

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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Juneteenth Freedom Day



Tomorrow is Juneteenth, a holiday that celebrates the end of slavery in the United States. Juneteenth, which falls on June 19th, marks the anniversary of the day federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to announce that all enslaved people were free. Coming two and half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, it is recognized as the effective end of slavery in the United States. It is widely considered the longest-running African American holiday. On June 17, 2021, Juneteenth was officially designated as a federal holiday.

This NYC resource compiles several [lists of black-owned businesses you can support](#)

visit: [PBS](#) and [the National Museum of African American History & Culture](#).

Find local events by visiting [NYC Juneteenth Event Finder](#).

National Night Out Against Crime



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL


6/20: No Call

Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)

QUIZ OF THE WEEK



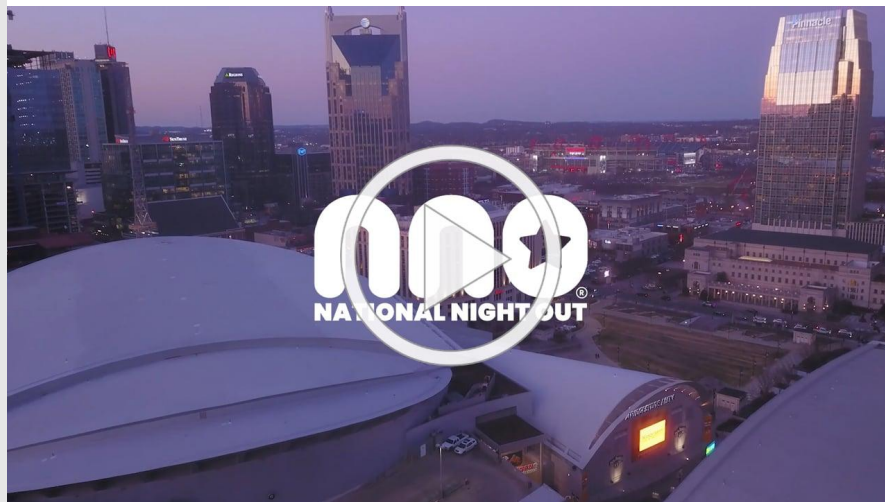
Each week we will have a survey with questions that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or your experience as a member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[CLICK HERE](#)



The NYPD will once again be hosting in-person events in all five boroughs to educate the public on crime prevention and personal safety while encouraging a stronger relationship between neighbors and law enforcement in local communities.

We encourage 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 Auxiliary Coordinators. NYC CERT leaders should reach out to the coordinating officers to request CERT participation.



Please, remind the general membership to send information pertaining to upcoming events to the division's Ready New York (RNY) Liaison for proper event coordination and material request. If you do not have an RNY Liaison, the Division Chief or District Leader will send in the request for the event.

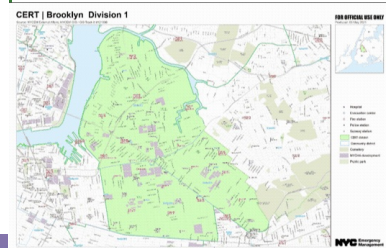
If you have questions, please contact NYC CERT Staff at CERT@oem.nyc.gov

Here is a list of [NYPD Axillary Coordinators](#)

Please submit your material request by no later than July 8th [Ready New York Material Request](#)



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](#)



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](#).

Overview of NYC Emergency Management



NYC Emergency Management continues to evolve and adapt to the needs of New Yorkers and our communities, Here you have a 30-minute video of who is NYC Emergency Management and where NYC CERT volunteers support the agency and city.

Overview Objectives:

- Emergency Management Overview
- Emergency Preparedness
- Field Response
- Emergency Operations Center
- Resource Management
- Recovery

Quiz of the Week

Thank you to all who participated in last week's **Quiz of the Week**. The correct answer is: a) their division/district leadership. Everyone answered correctly!

The Division Chief is the contact for all credentialing questions. In cases where the Division Chief position is vacant, members may reach out to their District Leader. For further information on the Communication Structure, please refer to page 7 of the NYC CERT Standard Operating procedures. As mentioned, whenever receiving a new ID, members should always return their old/expired one.

Please review your **NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures** (<https://on.nyc.gov/NYccertSOPs>)



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**

The National AFN Symposium

SAVE THE DATE
National AFN Symposium

This online event will highlight forward-leaning, inclusive, innovative practices in emergency management.

Organizers

Sponsors

July 19-20, 2022
12-3 PM ET Daily

The graphic features a hand holding stylized human figures in various colors. Logos for IAEM, Cal OES, Colorado Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, and NYU are listed under Organizers. Logos for American Red Cross and Big City are listed under Sponsors.

The National AFN Symposium will bring the disability community together with emergency managers, disaster planners, and first responders from across the country in an online forum to foster an environment of trust and understanding vital to advancing the mission of access and functional needs throughout the nation.

Organized by the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (CDHSEM), and New York University (NYU), the Symposium will highlight forward-leaning, inclusive, innovative practices in emergency management from across the nation. The event is sponsored by Big City Emergency Managers and the American Red Cross.

The National Symposium will be held, virtually on July 19 & 20, 2022 from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EDT)

[Register here: National Access and Functional Needs Symposium Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CERT Recruitment Event Opportunities at NYCEM

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

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!



the exercises taking place outside headquarters. Consider joining other CERTs this summer for this unique opportunity to build membership! Four dates are available.

Here are the recruitment event registrations:
[CERT Recruitment Event - NYC Emergency Management headquarters \(Brooklyn\) Registration, Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

[CERT Recruitment Event - NYC Emergency Management headquarters \(Brooklyn\) Registration, Mon, Jul 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

[CERT Recruitment Event - NYC Emergency Management headquarters \(Brooklyn\) Registration, Tue, Jul 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

[CERT Recruitment Event - NYC Emergency Management headquarters \(Brooklyn\) Registration, Mon, Jul 25, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

4th Of July Independence Day Deployments



Long Island City

CERT volunteers will be supporting 108th Precinct with traffic and pedestrian control for the fireworks / Independence Day celebration in Long Island City

[Independence Day Long Island City Fireworks show Support Registration, Mon, Jul 4, 2022 at 5:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Roosevelt Island

CERT volunteers will be supporting pedestrian control for the fireworks/Independence Day celebration in Roosevelt Island.

[Independence Day Roosevelt Island Fireworks Show Support Registration, Mon, Jul 4, 2022 at 4:00 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



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



Brooklyn Community Board 3 Senior Luncheon and Fair

CERT members supported the NYCEM Vax Ed staff at the Annual Senior Luncheon and Fair. ReadyNY preparedness, Know your Zone, and CERT recruitment material were all distributed through the event.

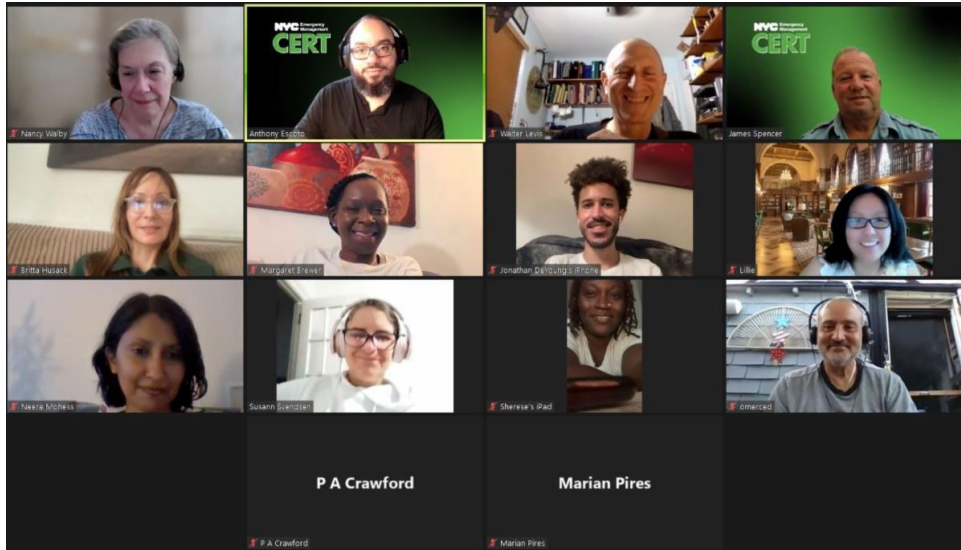
Thank you!

Richmond Hill Block Association 13th annual Pet Fair

On Saturday, June 13th Richard Dono Queen District 9 Leader, and another district member were together distributing ReadyNY materials to the local community.



Urban 2: Transportation



Wednesday, June 15th both probationary and active members took the Urban 2 Advanced/refresher training. As such a unique infrastructure we have in our City that we use on a daily basis commuting from one community to another.

Thank you all for attending!

Monthly Division Meetings

Manhattan Leadership

On Monday June 13th Manhattan Division Leadership gathered with the Borough Coordinators. Many upcoming events and maintaining relationships with community organizers for recurring events.

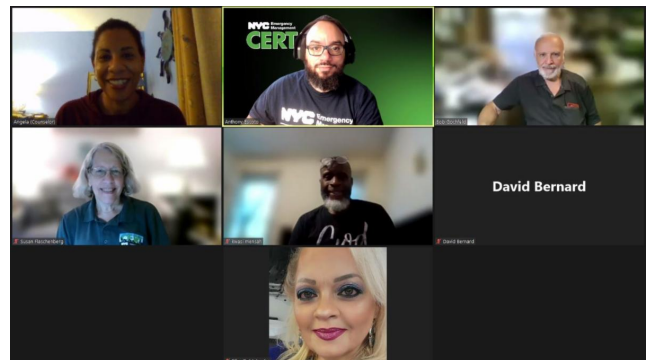


Brooklyn Borough Coordinator Check in

On Tuesday June 14th Brooklyn Division Borough Coordinators had their bi-weekly check-in with program staff. This meeting is held to check in on any Division or District leaders needs requests or support needed also where information and announcements are provided to the Coordinators to disseminate amongst leadership.

Brooklyn Leadership

On Thursday June 16th, Brooklyn Borough Coordinators hosted their monthly leadership meeting. A structured agenda and amplification of information and updates from program staff to all leaders in attendance. National Night out events and Fourth of July Citywide support.





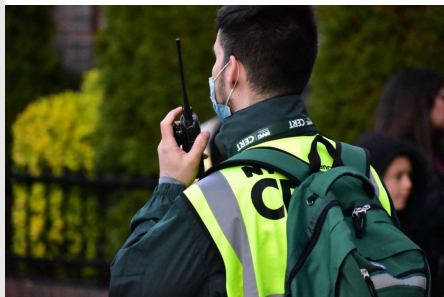
Manhattan Division 4

Division Chief Wade Trefethen hosted his last meeting as an NYC CERT member. Volunteer leadership is now needed in Division 4. Program staff provided a brief overview of the responsibilities and support that's provided to the members.

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



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Point to Point Radio Training (In- Person)

Learning Objectives

- Local Point to Point Network
- UHF Radios 450 MHZ
- Radio Terminology
- Call Protocol and Proper Communication Procedures

Exercise

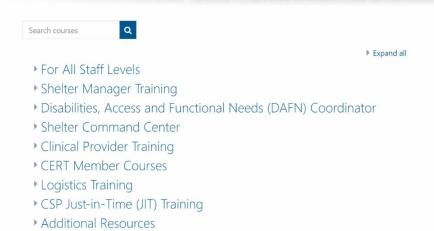
As part of the Point to Point radio training, there's a mandatory to be done outdoors.

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.

[Advanced Training: Point-to-Point Basic Radio Training Registration, Sun, Jun 26, 2022 at 9:00 AM | 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.

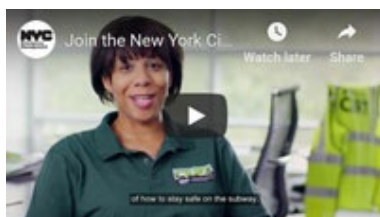


FDNY Smart offers **free** hands-only CPR classes through the FDNY Mobile CPR Program. The goal of these classes is to equip New Yorkers with the basic skills needed to take action in the event of a cardiac arrest emergency. To sign up for one of our free classes or to schedule a class in your community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



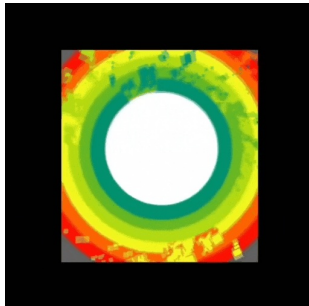
[NYCEM's Youtube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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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