

NYC Emergency Management CERT **NEWSLETTER**

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

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

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Asylum Seekers Operation



We want to thank all of the NYC CERT volunteers who have provided support in the past few weeks. NYC CERT was requested to support Manhattan's Asylum Seeker Welcome Center. Pictured is Queens Division 3 CERT member, Edward Smalls IV on site last week. Much like a Service Center, volunteers served as flow monitors as busses arrive at the Port Authority Bus Terminal. While we are not



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

10/10/2022 - NO CALL

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

QUIZ OF THE WEEK



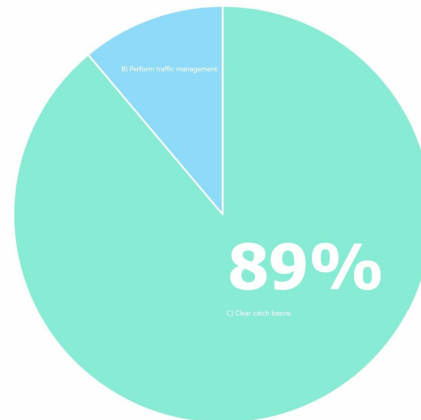
Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your

surprised, The NYC Emergency Management Emergency Operations Center received nothing but excellent feedback from all those working with NYC CERT during this operation. While the role CERT was serving has transitioned at this time, please know that NYC CERT may be requested to continue providing support at a later date. Thank you again for everything!

Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's Quiz of the Week. The correct answer is: **C) Clear catch basins.**

NYC CERT members have a standing deployment request whenever heavy or widespread rain is expected in NYC, to clear the catch basins before the rain can cause flooding conditions. You should feel free to spread this information to the public, as this is good practice for any individual to know.



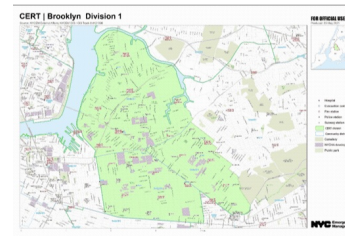
NYC CERT Leadership Positions

experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[Click Here!](#)



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

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



Calling all CERT leaders!

The transition of volunteer leadership for is upon us. We are looking for potential new leadership for the roles of Borough Coordinator, Deputy Borough Coordinator, Division Chief and District Leader. We are encouraged by the amount of interest in leadership expressed by many of the members and we look forward to hearing from more of you.

The following positions are open for your consideration:

Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island:

Borough Coordinator and Deputy Borough Coordinator

BK Division 1: Leaders in District 1, District 3, and District 4

BK Division 2: Division Chief, Leaders in District 2, District 6, and District 7

BK Division 3: Leaders in District 5 and District 16

BK Division 4: Leaders in District 8 and District 9

BK Division 5: Division Chief, Leaders in District 10, District 11 and District 13

BK Division 6: Division Chief, Leaders in District 12, District 14, and District 17

BK Division 7: Division Chief, Leaders in District 15, and District 18

BX Division 1: Division Chief, Leaders in District 1, District 2 and District 3

BX Division 2: Division Chief, Leaders in District 4 and District 5.

BX Division 3: Division Chief, Leaders in District 7 and District 8

BX Division 4: Division Chief

BX Division 5: Leaders in District 11 Leader and District 12 Leader

Click the link below to find the roles and responsibilities for both leadership positions. Please note that the Division Chief and District Leader positions are all appointed by CERT program staff and have a term limit of two years. The term limits exist to offer other members the opportunity to lead and bring new and exciting thoughts, ideas, and leadership skills to the NYC CERT program.



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](#).

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.

[Click here for Division Leadership Roles Description](#)

Please contact **Regina Wilson, CERT Specialist**, to express your interest or inquiries for the available positions of Division Chief and District Leader. She can be reached at Rewilson@oem.nyc.gov or at 347-203-3614.

Thank you again for your consideration

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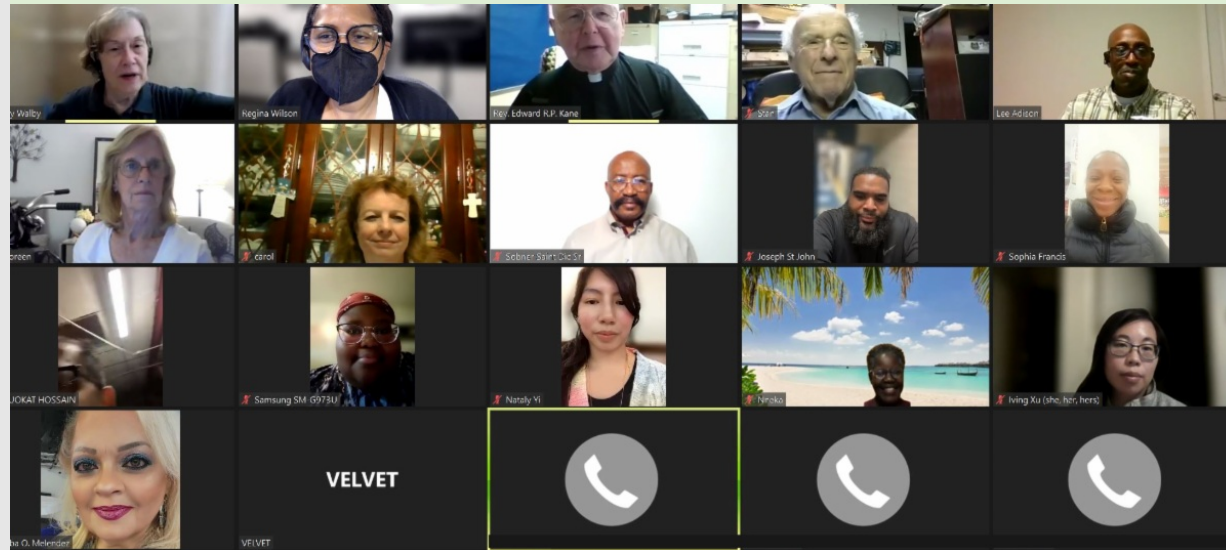
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Queens Division 5



Queens Division 5 members Alice Jena, John Quealy and Richard Dono are pictured above as they participated in the 7th Annual Richmond Hill Park Fair. Photo taken Mohammed Hussain. Nice work team!

Brooklyn Division 7



Brooklyn Division 7 held their monthly Division meeting on Thursday, October 6th. The team discussed new plans for the upcoming months. The Division Chief Nancy Walby also reminded the members of the volunteer opportunities on the CERT calendar and in the weekly newsletter. District leaders Doreen Garson and Sobner Saint Dic Sr. reported district activities. The larger number of team participation allowed many suggestions and new ideas to grow into great plans for the community. Great job BK 7!

Brooklyn Division 5



Brooklyn Division 5 CERT members met earlier this week in a hybrid format with some joining in-person while others were still comfortably participating from home. Great job keeping active!

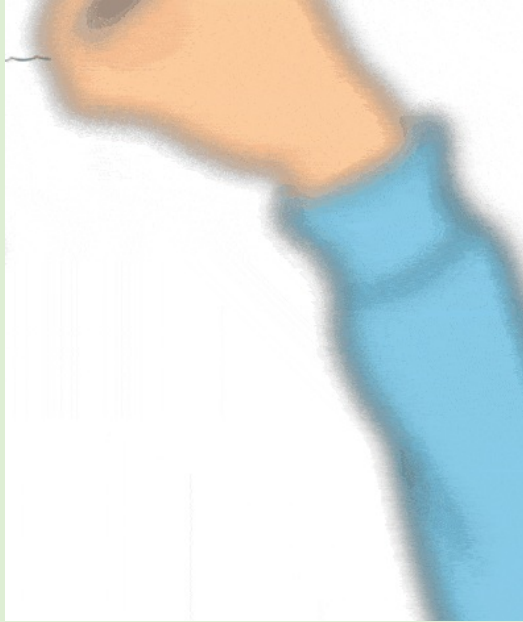


[Download NYC CERT Background](#) for use during CERT meetings and training in a virtual environment (e.g. Microsoft Teams, Zoom, etc.)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NYC CERT CALENDAR

A few members of the CERT Recruitment Group met this week to discuss National Preparedness Month



events and expansion of the group, to better assist all boroughs with recruitment. Recruitment group info sessions will be offered at the start of the monthly meeting, going forward, to enable interested CERT members the opportunity to hear more about this task force and meet current members of the group. This is a great opportunity to be a part of the effort to grow membership in the program. Consider joining us for an info session this year! Dates and registration links below:

[Monday, Oct. 17th at 6:30PM](#)

[Monday, Nov. 21st at 6:30PM](#)

[Monday, Dec. 19th at 6:30PM](#)



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

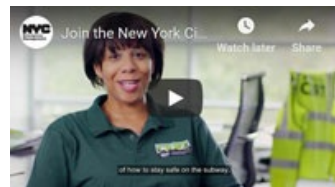
[NYC CERT online platform](#) includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

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

[FEMA Region 2 \(R2\) Webinar Catalog](#) includes all recorded webinars.

COVID-19 Community Conversations: Mental Health, Equity and Resilience **Updated Links*
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.



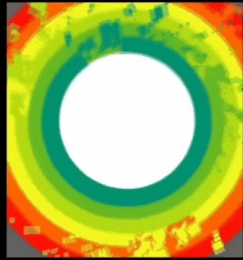
Listen to the NEW episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, Prep Talk ([SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#) & [Spreaker](#)) and ¡Prepárate! on [SoundCloud](#).

New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan have recently declared a public health emergency due to the Monkeypox outbreak.

For regularly updated information on Monkeypox please visit: nyc.gov/monkeypox



[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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