

NYC CERT experienced an error within the messaging platform, Constant Contact this past weekend stopping the distribution of the NYC CERT Newsletter. Please see below for the issue as it was intended to be sent this past Saturday, June 3, 2023.

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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.

Message from NYCCEM Commissioner



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Dear NYC CERT Members,

On behalf of NYC Emergency Management, I am expressing my deepest gratitude and appreciation for your invaluable contributions to the City as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member during these challenging times. You have played a crucial role in ensuring the smooth operation of our emergency response efforts, specifically in managing the influx of asylum seekers in our City.

Your work as a CERT member has been key in maintaining our City's respite sites, with your professionalism and commitment shining through in every aspect of your work. Whether skillfully managing registration, overseeing the distribution of vital commodities and food, adeptly managing large crowds of people, or excelling in other areas, your commitment has demonstrated remarkable dedication to our community.

Through your effort, you have created a comforting environment for individuals seeking refuge in our City. I am immensely grateful for your selflessness and your vital support.

Thank you on behalf of New York City Emergency Management and our sister agencies.



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel: CERT MN (Manhattan)

Responding Borough: CERT QNS (Queens)

06/05 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](#)

**QUIZ
OF
THE WEEK**



Sincerely,
Zach Iscol
Commissioner, New York City Emergency Management

Help Now NYC

The screenshot shows the 'Help Now NYC' website. On the left, there are four main sections: 'How to Help Asylum Seekers in NYC' with a sub-section 'Share Your Space!' (encouraging space sharing for emergency operations), 'Share your House of Worship' (survey for donation), 'Make a Donation to Help Asylum Seekers' (link to MOIA website), and 'Volunteer to Help Asylum Seekers' (link to NYC Service). On the right, a 'Quick Links' sidebar lists: 'NYC Emergency Management', 'Notify NYC', 'NYC Severe Weather', 'Ready New York', 'NYC CERT', 'Community Preparedness', 'Partners in Preparedness', 'Know Your Zone', 'Beat the Heat', and 'What if NYC...'. At the bottom left, 'About Help Now NYC' explains the site's purpose during emergencies and advises affiliating with recognized disaster volunteer organizations.

The [Help Now NYC website](#) provides a space to locate information and gain pathways to assist disaster victims and other ongoing operations.

Through this website you can find links and resources to share a space to temporally support emergency operations or even make donations.

If you know people that would even like to volunteer to assist in the ongoing Asylum Seeker operation, pathways can be found on the website. It's important to note that the health and safety of volunteers will always be a priority and while helping others, all volunteers and organizations that accept volunteers must always adhere to current public health guidelines.

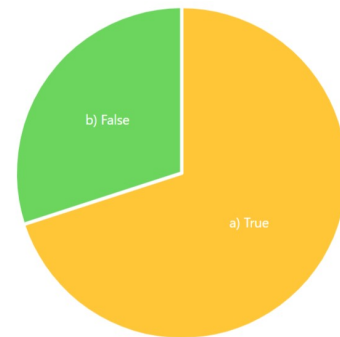
Happy Pride Month

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!

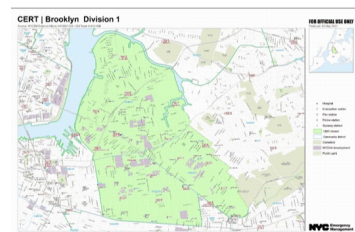
[CLICK HERE FOR THIS WEEK'S QUESTION](#)

Last week's question: True or False: On Memorial Day, to commemorate those that died while serving in the U.S. military, the U.S. flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon.

The correct answer is: **a) True**. At noon, the flag should then be raised to full height until sundown.



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



We here at New York City Emergency Management would like to celebrate and wish everyone a Happy Pride Month!

Pride Month is an annual celebration of the many contributions made by the LGBTQ+ community to history, society and cultures worldwide.

[Click Here](#) to learn more about the history of pride month.

Jamaica Bay Flood Fellowship Program



The New York Sea Grant and the Science and Resilience Institute at Jamaica Bay are launching a new Jamaica Bay Flood Fellowship Program.

They are currently recruiting 15 Flood Fellows to participate in a three-part, in-person 'train the trainer' learning program from late June to September.

Fellows will be positioned as local sources of knowledge on flood forecasting, flood reporting, sea level rise, climate change, and community resilience.

Upon completion of the training, participants will conduct an outreach activity, presentation, or product to share the knowledge more widely within their own community. Volunteers will receive a stipend for participation.

For more information, [click here](#).
Interested participants can [please fill out this form](#).

format) to support recruitment and preparedness planning in your community.

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



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 important city services.

Hurricane Season is Here!



Hurricane Season officially started this past Thursday on June 1st.

NYC Emergency Management encourages New Yorkers to prepare for the upcoming Atlantic Hurricane Season.

Don't wait until it's too late to prepare your family. For more information on how to prepare for coastal storm season, visit [NYC.gov/KnowYourZone](https://nyc.gov/KnowYourZone).

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.

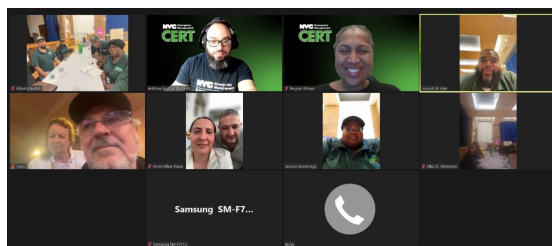
You may upload several items per event/deployment, but only a maximum of three per submission. After submitting, there will be an option to submit three more!

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 Division 7

Brooklyn Division 7 reviewed a busy past few weeks with plenty more to come this summer. They also took a moment to highlight member Albert Khalifeh, as he has participated in 12 volunteer shifts supporting the Asylum Seeker operation. His fellow members were kind enough to present him with a box of homemade cookies.

Thanks Albert and Brooklyn Division 7 for all the great work!

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Brooklyn's 156th Memorial Day Parade in Bay Ridge



NYC CERT volunteers assisted the Memorial Day Parade organizers with traffic and pedestrian management along the parade route, and supported the memorial assembly area in the park with directing the parade vehicles out of the area. Job well done!

Canarsie Memorial Day Parade



This past Saturday, CERT members provided assistance with traffic management and pedestrian safety for the Brooklyn Canarsie Lions Annual Day Parade.

Pictures include House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, Senator Persaud, Assembly member Jaime Williams, and Assembly member Monique Chandler-Waterman.



Community Mayors for Children with Special Needs Outing

This past Wednesday, CERT Brooklyn Division 5 assisted the Community Mayors for Children with Special Needs Outing at the Adventurers Family Entertainment Center in Brooklyn. The members assisted with pedestrian safety and assisted with vehicle traffic as well.



Community Mayors for Children with Special Needs Outing at Deno's Wonder Wheel

Brooklyn Division 5 was requested by the Community Mayors for Children with Special Needs organization to assist with their outing at Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park in Coney Island this past Thursday.

Children with special needs were accompanied by their teachers, parents/guardians and siblings to enjoy the rides and other amusements at Deno's Wonder Wheel Amusement Park.

CERT assisted with the safety of the special needs children and their families in the park, on the rides, and assisted parents with vehicle traffic and crowd control to ensure participant safety.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Brooklyn Pride Parade

Next Saturday, CERT will assist the annual Pride Parade organizers with pedestrian and traffic management along the parade route.

[Register Now: Saturday June 10 | 6:30pm - 10:30pm](#)



5th Annual Knickerbocker Avenue Puerto Rican Day Parade

At the request of the Knickerbocker Ave Puerto Rican Day Parade committee, CERT volunteers will assist with pedestrian traffic and support functions. Please bring your 450Mz radio if you have one.

There will be a parade briefing on Thursday, May 18 at 6:00pm to go over the logistics, safety measures, attire and other imperative information.

[Register Now: Sunday June 11th | 11am - 5pm](#)

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](#)

Ft. Totten Fireworks

On June 27th, 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



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

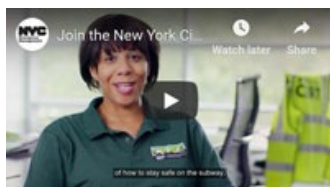
CERT Self-Deployment

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.

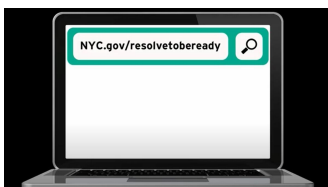
We encourage all CERT to listen to their Division leadership and ask any questions that may come to mind. We also want to encourage all members to review the NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures, Section 5: Operations, Deployment protocol.

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](#)

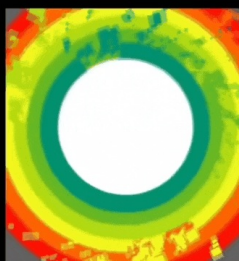


[Resolve to Be Ready Calendar](#)

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](#) & [Spreker](#)) 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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