

# 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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## National Preparedness Month

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As NYC CERT volunteers, your CERT Divisions should be planning to participate in or host a preparedness event for National Preparedness Month. Please let us know how we can help!

Please see below for all upcoming events National Preparedness Month Events hosted by NYC Emergency Management.



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL


09/05 - Labor Day - 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

Find more information on our website: [nyc.gov/nationalpreparednessmonth](https://nyc.gov/nationalpreparednessmonth)

## 2022 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH EVENTS

Learn about the steps you can take to prepare for emergencies in NYC

### Virtual Events

SEPTEMBER 1 at 4:00 PM	Emergency Preparedness Trivia with FEMA
SEPTEMBER 6 at 12:00 PM	Community Preparedness Open House
SEPTEMBER 8 at 11:00 AM	Is Your Organization Ready?
SEPTEMBER 13 at 1:00 PM	Creating Communication Strategies for Emergencies
SEPTEMBER 20 at 1:00 PM	Communities Can be Language Ready for Emergencies
SEPTEMBER 21 at 2:00 PM	ReadyFest for Older Adults with VSC
SEPTEMBER 29 at 1:00 PM	Documentation Protection

### In-Person Events

SEPTEMBER 15 from 11:00 - 3:00 PM	Pets and Service Animal Preparedness Fair	
SEPTEMBER 18 from 11:00 - 3:00 PM	Emergency Preparedness Day at the Staten Island Children's Museum	*Admission to museum is free.
SEPTEMBER 24 from 12:00 - 4:00 PM	Family Day at the Bronx Zoo	*The zoo fee is needed for admission.

Visit [nyc.gov/NPM](https://nyc.gov/NPM) for information and registration to virtual events.



## Post-Tropical Cyclone Ida

# POST-TROPICAL CYCLONE IDA

## NEW YORK CITY IMPACTS & RECOVERY

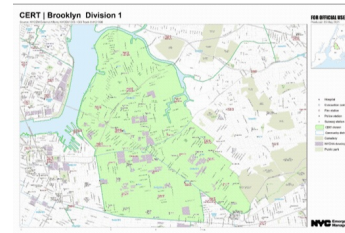
For the one-year anniversary of Post Tropical Cyclone (PTC) Ida, NYC Emergency Management's Recovery and Risk Team compiled a 2-page summary that identifies the impacts from the storm and response/recovery operations the city implemented.

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

[Click Here!](#)



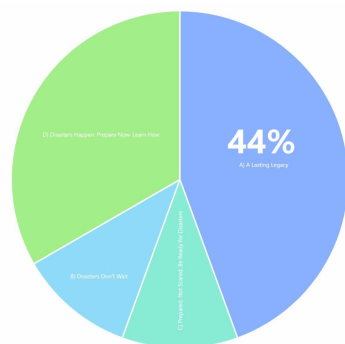
The [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#) provides guidance and outlines policies and procedures for you and your team to follow.



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

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

## Quiz of the Week



Thank you to all who participated in last week's Quiz of the Week. The correct answer is: **A) A Lasting Legacy.**

Come on, people! This was an easy one. All you had to do was visit [nyc.gov/npm](http://nyc.gov/npm) to get your answer. Another place where you can find preparedness tips is at

Ready.gov: <https://www.ready.gov/september>.

This year the theme highlights the following message, "The life you've built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family." Think about the steps you can take now to better prepare your family and keep them safe during emergencies. The [My Emergency Plan](#) is a great place to start!

## Day of Action Flood Prevention Awareness



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As climate change intensifies government, community orgs, and residents must work together to protect our neighborhoods. Today, @nycemergencymgt is getting #Bronxites ready for National Preparedness Month. #NPM reminds us that the time to prepare for an emergency is now.



NYC CERT volunteers were deployed to thirteen different train stations identified by the NYC Transportation Authority that are most prone to flooding. NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Zachary Iscol and Chief of Staff Yokarina Duarte joined members at the Longwood Avenue



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.



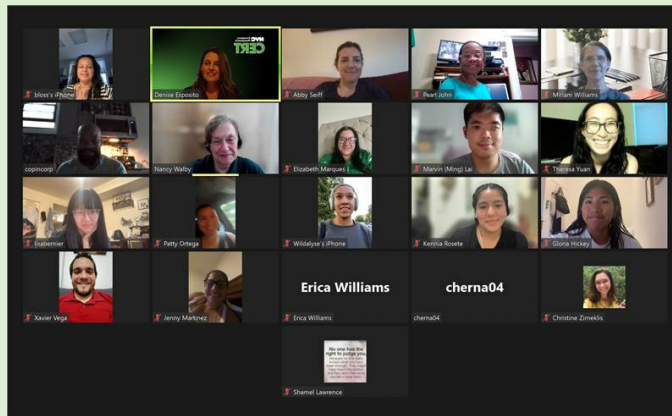
Your NYC CERT Ready New York Liaison can submit a [Ready New York Material Request](#) for upcoming events.

subway station, as they distributed flooding preparedness material to commuters during the morning rush hour.

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## VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY



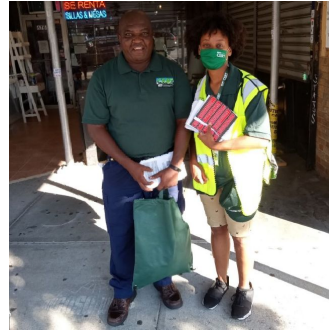
### CERT Orientation

NYC CERT applicants attended an orientation session with CERT staff this week to receive an overview of the program policies, expectations and the ways that NYC CERT members engage with their communities and NYCEM. Orientation is also helpful in answering any questions that candidates may have and it provides CERT staff with information on where candidates heard about the program. It was a nice group and thanks to CERT Recruitment Group member, Nancy Walby, for joining and supporting!

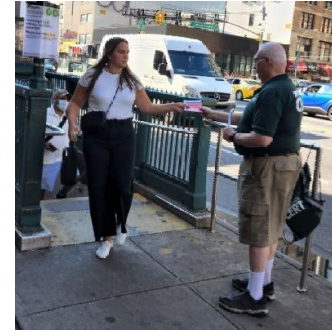
## Day of Action: Flood prevention awareness Recap



**Britta Hussack, BK Div 4**  
Brooklyn - Utica Street



**Michaela Warnsley, MN Div 4**  
**Charles Udho, MN Div 4**  
Manhattan - Dyckman Street



**Chris Castillo, MN Div 1**  
Manhattan - Canal Street

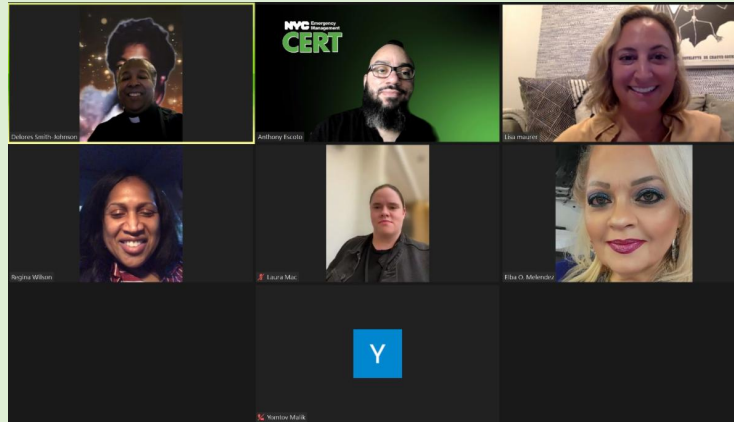
**Ella Owens, BX Div 4**

**Obeng Fripong, BX Div 1**

**William Rivera, BX Div 4**

**Shirley SanAndreas-Alonzo, BX Div 4**

**Bronx - Longwood Avenue**



### Brooklyn Division 1

This past week program staff facilitated the Brooklyn Division 1 monthly meetin with the continued support of the Deputy Borough coordinator.

### Brooklyn Borough Coordinator Check-in

On Tuesday, August 23rd program staff had their bi-weekly check-in with the Brooklyn Borough Coordinator Angela Thompson and Deputy Borough Coordinator Elba Melendez. During these meetings

staff has the opportunity to amplify information and discuss any needs or concerns from general membership up to the coordinators themselves.



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

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Pets and Service Animal Preparedness Fair

**Date: Thursday, September 15**  
**Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**Location: Union Square**

#### Resources Include:

- Ready NY Emergency Preparedness Plans
- Dept. of Health - Dog Licensing
- ASPCA Crime Prevention Vehicle
- American Red Cross Pet Trailer
- FDNY Smokehouse and more...



### NYC Emergency Management's Pet and Service Animal Preparedness Fair

CERT volunteers are expected to support this annual event by distributing flyer and also recruiting for NYC CERT Basic Training

**Thursday, September 15, 2022, 11:00 AM**

## NYC CERT CALENDAR

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.

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



### **Mid Autumn Moon Festival- Gracie Mansion**

The Mid-Autumn Festival is also called the “Moon Festival.” It falls on a full moon night between mid-September and early October. The next Mid-Autumn Festival is Saturday, September 10, 2022.

The Mayor's Office of Special Events is holding a reception at Gracie Mansion and is requesting CERT volunteers for Flow Monitors and tabling at the event for all guests.

**Friday, September 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM**



### **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](#)



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

The logo for "READY NEW YORK". The word "READY" is in large, bold, black letters on a yellow rectangular background. Below it, the words "NEW YORK" are in large, bold, black letters on a white background.

### ReadyNY Presenter Training

Prepare! CERT program is kicking off National Preparedness Month with a Virtual ReadyNY presenters training. As the ReadyNY program is the backbone of the NYC CERT mission Prepare!

[Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:30 PM](#)



### NYC Department of Environmental Protection Overview

The NYC Department of Environmental Protection will be going through the City infrastructure and the various ways all New Yorkers can support and how CERT volunteers support the Flash Flood Plan Activation.

[Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM](#)

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

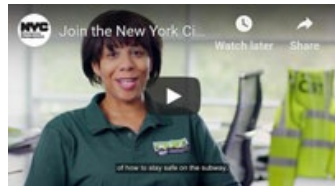
Schedule free training for your Division at [FDNY Smart Fire Safety](#).

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



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](#)



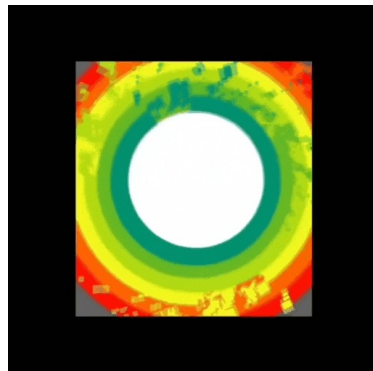
[Resolve to Be Ready Calendar](#)  
Regular reminders in simple steps that can help you work preparedness into your busy schedule.



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](https://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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