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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.

As a reminder, NYC CERT members must submit all volunteer hours **HERE**.

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Severe Weather this Weekend



A **severe thunderstorm watch** is in effect for New York City until 11 PM tonight, Saturday, July 17. Prepare for power outages and remain alert for potential warnings. A **flash flood watch** is in effect for New York City until 6 AM on Sunday, July 18. A **heat advisory** is also in effect for New York City until 8 PM tonight.

As always, be sure that you are prepared. Make an emergency plan with members of your household so you know what to do, how to find each other, and how to communicate in an emergency.

For more information on how to prepare visit <u>NYC Severe Weather</u>. For real-time weather updates, visit the <u>National Weather Service</u>.

As a public resource, NYC Emergency Management has the <u>Choose Your Own Path to Preparedness:</u> <u>Stuck Inside a Heatwave</u> guide that leads readers through a series of actions and allow them to pick what they would do to prepare for and respond to an emergency.

The guide is available in <u>English</u> and in an <u>audio</u> <u>format</u>.

NYCEM's **BEAT THE HEAT** website is your destination for everything you need to know about extreme heat in New York City including how to stay cool. help your neighbors to #BeatTheHeat







MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Channel: Staten Island Responding Borough for 7/19: Brooklyn Call Scenario: Have you participated in your virtual division meetings?

Documents to Review: Citywide Radio Drill Refresher Call signs per Radio



View the *NEW_NYC CERT Event* <u>Calendar</u> to see upcoming training, meetings, and planned deployments including National Night Out events that teams are scheduled to participate in.

After you participate, be sure to **Submit Your Volunteer Hours**!

NYC CERT Basic Training



NYC CERT Basic training concluded this past Thursday for one of our currents classes with a Disaster Simulation at NYCEM headquarters. During this final exercise, students are tested on all of the knowledge that they have gained during the previous sessions.

This coming Monday, we are hosting a second Disaster Simulation and are requesting a small number of volunteers to support as live victims. If interested, please **<u>Register Here</u>**.



READY NEW YORK

If your division is hosting or participating in an upcoming event, please complete the <u>Event Request</u> <u>form</u> to have your opportunity published through Eventbrite.com for members to register.

Submit your <u>Ready New York</u> <u>Material Request</u> for upcoming preparedness events.

All National Night Out material requests must be submitted no later than Monday, July 19th. Orders will be sent out later that week.

Get Notified with New York City's official source for information about emergency alerts and important city services. Download the free <u>Notify NYC</u> mobile app, available for <u>iOS</u> and <u>Android</u>.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Roosevelt Island Food Pantry Support Fridays, July 23, 12 PM - 7 PM

Volunteers will be supporting the distribution and food sorting with other volunteers and Roosevelt Island Public Safety, who will be ensuring that proper social distancing is in place at all times.



The Hudson in Dyckman Marina in Inwood Hill Park Mondays, 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM



Photo: NYC CERT members supporting the Roosevelt Island Food Pantry in March 2021.

Bay Ridge 5th Avenue Open Street <u>Fridays, 4 PM - 7 PM</u>

NYC CERT EVENT CALENDAR



Join the Mask Force

NYC CERT continues to support the MTA by helping to distribute masks to MTA customers. Please register for one of the various locations and sites throughout the five boroughs.

Register Now

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Division Meetings



Brooklyn Division 6 CERT members held their monthly meeting on July 8th. Members discussed future plans to for in-person meetings while still following current CDC guidelines. District Leader David Rabinowitz encouraged members to step into leadership roles to assist with the needs of the division and support community related activity.

Brooklyn Division 5 CERT members held their first inperson meeting since COVID-19. During this meeting the team discussed upcoming in-person events like the Brighton beach Jubilee which is the largest in their area. They also did some planning on how they could distribute the preparedness items they purchased with grant funding to the public.



Preparedness Event



Brooklyn Division 5 Chief, Susan Flaschenberg participated in the City of Water Day last Saturday in Coney Island, where she helped to distribute Ready New York Heat preparedness material.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Brooklyn Division 4 Chief, Mikeala Sparks hosted <u>FDNY</u> <u>Smart Safety Education Program</u> this past Thursday outside of NYCEM headquarters. This training is offered by FDNY to eliminate residential fire deaths in New York City.



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NYC CERT online platform includes online courses to support volunteer growth.

Schedule a free Fire Safety training for your Division: FDNY Smart Fire Safety

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 latest episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, Prep Talk (SoundCloud, iTunes & Spreaker) and *¡Prepárate!* on **SoundCloud**.



For information on COVID-19 in New York City visit the COVID-19 Citywide Information Portal NYC CERT COVID-19 Response Data as of 07/10/2021 :

- Unique Deployments: 47
- Days for COVID-19 Operation: 352
- Shifts Covered: 1,258
- Volunteers Deployed: 278
- Volunteer Hours Reported: 8,867.75

Submit all of your Volunteer Hours (https://on.nyc.gov/CERThours)



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