



NEWSLETTER

NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

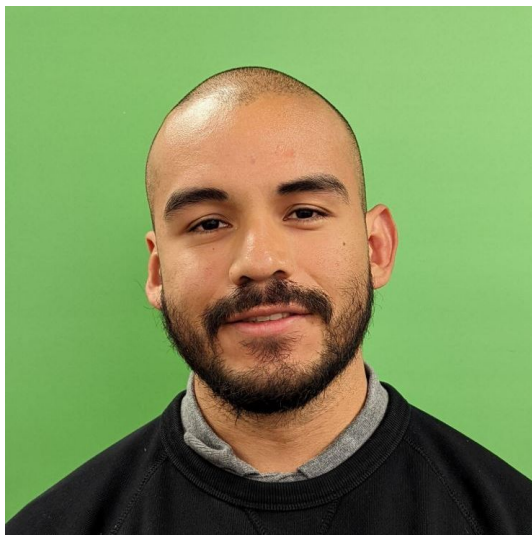
This weekly newsletter should provide you with helpful information that you can share and discuss with your community members.

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AmeriCorps Member Farewell Message

Hi All,

This has been my final week as your CERT AmeriCorps City Service Member! It has been a great experience—and that is, to say the least of it. I consider myself fortunate to have been part of a CERT Program that continues to work tirelessly to make our communities disaster-ready. From NYC CERT Program Staff to CERT Volunteers, your patience and understanding with me have instilled within me a sense of confidence that I hope will carry over into my professional career. All I can say now is thank you.



-Luis Villalba AmeriCorps Member 21'-22'



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

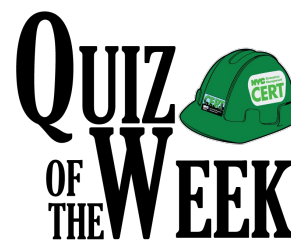
Borough Channel:
CERT SI

7/18 Responding Borough:
Brooklyn

Call Scenario: How Many monthly meetings have you attended this year thus far?

Documents to Review:
[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)
[Call signs per Radio](#)

NYC Emergency Management Nuclear Preparedness PSA



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](#)



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

On July 11, 2022 — New York City Emergency Management Department launched a **new public service announcement (PSA)** that focuses on nuclear preparedness. While the likelihood of a nuclear weapon incident occurring in/near New York City is very low, it is important for New Yorkers to know the steps to stay safe. The new PSA encourages New Yorkers to take key, simple steps in the event of such an incident.

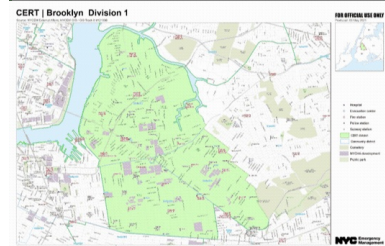
“New York City Emergency Management has a multitude of free resources for New Yorkers to prepare for emergencies, including no-notice events,” said **New York City Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol**. “As the threat landscape continues to evolve, it is important that New Yorkers know we are preparing for any imminent threats and are providing them with the resources they need to stay safe and informed.”

The PSA outlines three key steps New Yorkers should take:

- Get inside.
- Stay inside.
- Stay tuned.

NYC Emergency Management works with several local, state, and federal agencies to organize emergency response. In partnership with NYPD, FDNY, NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, MTA, and FEMA, the agency hosts the **PlanNowNYC website**, which focuses on preparing for terrorist attacks and other no-notice events, including nuclear events, as well as the steps to take if such an event occurs.

The City also uses **several forms of media to alert the public in an emergency**, including **Notify NYC**, the City of New York's free, official emergency communications program. New Yorkers are encouraged to sign up for these free emergency alerts in their preferred language and format by visiting the website at **NYC.gov/notifynyc** or by calling 311.



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

Brooklyn - Bronx - Manhattan - Queens - Staten Island

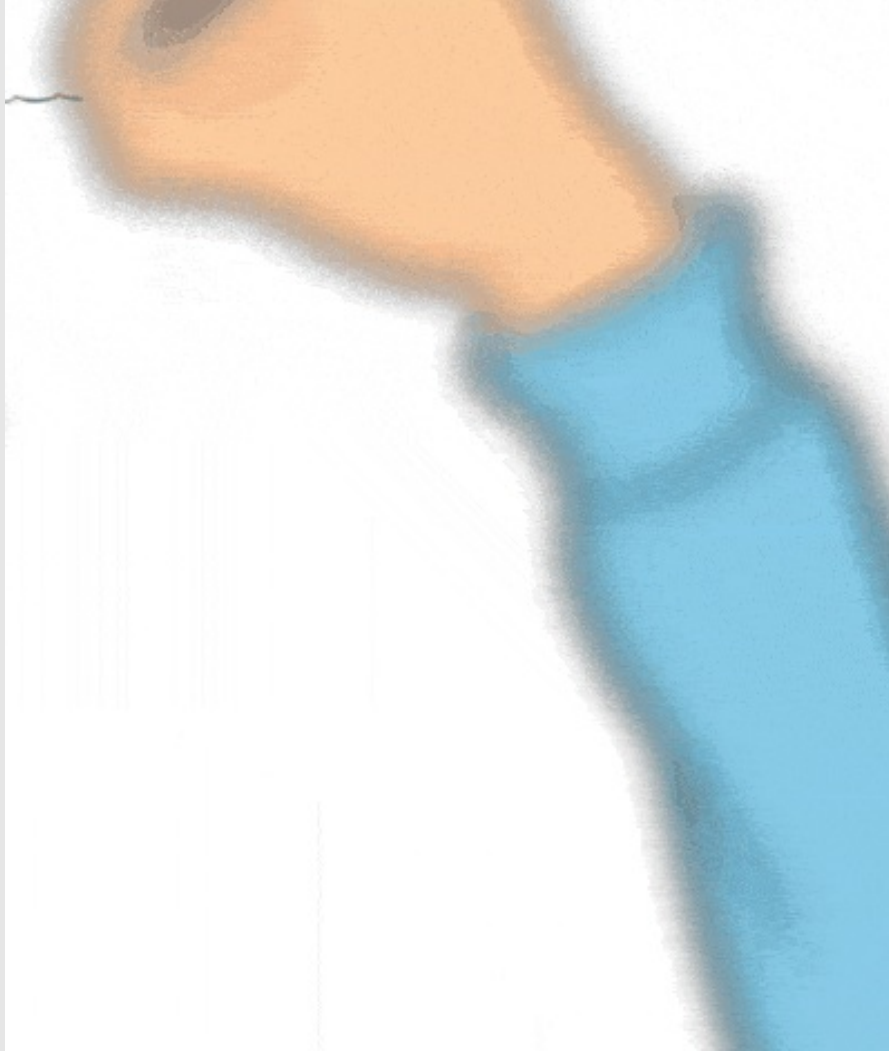


View the **NYC CERT Event Calendar** to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments.

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**.

NYC CERT Recruitment Group – Join Us!



Are you interested in joining a lively group of NYC CERT members who love talking about NYC CERT and assisting division leadership with recruitment plans and activities? Would you like to hear more about how to recruit for your division and learn some recruitment tips and best practices? If so, join us for an info session to learn more about the role of our NYC CERT Recruitment Group members!

Thursday, July 28th at 6:30 PM - Register Here

Reminder: National Night Out



Only CERT members in compliance with the vaccine mandate will continue receiving messaging from NYCEM CERT Program staff. Volunteers who did **not** submit appropriate documentation to meet the vaccine mandate, or request a reasonable accommodation through NYCEM, will be considered inactive until they submit following the below steps.

To submit vaccination records, please email an approved proof of vaccination to: **CERTVaxVerification@oem.nyc.gov**.

Please review the necessary 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.



Get Notified with New York City's official source for information about emergency alerts and important city services. Download the free **Notify NYC**



We want to remind divisions to connect with their local police precincts if they haven't already. To help ensure that NYC CERT leaders have this opportunity, we are providing a citywide contact list of **NYPD Auxiliary Coordinators**. NYC CERT leaders should reach out to the coordinating officers in your local precincts to request CERT participation.

If your division needs more support, please let us know by emailing CERT@oem.nyc.gov and we can help to facilitate that connection to the precinct.

Please submit your **Ready New York Material Request** for National Night Out **ASAP!**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



NYC Parks: Rockaway Beach Support

CERT volunteers are expected to be posted on the boardwalk assisting visitors to the open beach areas together with NYC Parks staff.

****New Shifts Added****

[NYC Parks Support Rockaway Beach Registration, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)



Basic Training Disaster Simulation Support

CERT Volunteers will be supporting the Disaster Simulation as live victims and simulation role players making the graduate class experience as realistic as possible as they close out their 11 sessions of NYC CERT Basic Training. Please sign up to support:

[Tue, Jul 19, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)
[Mon, Jul 25, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

JOIN A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (NYC CERT)

Tired of talk? Get in on the action.

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) are volunteers organized through community boards that receive intensive training in emergency preparedness, fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, and more.

If you are 18 or older and you want to join NYC CERT, please visit: CERTvolunteer.nyc

Training classes will be starting on Feb. 7th in Forest Hills, Queens and seats are limited. Apply now!



CERT Recruitment Event Opportunities at NYCEM Headquarters

This cycle, we are rolling out a new opportunity to do recruitment at NYCEM during a few of the basic training exercises. This is a great way to share information and literature on joining NYC CERT with any passersby that are curious about the exercises taking place outside headquarters. Consider joining other CERTs this summer for this unique opportunity to build membership!

Here are the recruitment event registrations:

[Mon, Jul 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

[Tue, Jul 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

[Mon, Jul 25, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

VR Simulation: Hurricanes and Rip Currents

August 16,
2022



11 AM to
2 PM

Come and experience this VR simulation!

Virtual Reality Simulation: Hurricanes and Rip Currents

Please join us on August 16 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 AM for an immersive experience using a virtual reality simulator showing you the effects of Hurricanes and Rip Currents.

This will be an in-person event at NYC Emergency Management headquarters in Brooklyn, NY.

[VR Simulation: Hurricane and Rip Currents Registration](#)
[Tue, Aug 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)



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

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

FEMA Region II Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteer Corner



The FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division seeks to provide a forum where community emergency management groups, in support of local officials, can share information about activities and best practices. We realize there are many CERT, MRC, VOAD/COAD and other volunteers assisting with COVID-19 response and recovery. If you would like to share your stories and/or photos here, please email deborah.costa@fema.dhs.gov.

Spotlight: NYC CERT Team



NYC CERT Volunteers supporting annual Independence Day hot dog eating contest in Coney Island.

Ready New York Events

Assemblymember Carl E. Heastie's Summer BBQ

Bronx Division 5 CERT members coordinated their first event supporting Assemblymember Carl E. Heastie's Summer BBQ. During the event, members were distributing Ready New York preparedness materials while recruiting for the fall basic training cycle.

Great Job!



Park Slope Farmers Market

Brooklyn Division 2 members also coordinated their first event of the year. The event was initiated by recent graduate and probationary member, Christine Doyle. Of course, there was also support from other division members and Brooklyn leadership.

Well done!



Emergency Operations Center and Watch Command Overview



A great mix of volunteer from around the city were present for the Emergency Operations Center and Watch

Command Overview this past week. Members were provided information on the EOC including when and why is it activated, and how does it work? Members were also given a tour of the Situation Room, EOC (Including the CERT desk and its functions), and Watch Command Operations.

Are you interested in knowing this? Stay tuned for updates on the next session!

Borough Check-in



Brooklyn Borough Coordinator Check-in

This past Tuesday July, 12th, NYC CERT staff had their regular meeting with the Brooklyn Borough Coordinators. This check-in is held bi-weekly where we address any issues or concerns pushed up the communication chain from the Division chiefs and general members.

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



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



DEP overview and CERT support

NYC Department of Environmental Protection will be giving a presentation on the unique DEP operations we have in NYC, while also providing more details on how NYC CERT can support a number of their campaigns.

Advanced Training: CERT DEP Support Registration, Thu, Jul 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite



Ready NY Presenter Training

The Ready NY Presenter Training is an advanced training course designed for CERT members interested in becoming a Ready NY presenter.

Ready NY Presenter Training (In-Person) Registration, Wed, Aug 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite

Coastal Storm Plan Training

As we are fast approaching the upcoming flood season, the Coastal Storm Plan Training Learning Management System is available to volunteers 24/7

Search courses

- ▶ For All Staff Levels
- ▶ Shelter Manager Training
- ▶ Disabilities, Access and Functional Needs (DAFN) Coordinator
- ▶ Shelter Command Center
- ▶ Clinical Provider Training
- ▶ CERT Member Courses
- ▶ Logistics Training
- ▶ CSP Just-in-Time (JIT) Training
- ▶ Additional Resources

▶ Expand all

to be done as either Just In Time training or self-paced training. This is the new training for shelter management and all Coastal Storm Plan staff levels. If you have not created an account you can easily do so on the home page of the site. These credentials are independent of any other credentials you have created in the past for NYC CERT.

Register for Coastal Storm Training here: <https://csptraining.org>



Each of the FEMA Region II webinars presented in 2022 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 [2022 webinar recordings](#) which includes the webinar description and recording link for each webinar by category.

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.

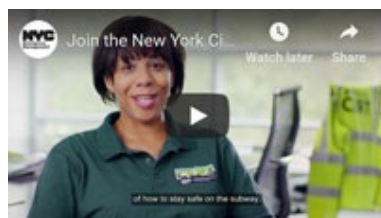


FDNY Smart offers free hands-only CPR classes through the FDNY Mobile CPR Program. The goal of these classes is to equip New Yorkers with the basic skills needed to take action in the event of a cardiac arrest emergency. To sign up for one of our free classes or to schedule a class in your community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



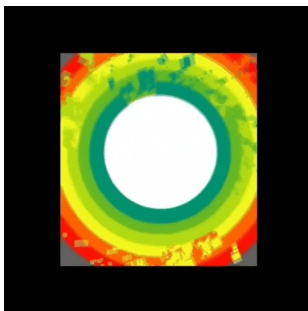
[NYCEM's Youtube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



Listen to the **NEW** episodes of NYCCEM'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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