.

Be prepared and visit the [Know Your Zone website](#).

Documents to Review:

Citywide Radio Drill Refresher

Call signs per Radio



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!

Commissioner Iscol on Good Day New York



'REDUCE EXPOSURE'

NYC Emergency Management Commissioner, Zach Iscol appeared on Good Day New York to discuss Air Quality, what the city is doing to support the community, and the importance of registering for **Notify NYC**.

See the interview [on YouTube](#) or the [@nycemergencymanagement Instagram](#)

Air Quality Resources:

[AQI Basics | AirNow.gov](#)

[Canadian Interagency Forrest Fire Centre Dashboard](#)

[Real-Time Air Quality in NYC | Environment & Health Data Portal](#)

[CRA Dashboard – NYC Hazard Mitigation](#)

Last week's question: June 1st marked the beginning of _____.

Everyone selected the correct answer: **d) the Atlantic hurricane season**. Although June does generally see higher temperatures than May, it does not officially start the heat season. The beginning of the Atlantic hurricane season starts on June 1st and runs through the end of November.

For more information on how to prepare for hurricane season, visit NYC Emergency Management's Coastal Storms & Hurricanes page: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/em/ready/coastal-storms-hurricanes.page>



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

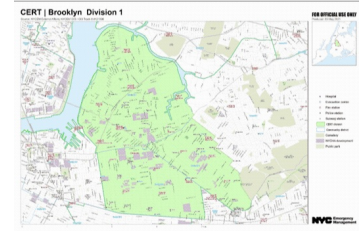
World Yoga Day



On June 21st, Celebrate World Yoga Day with WorkWell NYC's Summer Stretch! This session will include mind-body practices, gentle stretching, and brief meditation

This event is all about having fun and building strength! The class will be approximately 45 minutes long and it is recommended to dress in comfortable clothing.

You can join in-person with the chair yoga class, or if you can't make it in person but still want to participate you can also join virtually.



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

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

To register virtually, [please click here](#).
To attend in-person, [please click here](#).



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](#).

Mask Up!

The FDNY will be distributing N-95 masks at the following locations:

MANHATTAN

Division 1 100 Duane St
Division 3 207 W 77th St

BRONX

Division 6 720 Melrose Ave
Division 7 2417 Webster Ave

BROOKLYN

Division 11 172 Tillary St
Division 15 885 Howard Ave

QUEENS

Division 13 91-45 121st St
Division 14 108-01 Horace Harding Exp.

STATEN ISLAND

Division 8 1850 Clove Rd

For a full list of air quality tips and how to stay safe, head to [nyc.gov](#)



As of Thursday, June 8th, at 8:00 am, each New Yorker will be able to receive two masks **at any NYPD precinct**.

To find your nearest precinct [please click here](#).

You may also find N-95 masks being handed out by members of the FDNY at the locations listed.

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.

Have an Action Plan Ready!



With the recent decline surrounding air quality in the city along with the transition into summer bringing more pollen into the air, now would be a good time to get an action plan ready in case you have any underlying respiratory conditions.

Asthma is a common respiratory condition that happens affects as many as 262 people globally, and the CDC recommends that people that are in this affected group should have a chat with their care provider to create a plan that works for you.



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](#).

To access the CDC's Asthma Action Plan and other information concerning respiratory conditions, [please click here](#).

Help us Celebrate 20 Years of NYC CERT



Send us your CERT photos or videos!

We have created a link for you to easily upload your collection of CERT related photos and videos from your time in the program.

You may upload several items per event/deployment, but only a maximum of three per submission. After submitting, there will be an option to submit three more!

You can scan the accompanying QR code or use this link: on.nyc.gov/CERTUpload

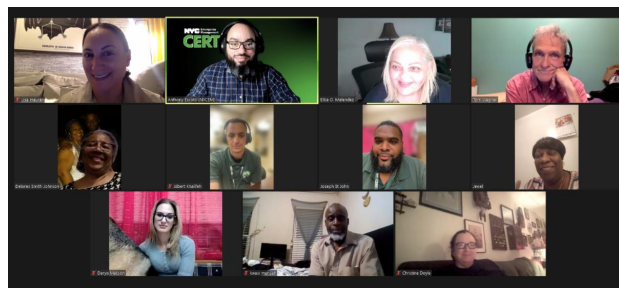
Please label the files in the following manner: **Date (including year), Borough, Division (or team), Event, members included (if available).**

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

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Borough Leadership Meeting

This past Tuesday, Brooklyn leadership held its meeting that included discussion on upcoming division events, updates from NYCEM, and more.



Manhattan Division 2

This past Thursday, Manhattan Division 2 held their division meeting / indoor picnic. During this get together, they shared stories, discussed upcoming events that the division can take apart in while enjoying the delicious food that everyone brought.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Holy Family Outdoor Flea Market

This past Saturday from 8AM-4PM, Brooklyn CERT members distributed emergency preparedness materials whilst recruiting flea market shoppers despite poor weather conditions and the market being relocated indoors.

Thank you to all involved and for persevering through the poor weather.



Staten Island Respite Center Support

NYC CERT members, Joseph St. John and Albert Khalifeh received an abundance of positive feedback following CERT's last requested shift in support of the Staten Island Respite Center.

Great work to both of these CERT volunteers!



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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Kowteff's 13th Annual Juneteenth Celebration

JUNETEENTH

At the request of the Kowteff School of African Dance, NYC CERT volunteers will be assisting with pedestrian traffic for the various activities being held for the celebration of Juneteenth.

Volunteers will also be tabling to distribute Ready New York preparedness material and speak to the community about the NYC CERT program.

[Register Now: Saturday June 17 | 11:00am - 8:00pm](#)

Coney Island Mermaid Parade

The Mermaid Parade is one of the largest art parades in the nation, attracting hundreds of participants and thousands of spectators.

CERT will be assisting the 60th Precinct with crowd control and keeping the Parade route on the Boardwalk. Please bring your 450Mhz radio if you have one.

[Register Now: Saturday June 17 | 11:30am - 5pm](#)



Disability Etiquette, Awareness, Sensitivity and Terminology Panel Discussion

FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division will be hosting a panel discussion on June 22nd regarding disability etiquette, awareness, sensitivity and terminology.

This will be a great opportunity to learn from a great panel of subject matter experts in order to explore and address common issues and best practices.

[Register Now: Thursday June 22nd | 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM](#)

Fort Totten Fireworks

On June 27th, NYC CERT members will be assisting with pedestrian traffic and other related support functions during the firework display.

[Register Now: Tuesday June 27 | 4pm - 11pm](#)



Long Island City Independence Day Macy's Fireworks Show

On July 4th, CERT volunteers will be supporting the NYPD 108th Precinct with traffic and pedestrian control for the Macy's fireworks/ Independence Day celebration in Long Island City. Please bring water to the event and dress accordingly for the weather.

[Register Now: Tuesday July 4th | 1:30pm - 9:30pm](#)

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.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

CPR, Narcan and Stop The Bleed

NY Presbyterian's Community Affairs Department will provide advanced training in Hands-Only CPR, Narcan administration and best practices for effective administration of Stop the Bleed techniques.



[CPR/Narcan/Stop the Bleed Registration, Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 6:30 PM](#)

[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.

THINGS TO KNOW

CERT Self-Deployment

We at NYCEM appreciate NYC CERT volunteer's service and dedication to public safety and want to support members in any way possible. However, as your instructors, volunteer leadership, and NYCEM staff have told all CERT members from day one of basic training: NYC CERT **NEVER** self-deploy.

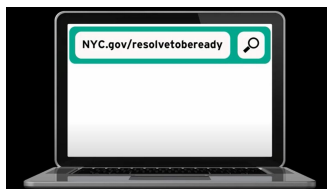
We encourage all CERT to listen to their Division leadership and ask any questions that may come to mind. We also want to encourage all members to review the NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures, Section 5: Operations, Deployment protocol.

Find the NYC CERT Protocols here: [NYC CERT SOPs](#)

Schedule a meeting with NYCEM staff: [NYC CERT Volunteer Support](#)



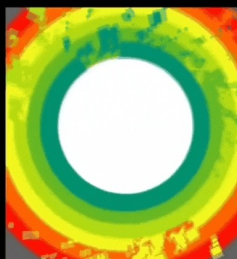
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



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



[KNOW YOUR ZONE](#) is your destination for everything you need to know about hurricanes in New York City.

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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