

**ACTIVATION STATUS:** NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER IS ACTIVATED.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Program staff will respond to inquiries and requests as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and support.



#### MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

Borough Channel:

***CERT MN***

**11/20 Responding Borough:**

No Response

Documents to Review:

**[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)**

**[Call signs per Radio](#)**

NYC Emergency Management is requesting that NYC CERT members check catch basins in their area.

Use NYCDEP Citywide Catch Basins Map to find the catch basins by entering your home address or using your current location. NYC CERT members can assist the Department of Environmental Protection to help avoid flooding and backups.

#### Operational Role:

- Safely clearing catch basins in your area using a broom or rake
- If the basin is clogged below the grate, file a report by calling 311
- DO NOT attempt to lift or remove the grate
- Report any actions taken by completing the form found in the

following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/Uk76ezbH6hMGQNZE3>

Always follow the [NYC CERT SOPs](#) when deploying, including contacting NYCEM Watch Command to deploy and stand-down.

In Response to:

**Tuesday:**

- A 30 percent chance of rain after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 53.

**Tuesday Night**

- Rain. Low around 45. Breezy. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

**Wednesday**

- Rain likely before noon, then a chance of showers after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. Breezy. Chance of precipitation is 60%.



This is a good time to take the appropriate steps towards preparedness. Encourage your community to sign up for emergency alerts via Notify NYC, available in 13 languages and American Sign Language, at [nyc.gov/notifynyc](http://nyc.gov/notifynyc), follow Notify NYC on Twitter [@NotifyNYC](https://twitter.com/NotifyNYC), and download the free mobile application for your smart device. Visit <http://www.nyc.gov/oem> for more tips on preparedness.

## Men's Health Awareness Month / International Men's Day

It's time to celebrate the gentlemen in our lives and acknowledge the importance of their health and wellbeing. With the support of 80 countries, this Sunday, November 19th marks International Men's Day. This year's theme, **Healthy men, Healthy World!** emphasizes the importance of prioritizing health for a better world.



Since 2003, men from all walks of life have joined forces to raise awareness and change the face of men's health by growing mustaches. And this year, we're taking things up a notch! We're calling on all men to take charge of their health by making healthy choices and leading by



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



[View and Download the Complete NYC CERT Basic Training Student Manual](#)

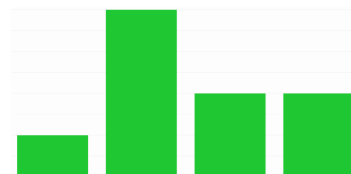
# Quiz



Each week we will propose a quiz question that relates back to lessons learned during NYC CERT training or from your experience as an active member. The answer will be revealed in the following week's newsletter. Good Luck!

[CLICK HERE FOR THIS WEEK'S QUIZ](#)

The previous question was actually a poll to gauge member interest: *What is your personal preference for CERT activity?*



The most popular choice was:  
Preparedness Presentations

You'll be happy to know that we are working to schedule a number of Ready New York Presenter training sessions in the new year!

example for the upcoming generation of men.

## Get involved

[Grow a Moustache](#)

[Run or Walk 60 Miles over the Month of November](#)

[Host a Mo-Ment](#)

## Educate Yourself

Read more about [International Men's Day](#), [Movember](#), and find resources for [Men's Health](#).

## Thanksgiving Fire Safety Tips



- Drop down to the floor and crawl low, under any smoke to your exit. Heavy smoke and poisonous gases collect first along the ceiling.
- Before opening a door, feel the doorknob and door. If either is hot, or if there is smoke coming around the door, leave the door closed and use your second way out.
- If you open a door, open it slowly. Be ready to shut it quickly if heavy smoke or fire is present.
- If you can't get to someone needing assistance, leave the home and call 9-1-1 or the fire department. Tell the emergency operator where the person is located.
- If pets are trapped inside your home, tell firefighters right away.
- If you can't get out, close the door and cover vents and cracks around doors with cloth or tape to keep smoke out. Call 9-1-1 or your fire department. Say where you are and signal for help at the window with a light-colored cloth or a flashlight.
- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop and roll – stop immediately, drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out. If you or someone else cannot stop, drop and roll, smother the flames with a blanket or towel. Use cool water to treat the burn immediately for three to five minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help right away by calling 9-1-1 or the fire department.

For more information please visit: <https://www.ready.gov/home-fires>

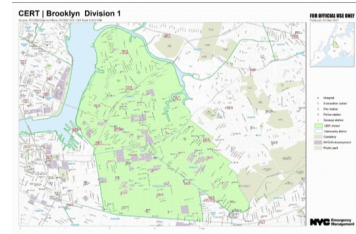
## The Escape Plan: Test Your Fire Safety Skills

In this [virtual and augmented reality experience](#), you are racing against the clock to escape from an apartment fire. You will have to navigate through several rooms and make fast decisions to avoid danger. Are you up for the challenge?



**Ready New York Presenter:** The Ready New York Program is NYC Emergency Management's public outreach campaign to educate New Yorkers on basic emergency preparedness. This training is designed to introduce you to the Ready New York materials and concepts and to review basic presentation techniques. At the end, each participant will practice giving a small portion of the presentation and will receive feedback to strengthen your public speaking skills.

For more information on the Ready New Program, visit: <http://nyc.gov/readyny>



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](#).

# READY NEW YORK

**PATH TO PREPAREDNESS:  
EMPOWERING COMMUNITY ACTION**

# The 12th Annual Community Preparedness Symposium

## CALL FOR PRESENTERS



**March 6, 2024**



**Baruch College  
New York, NY**

Scan the QR code or visit  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYC-EM2024Symposium>

**Submission Deadline:  
December 1, 2023**



[Click Here for more info](#)

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](#) mobile app, available for [iOS](#) and [Android](#).

## Send Us Your Photos!



*Help us celebrate 20 years of CERT in New York City by sending us your photos and videos from your event at [on.nyc.gov/CERTupload](https://on.nyc.gov/CERTupload)*

Please note **Date** (including year), **Borough**, **Division (or team)**, **Event**, **members included** (if available).

If you have any questions, please contact us at [cert@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov). Thank you!

**Download Photos from the Gracie Mansion Anniversary Event**

## Have Questions? Let's Chat!



support. While your first step in answering program-related questions should be to speak with your volunteer leadership, you can always schedule a meeting or even a quick chat with program staff to answer questions, note concerns, provide suggestions, or even to tell us how wonderful of a job we're doing...

You can book a meeting here:  
<https://on.nyc.gov/bookCERT>

You may choose from the following services (direct links):

[CERT Pick-up \(In-Person\)](#)  
[General Questions](#)  
[CERT ID Questions](#)

[Advanced Training Exercises/ Tabletops](#)  
[NYC CERT Operations](#)

[Leadership Interest](#)  
[Division Discussion](#)  
[Borough Discussion](#)

**Step 1)** After selecting the service (topic) you will be provided a calendar view with accompanying dates and times for staff availability. A staff member with specific knowledge of the chosen service will be assigned to the scheduled meeting.

SELECT A SERVICE

<p>CERT Pick-up (In-Person)</p> <p>This service is to schedule a date and time to... Read more</p> <p>Free · 15 minutes</p>	<p>CERT ID Questions</p> <p>This service is to provide support for any q... Read more</p> <p>Free · 30 minutes</p>
<p>General Questions</p> <p>Please select this service if you have genera... Read more</p> <p>Free · 30 minutes</p>	<p>Leadership Interest</p> <p>This service is for any current members wh... Read more</p> <p>Free · 30 minutes</p>

**Step 2)** Upon booking this meeting, you will receive an email confirmation to the email address provided. If something comes up or you are unable to attend the meeting, just send an email to [cert@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:cert@oem.nyc.gov) letting us know and you can go through the scheduling process again to find a new date and time.

October 11

DATE

TIME

< > October 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:00 AM
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	11:30 AM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	4:30 PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	5:00 PM	5:30 PM	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28			
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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



### MHHC Community Unity Walk & Clean Up

Members will help clean up the community street sidewalks by picking up debris with equipment provided by the NYC Department of Sanitation.

[Registration | Sat, Nov 18, 2023 at 9:00AM](#)

### Thanksgiving Balloon Inflation Support

CERT Volunteer will be supporting NYPD Operations with Pedestrian Traffic Control in preparations for



the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

[Registration | Wed, Nov 22, 2023 at 11AM](#)

[Registration | Wed, Nov 22, 2023 at 6PM](#)



## Thanksgiving Day Parade

CERT Volunteer will be supporting NYPD Operations with Pedestrian Traffic Control for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

[Registration | Thurs, Nov 24, 2023 at 9AM](#)

## Dyker Heights Light

NYC CERT will assist the 68th Precinct with crowd and traffic control at the Dyker Heights Holiday Lights during the upcoming holiday season.

[Registration | Sat, Dec 2, 2023 at 6PM](#)

[Registration | Sat, Dec 9, 2023 at 6PM](#)

[Registration | Sat, Dec 16, 2023 at 6PM](#)



# Upcoming Webinars

# Community Engagement Webinar Series

## Child Safety Webinar: Poison Control



In this workshop you will learn :

- Best practices for medication safety, cleaning/ chemical product storage
- Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- When to call 911 and when to call the Poison Center
- What questions to ask when you call the Poison Center
- How to avoid an unnecessary trip to the emergency department

This presentation will be led by Eduardo Torres a Community Health Educator with the NYC Poison Control Center of NYC's Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

Date: Monday - December 4, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. EST

Link: <https://bit.ly/HomeSafety2>

**NYC** Emergency  
Management

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TODAY**



### Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Centers

Join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division and the Northeast ADA Center for a webinar about how the Northeast ADA and the National ADA Network can inform and strengthen disaster preparedness planning and response for all community members.

[Registration | Tue, Nov 21, 2023 at 1PM](#)

### Disaster Mind Simulation

Please join the Region 2 and Region 8 National Preparedness Division for a webinar on disaster mind simulation.

[Registration | Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 12PM](#)





## Dialysis in Disaster

Join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division and Quality Insights Renal Network for a webinar on Dialysis in Disaster.

[Registration | Wed, Dec 13, 2023 at 1PM](#)

# NYC CERT CALENDAR



## 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



## 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.

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.

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

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

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

## ADVANCED TRAINING





## Advanced Training: Hands-Only CPR by NY Presbyterian Hospital

NY Presbyterian's Community Affairs Department will provide advanced training in Hands-Only CPR, AED and Narcan. This training will be offered at New York Presbyterian / Columbia University Irving Medical Center.

[Registration | Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 6:30PM](#)

[Registration | Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 6:30PM](#)

## NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY



### 104th Annual Veterans Day Parade

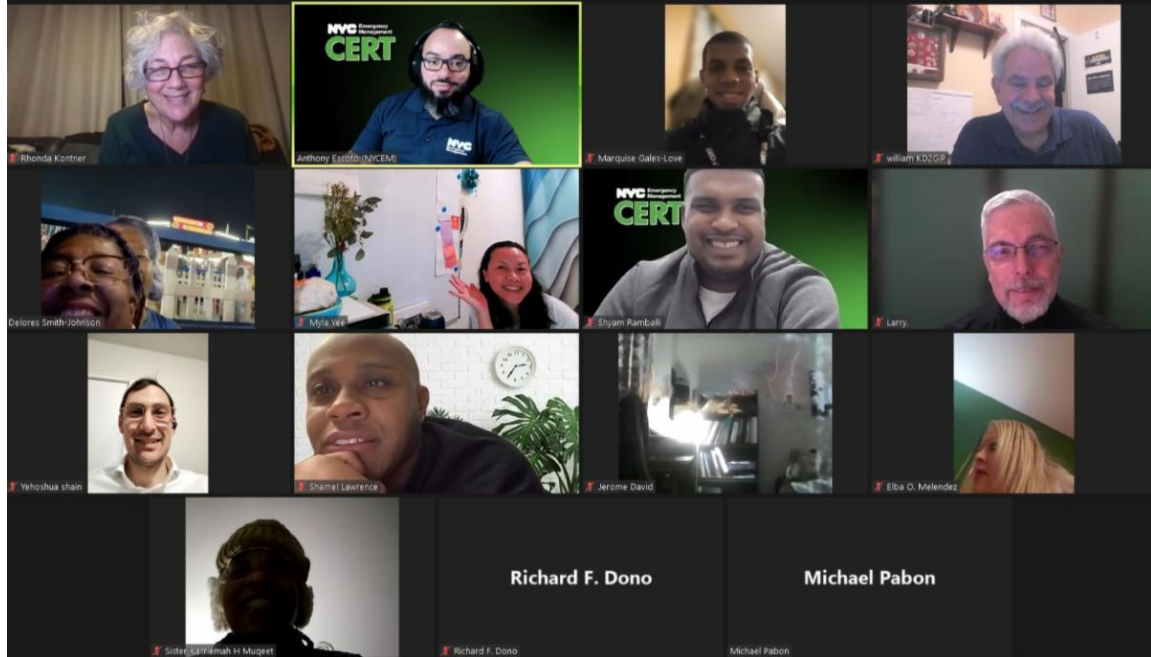
NYC celebrated Veterans Day along Fifth Avenue on November 11, 2023. CERT members supported the United War Veterans Council Dispersal with crowd management and other Street Marshal positions.

Thank you for the support:  
(names of all the Cert present in images), David Gellman, Bronx Division 3, and Anthony Escoto, CERT Program Manager, with special guest Baby Clara Escoto.



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### Advanced Training: Citywide 700MHZ Radio Training



NYC CERT members reviewed radio terminology, learned the operability of 700MHZ radio, calling protocols, and their role and responsibility as a Citywide radio operator Wednesday, November 15th.

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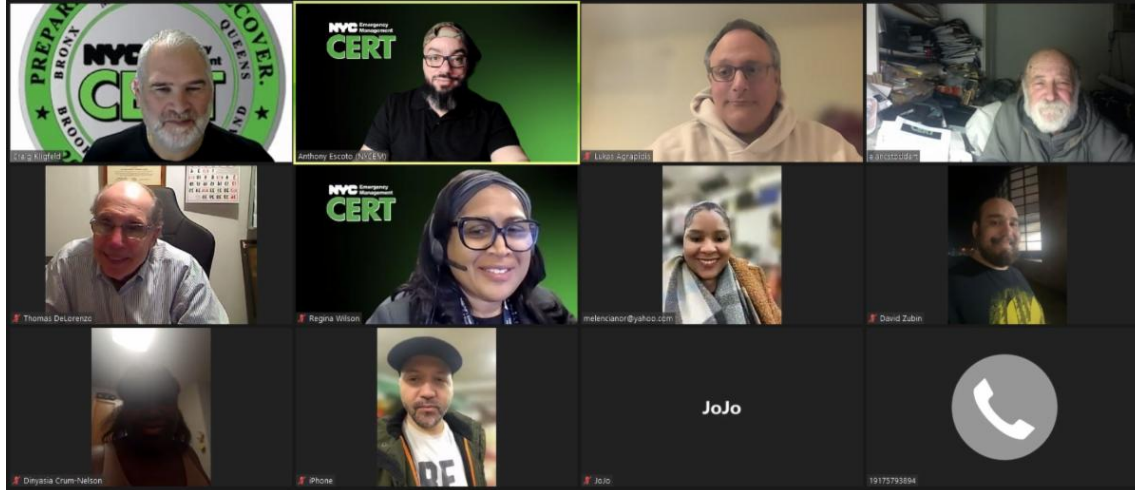
#### Manhattan Division 4 Monthly Team Meeting



Thursday, November 16th, Manhattan Division 4 held a hybrid monthly team meeting to discuss recent events supported by Division members, the upcoming training with New York Presbyterian Hospital, in December, for Hands Only CPR and other lifesaving skills. They also brainstormed on possible dates and locations for a team holiday event.

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#### Brooklyn Division 5 Monthly Team Meeting



Brooklyn Division 5 held a virtual monthly team meeting, on Thursday, November 16th. The members discussed team upcoming events, such as, Operation Santa, Dyker heights lights, the Polar Bear Plunge, and the holiday party with Brooklyn Division 7.

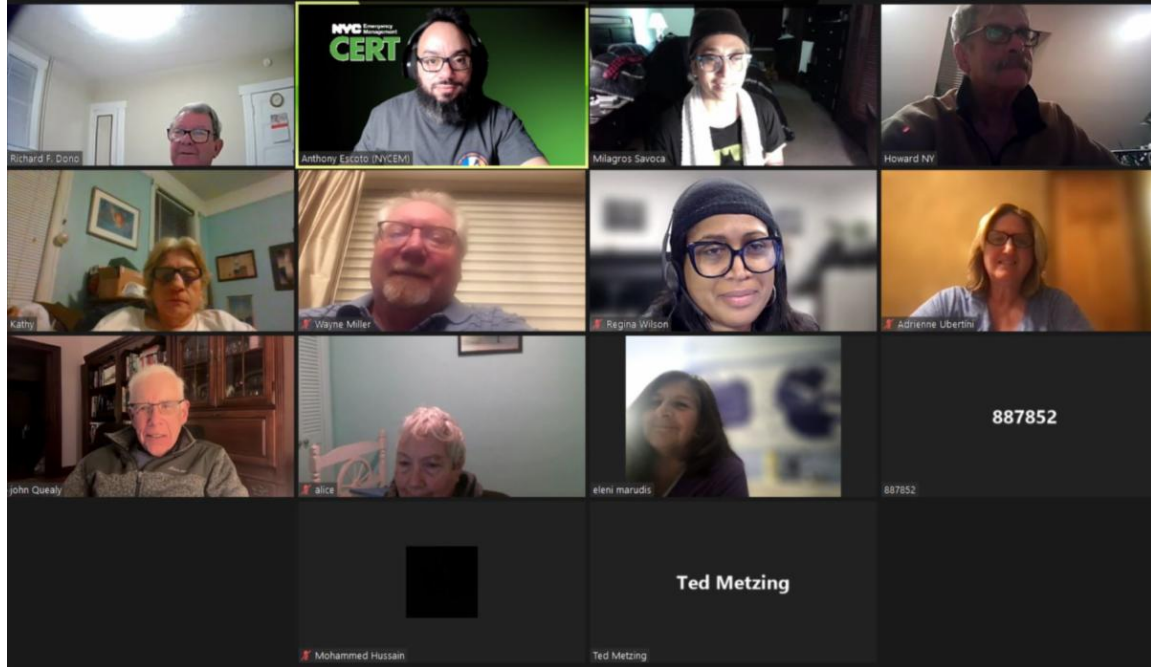
### Manhattan Division 3 Monthly Team Meeting



Manhattan Division 3 held a hybrid monthly team meeting on Wednesday, November 15th to discuss upcoming events and requested team participation. The team added new cabinet members to support the leadership for Manhattan Division 3. Congratulation to all of the new cabinet members.

### Queens Division 5 Monthly Team Meeting





Queens Division 5 met virtually on Monday, November 13th, to welcome Milagros Savoca in her new role as District leader, and discuss their position and protocols on the return of inactive members.

### Brooklyn Division 2 Monthly Team Meeting



Brooklyn division 2 held their virtual monthly team meeting Monday, November 13th, to discuss cabinet openings and upcoming leadership training.



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

## THINGS TO KNOW





## How To Request NYC CERT

If approached to support an event in your community, the following steps must be taken:

- Event organizer submits an official request using the [NYC CERT External Request Form](#).
- NYC CERT Leadership *should not* submit form on behalf of the event organizer.
- For events lead by a NYC CERT Division, volunteer leadership (Ready New York Liaison, if a preparedness event) should submit this [Event Request form](#)

NYC CERT program staff will review all requests. If approved, program staff will add the volunteer opportunity to the [NYC CERT Event Calendar](#)

with a registration link. If more details are required for approval, program staff will use the contact information provided in the request form to connect with the organizer.

NYC CERT External Request Form: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTrequest>

Find the NYC CERT Protocols here: [NYC CERT SOPs](#)

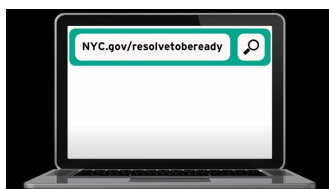
Schedule a meeting with NYCEM staff: [NYC CERT Volunteer Support](#)



[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)

[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)

[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)

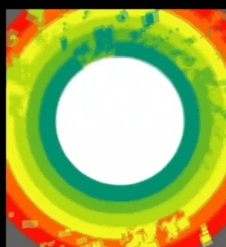


[Resolve to Be Ready Calendar](#)

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](#).



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