

NYC Emergency Management CERT NEWSLETTER

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

ACTIVATION STATUS: NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SITUATION ROOM IS ACTIVATED IN RESPONSE TO A FIVE-ALARM FIRE IN THE RBONX. BRONX SERVICE CENTER IS OPEN.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: PLEASE READ THE UPDATED NYC CERT VACCINATION PROTOCOL BELOW.

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

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GRADUATION EDITION

CERT SPOTLIGHT

NYC CERT Volunteer Awards



2020 John D. Solomon Award for Exemplary Service in Emergency Preparedness Education
Geneva Wilson, Bronx Division 2 CERT
Geneva was chosen due to her continuing throughout the pandemic to support the Ready NY program and CERT recruitment events, including work with Local 372 Women’s Committee, workshops in Bronx CB 5, and a

presentation at the Bronx High School of Science to name a few. Geneva also managed to assist during CERT deployments and conduct CERT presentations for her Nutrition class on Zoom! Her dedication to preparedness education can be seen in all that she does.



2021 Carlos Nieves NYC CERT Team Award for Award for Excellence in Deployment and Emergency Response Queens Division 2 CERT
This amazing group completed the most Covid-19 deployment shifts of all divisions – assisting with PPE Distribution, Canvassing in our communities, and staffing of Disaster Recovery Centers, to name a few. Residents were more

aware and prepared for current Covid protocols, guidelines and resources because of their volunteer support.

2021 Joanne Webb-Dixon NYC CERT



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL
1/14: HOLIDAY - NO CALL

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

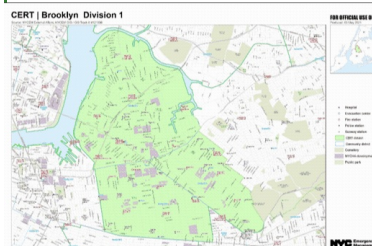
Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during your NYC CERT basic training or your time as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week’s newsletter. Good Luck!

[CLICK HERE](#)



Ambassador Award Queens Division 6 CERT

This division was chosen due to the incredible work they've done in their local community over the past year. Division members participated in the Eastern Alliance Boot Camp and even connected NYCEM's Community Preparedness Unit to the Village Fellowship Worship center in Rosedale, Queens. The Community Preparedness Unit was able to do a workshop for the Center and also produced a dynamic video about community preparedness for National Preparedness Month.



Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's **Quiz of the Week** and congratulations to those who chose the correct answer, **C. Alpha (96.7 %)**. This question was tailored to those who have participated in some type of past radio training. **OVER.**

phonetic alphabet	A	B	C	
	alpha	bravo	charlie	
D	E	F	G	H
delta	echo	foxtrot	golf	hotel
I	J	K	L	M
india	juliett	kilo	lima	mike
N	O	P	Q	R
november	oscar	papa	quebec	romeo
S	T	U	V	W
sierra	tango	uniform	victor	whiskey
X	Y	Z		
xray	yankee	zulu		

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

Brooklyn - Bronx - Manhattan - Queens - Staten Island



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

CLICK HERE to view the updated NYC CERT SOPs 2022 Edition. You may save this link as updates and additions to the SOPs will be made directly to this document.



View the **NYC CERT Event Calendar** to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

After you participate, be sure to **Submit Your Volunteer Hours!**

Health & Safety Protocol

Update: All NYC CERT members MUST provide proof of vaccination (as per below protocol) or receive approval for an accommodation prior participating in any in-person CERT-related activity, including deployment.



Beginning **Tuesday, February 1, 2022**, volunteers who have not submitted appropriate documentation to meet the vaccine mandate and have not applied for a medical or religious reasonable accommodation through NYCEM will be placed as inactive and unscheduled from volunteer shifts until they are in compliance.

- To submit vaccination records, please e-mail an approved proof of vaccination to: CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov.
- To request a reasonable accommodation for either religious or medical please follow the steps **HERE**

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.



A number of leadership positions transferred command in the new year, while some remained in roles as they did not fulfill full terms. Please see the below lists of current Manhattan and Queens Volunteer Leadership.

Manhattan

- Manhattan Division 1 Chief - Christopher Castillo

- District Leader - Juan Pchardo
- Manhattan Division 2 Chief - Sharyn Rootenberg
 - District Leaders - Molly Martinez Hardigree & Sheldon Fine
- Manhattan Division 3 Chief - Beth Rowan
- Manhattan Division 4 Chief - Wade Trefethen
- Manhattan Division 5 Chief - Barbara Nienaltowski

Queens

- Queens Division 1 Chief - Terese Flores
 - District Leaders - David Chan & Amanda Refkin
- Queens Division 3 Chief - Cindy Wang
 - District Leader - Martin Grillo
- Queens Division 4 Chief - Richard Singh Jr.
- Queens Division 5
 - District Leader - Richard Dono
- Queens Division 6 Chief - Rhonda Kontner
 - District Leader - Adjoa Gzifa

We want to thank and congratulate all of the NYC CERT members listed above as we expect them to all do great in their volunteer leadership roles.

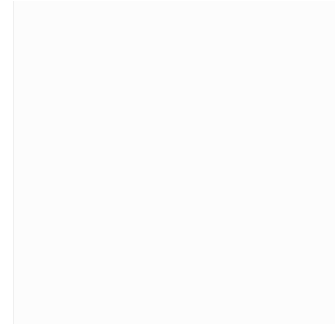
There are a number of vacant volunteer leadership roles that NYC Emergency Management staff is still working on filling, so if you're interested in any of the roles not listed here, please speak with your leaders or contact us directly by email at CERT@oem.nyc.gov.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bronx 5 Alarm Fire: Service Center Emergency Deployment



NYC CERT members from around the city continue to respond to the Bronx service center open to support those affected by the recent five-alarm fire this past Sunday. Thank you to all who have and continue to support as the operation continues to evolve based on the needs of the community. Current Operations have extended into **Monday, January 17, 2022**.

[Register here for available Shifts](#)



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

NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR

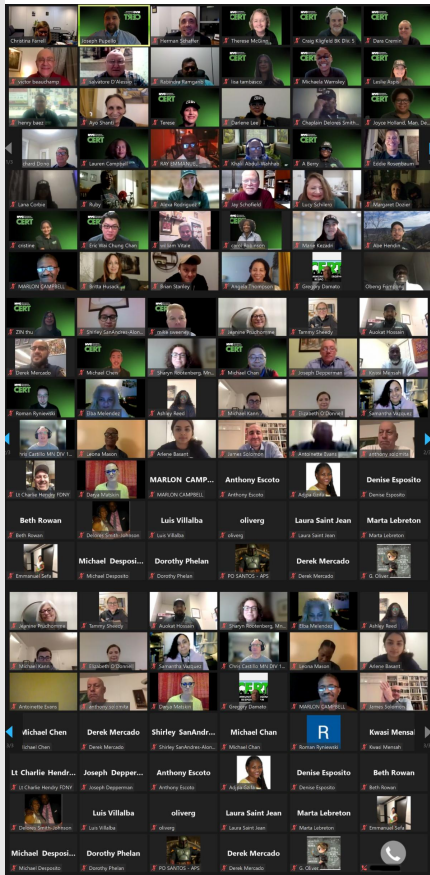
Are you interested in becoming a mentor to new NYC CERT members?

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

NYC CERT Basic Training Graduates



Monday / Wednesday Class

- Leslie Aspis, Manhattan Division 3
- Arlene Basant, Brooklyn Division 3
- Lana Corbie, Brooklyn Division 4
- Raynald Emmanuel, Brooklyn Division 7
- Abe Hendin, Manhattan Division 4
- Marie Kezadri, Brooklyn Division 2
- Ascanti Kingsberry, Brooklyn Division 3
- Nicolas Pineda, Bronx Division 1
- William Rivera, Bronx Division 4
- Alexa Rodriguez, Queens Division 3
- Eddie Rosenbaum, Manhattan Division 3
- Shirley SanAndres-Alonzo, Bronx Division 4
- Berkeley Sanchez, Manhattan Division 5
- Delores Smith-Johnson, Brooklyn Division 1
- Samantha Vazquez, Manhattan Division 1
- David Zubin, Brooklyn Division 5

Tuesday / Thursday Class

- Henry Baez, Brooklyn Division 1
- Cristine Bailey-Lagares, Brooklyn Division 5
- Lauren Campbell, Queens Division 6
- Wai Chung Chan, Queens Division 4
- Michael Chen, Manhattan Division 1
- Dara Cremin, Manhattan Division 3
- Aukat Hossain, Brooklyn Division 7
- Michael Kann, Manhattan Division 1
- Darlene Lee, Manhattan Division 5
- Lisa Manalang-Tambasco, Queens Division 4
- Leona Mason, Manhattan Division 2
- Therese McGinn, Manhattan Division 3
- Carol Robinson, Bronx Division 4
- Roman Ryniewski, Queens Division 3
- Brian Stanley, Brooklyn Division 1
- Zin Mar Thu, Brooklyn Division 5
- Michaela Warnsley, Manhattan Division 5

Pictured above: screenshots from NYC CERT Graduation ceremony on January 11, 2022



Pictured above are NYC CERT members from around the city providing support to the Bronx Service Center this week. NYC Emergency Management staff was on site supporting the operation in a leadership role.

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

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Ready Up NYC Webinar Series

**January
20**

Topic: Emergency Alerts

- Importance of staying informed
- Types of alerts
- Notify NYC Program

Register via: <https://bit.ly/ReadyUp2022>

Human Trafficking Awareness 101

Presentation by Safe Horizon

Register for Wednesday, January 26th | 6:30 pm | Virtually on Zoom

Our Anti-Trafficking Program (ATP) is dedicated to supporting survivors of labor and sex trafficking in New York City. ATP is one of the largest direct service providers to victims of human trafficking on the east coast. Help us stop human trafficking.

We provide both legal and case management services to all victims of human trafficking – labor and sex trafficking – including men, women, children, foreign nationals or U.S. citizens.

ATP helps children and adults regardless of gender or gender identity so they can heal emotionally, find justice, and rebuild their lives.

To make a donation:

<https://www.safehorizon.org/donate-human-trafficking/>

General Line: 718.943.8631

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Each of the FEMA Region II webinars presented in 2021 has been recorded and archived. If you wish to revisit a webinar you attended or would like to listen to one you missed, or even share with a friend or co-worker, you can find the links on the document linked here [2021 Webinar Catalog](#) which includes the webinar description and recording link for each webinar by category.

Get ahead of the upcoming CERT Radio Training announcements and take your pre-requisite on your own time!

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.

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.



FDNY Smart offers free hands-only CPR classes through the FDNY Mobile CPR Program. The goal of these classes is to equip New Yorkers with the basic skills needed to take action in the event of a cardiac arrest emergency. To sign up for one of our free classes or to schedule a class in your community visit www.fdnysmart.org/cpr/.

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



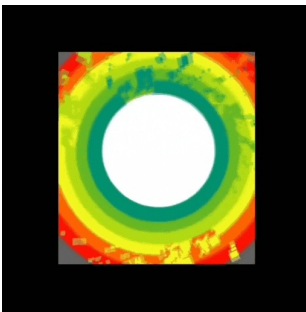
NYCEM's Youtube page
NYC CERT recruitment video
2021 National Volunteer Week video



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



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