

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

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CERT SPOTLIGHT



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel:
CERT SI

7/11 Responding Borough:
Queens

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

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



Richard & Cynthia Esposito

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

[CLICK HERE](#)

This month, we would like to highlight our Manhattan Division 2 husband-and-wife duo, Richard and Cynthia Esposito.

Richard and Cynthia have kept very busy with CERT activities since the beginning of their membership, in 2018. Besides the many Ready NY preparedness events that they support, they have also both taken the Ready NY Presenter training, among other advanced training courses, and participated in various other CERT events - the annual National Night Out events, most notably. On top of their preparedness activities, Richard and Cynthia continue to keep their training and skills fresh, if ever needed, by participating in deployments and exercises. Some examples of this include their participation in the last Randall's Island exercise and, during Covid, participation in buddy checks and the MTA mask force deployments.

Richard and Cynthia regularly attend their monthly division meetings and always consider how to better prepare their communities. We appreciate all of their efforts and wanted to highlight them in a well-deserved Spotlight.

Thank you both for your continued volunteerism, and support for the program and your community!



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

Rainfall Ready NYC Action Plan



Plan for Intense Storms



Prepare for the Storm



Monitor Conditions During the Storm



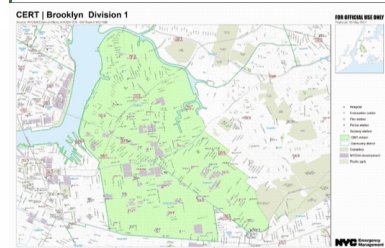
Recover Rapidly After the Storm

Greenhouse gas emissions are changing the climate faster than we can change our infrastructure. New Yorkers can expect rainfall volumes and intensities that our city's infrastructure was not designed to capture. Although the City is transforming the way rainfall is managed, it may take years before residents see the full benefits of these improvements.

Protecting New Yorkers from the damaging effects of stormwater flooding in the immediate term requires action from both the City government and New Yorkers. Rainfall Ready NYC outlines the shared responsibilities New Yorkers and City government can do to combat intense storms, together, today.

Together, we can keep ourselves and our families safe and minimize property damages as larger-scale infrastructure is designed and built.

For more info: [Rainfall Ready NYC - DEP](#)
Interactive Stormwater flooding map: [Experience \(arcgis.com\)](#)



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

Brooklyn - Bronx - Manhattan - Queens - Staten Island

FEMA Webinar



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**.



FEMA

Civil Rights: Before, During, and After Disasters

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm ET

Please join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division for a discussion on the role of civil rights and equity in all phases of a disaster: the before, during, and after.

This presentation will provide an opportunity to learn about various civil rights and obligations at the federal, state, and local level, while showcasing lessons learned from previous disasters. There will be discussion of how NYC Emergency Management and FEMA work to address civil rights and the needs of vulnerable populations. There will also be an overview of the rights of individuals and how community organizations can help ensure equal access to disaster programs for their community.

Who should attend? The whole community – individuals and families, volunteer and faith-based organizations, local, state, federal government and private sector.

Registration: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/civilrights/event/registration.html>

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. To help ensure that NYC CERT leaders have this opportunity, we are providing a citywide contact list of **NYPD Axillary 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**](mailto: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](#)

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:

**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!



[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](#)



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



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.

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

Thank You Letter from Maritza Davila NYS Assemblywoman, 53rd AS



Knickerbocker Avenue Puerto Rican Day Parade

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June 2022

Dear NYC CERT –

On behalf of the Knickerbocker Avenue Puerto Rican Day Committee, we would like to sincerely thank you for volunteering for the 4th Annual Knickerbocker Avenue Puerto Rican Day Parade that took place on Sunday, June 12th, 2022. We had over 1,000 parade participants along with thousands of spectators from across the world who were excited to celebrate this auspicious occasion. You have played a vital role in helping to provide additional support to maintain and assist with crowd control.

Our committee rely heavily on volunteers such as your team and our local police departments to ensure the parade runs smoothly. With your help, the parade ran safely and efficiently. We are humbled by your generosity and your volunteerism.

Thank you again for your unwavering support.

Sincerely,

K.P.R.P.

Knickerbocker Avenue

Puerto Rican Day Parade Committee

cc: Maritza Davila, NYS Assemblywoman, 53rd AD

Robert Camacho, Magnifico Youth Sports Association

Fourth of July Deployments



Coney Island Hot Dog Eating Contest

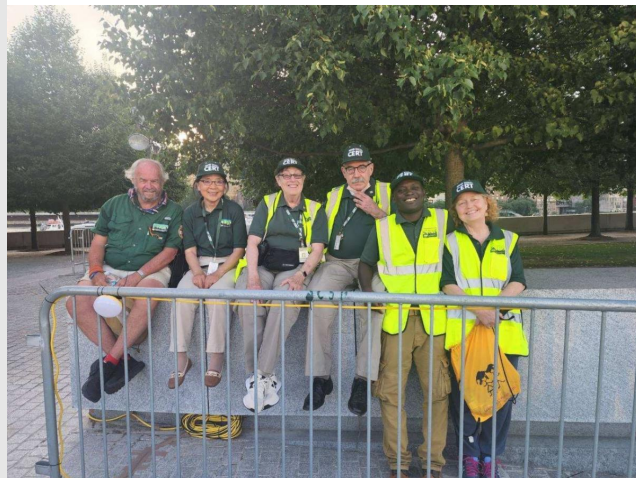
Independence Day started early for Brooklyn Division 5 CERT. While it was led by Division 5 leadership, several members from different boroughs came to assist the famous Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest assisting the 60th Pct with pedestrian management throughout the event.

Long Island City Fireworks Show

Midway through the day, Queens Division 1 CERT led their first Deployment supporting the 108th Pct. in the frozen zone of the Macy's Fireworks show where their role included guiding the public to enter in the appropriate areas. Division members also took the

opportunity to use the event as a point-to-point radio exercise.

As you can see in the accompanying photo, Division Chief Terese Flores and the rest of the deployment team checked in with the NYC Emergency Management's Operations staff at the beginning of their shift.



Roosevelt Island Fireworks Show

At the request of Roosevelt Island's Public Safety, NYC CERT volunteers supported the fireworks show as flow monitors for local and visiting spectators. NYC CERT member Darya Matskin was provided the opportunity to lead her first and very successful deployment that included volunteers from outside of Manhattan.

Good Job Darya and team!

NYC CERT Basic Training



Basic Training participants are now midway through the current training cycle. This past week they practiced fire safety and light Search and Rescue Operations. Led by FDNY instructors, the students not only participated in hands-on exercises, but discussed the importance of sharing the knowledge gained during these training sessions with the public once they complete the course. As we always remind NYC CERT volunteers, when we are in "blue sky days" without incident, individual preparedness is a key responsibility of NYC CERT and a fantastic way to support your community.

Monthly Division Meetings

Brooklyn Division 7

This past Thursday, Brooklyn Division 7 CERT



logged on to their monthly Division meeting. Several announcements were provided by Division Chief Nancy Walby, including the establishment of a new relationship with a local precinct that was previously difficult to connect with. We'll now see volunteers recruiting and distributing preparedness material at this year's National Night Out!

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



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Emergency Operations Center and Watch Command

You will take a deep dive into NYC Emergency Management operations, the Emergency Operations Center, Watch Command Operations, and lastly, the NYC CERT volunteer support role.

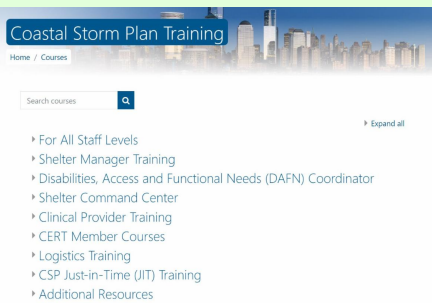
Emergency Operations Center & NYCEM Watch Command Registration, Wed, Jul 13, 2022, at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite



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



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 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



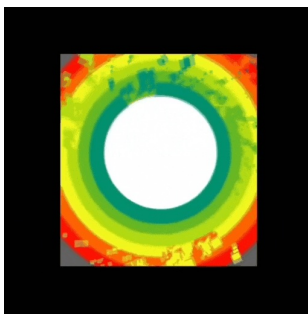
NYCEM's Youtube page
NYC CERT recruitment video
2021 National Volunteer Week video



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 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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