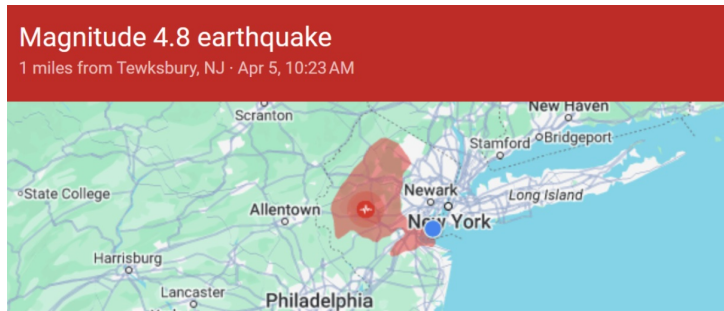


Earthquake felt in New York City



We hope that both you and your loved ones are safe following yesterday's earthquake and aftershocks.

NYCEM sent out a safety check to all active NYC CERT members yesterday following the first shocks. If you did not receive a notification by phone, text, or email please let your leadership know so that we can make sure that your information is up to date on our end. If you or someone you know would like more information on what to do in case of an earthquake, please visit:

[On.nyc.gov/earthquake](https://on.nyc.gov/earthquake)



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

BOROUGH CHANNEL
BRONX

04/01/2024
Brooklyn

Call Scenario:
How many recruitment events is your division planning to have this month?

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

Happy Global Volunteer Month!

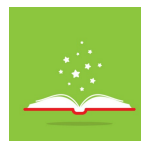


Global Volunteer Month is in full swing, and it's time to shine the spotlight on our incredible volunteers and ignite a global wave of service! Whether you're on deployment or doing a buddy check, every act of service makes a difference. Keep rolling up your sleeves, spreading kindness, and creating a ripple effect of change in our corner of the world one service minute at a time.

Thank you for all you do!

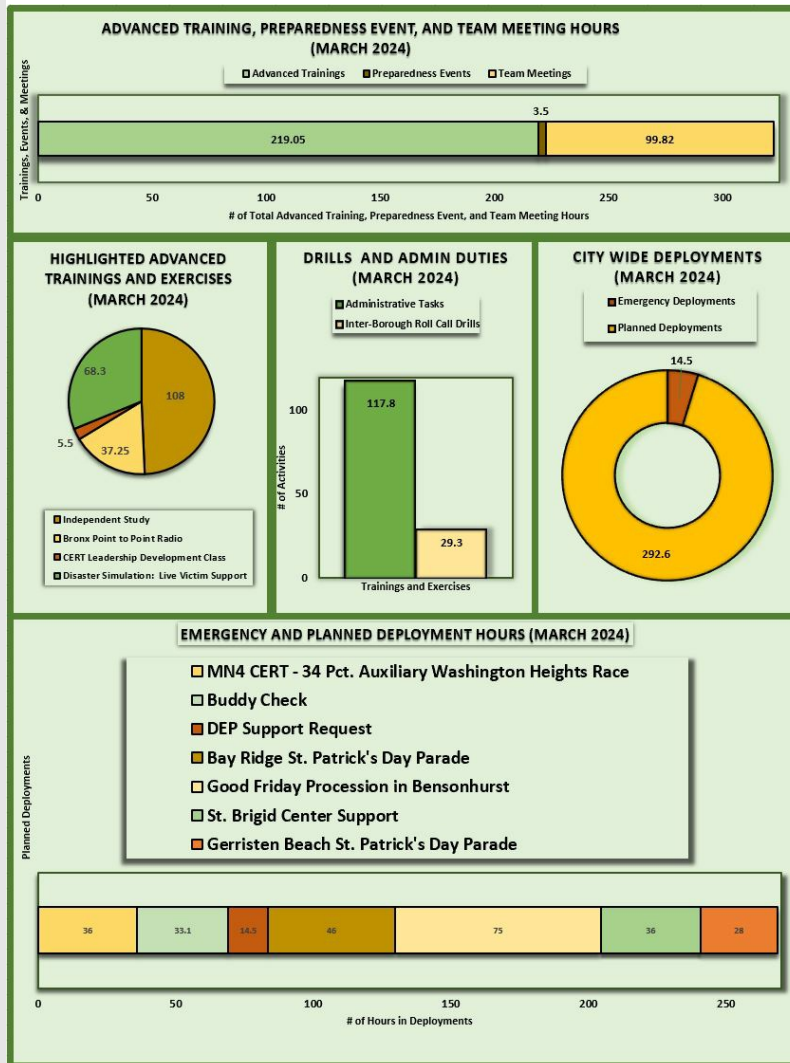


The [NYC CERT Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#) provides guidance and outlines policies and procedures for you and your team to follow.



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

March 2024 After- Action Report (AAR)



In a remarkable display of dedication and commitment, CERT accumulated a total of 824.57 service hours in March, with nearly 300 hours dedicated to field deployments alone. From assisting the 34th Precinct's Auxiliary Washington Heights Race to supporting Asylum Seekers and participating in St. Patrick's Day Parades in Bensonhurst and Gerritsen Beach, CERT members showcased their unwavering commitment to community service. The highlight of the month was the significant support provided during the Good Friday Procession in Bensonhurst, totaling 75 hours.

Not only did CERT members actively engage in field activities, but they also prioritized advanced training, with over 200 hours dedicated to enhancing their skills. They reported over 100 hours of independent study sessions. Spent 36 hours of learning proper communication procedures and operating a 450mHZ radio at the Bronx Point to Point Radio training.

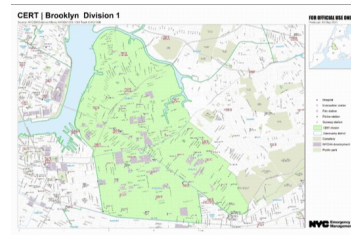
Additionally, the time spent in planning division meetings, deployments, and other administrative duties underscored their professionalism and organizational skills, totaling 117 hours. Communication within the team was also a priority for the divisions, with 100 hours dedicated to monthly team meetings and 33 hours for buddy checks.



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.](#)



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

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



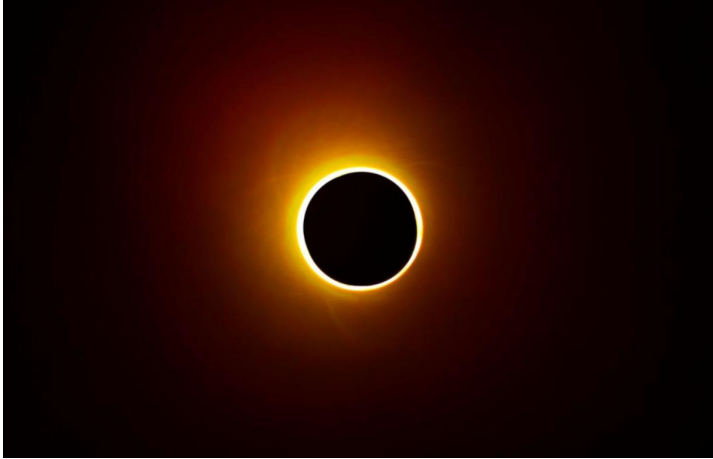
If your division is hosting or participating in an upcoming event, please complete the [Event Request form](#) to have your opportunity published through Eventbrite.com for members to register.

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

Support for the new recruits in their Basic Training Disaster Simulation was met with a willingness to create a realistic exercise and logged 70 hours over two sessions. CERT's outstanding service hours in March truly reflected their unwavering dedication to serving the NYC community.

Way to celebrate Global Volunteer Month, Team! Let's keep up the momentum.

2024 Total Solar Eclipse



A solar eclipse will be visible over New York State on Monday, April 8th, 2024.

Various parts of New York State will see a total solar eclipse between 3:15 PM and 3:30 PM. New York City will see a partial solar eclipse at around 3:25 PM.

When watching a total or partial solar eclipse, make sure to protect your eyes by using ISO-certified solar viewing glasses ("eclipse glasses") or a safe handheld solar viewer at all times.

[Learn more about the solar eclipse.](#)

[Visit NASA's website to learn where and when to watch the eclipse.](#)

Keep Your Eyes Protected

- Do not look directly at the sun during the eclipse (except during the limited time of totality when the sun is completely covered by the moon—and even then, with caution).
- Sunglasses will NOT protect your eyes.
- If your eyes are exposed to the sun without the appropriate protection, it can cause "eclipse blindness," which can temporarily or permanently damage your eyes.
- One of the best ways to view a solar eclipse is through a [pinhole projector](#) where you look at a projected image made through a pinhole in cardboard paper. Or even easier, grab a colander from the kitchen (not the mesh kind, the one with holes in plastic or metal)!
- Another way to view a solar eclipse without harming your eyes is by using International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 12312-2 certified eclipse glasses from a [trusted source](#). Further information about safe viewing, including a [list of eclipse glasses suppliers](#), can be found on the [American Astronomical Society website](#).

For more Safety tips please visit:

<https://www.iloveny.com/events/eclipse-2024/safety/>



Update on Material requests

All requests will contain the following:

- My Emergency Plan - 50
- Hurricane Map - 50
- Notify NYC card - 50
- NYC CERT card - 50
- Give-a-ways will depend on availability

Note: Ready New York plastic bags and tablecloths are no longer available.

Leadership: Division 1 members' credentials are ready for pick-up!

Also, if you have any members that graduated in July 2023 (cycle 44), please remember to schedule a pick-up, or permit them to schedule a pick-up for their permanent ID using this link: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTpickup>

If the pick-up options do not work with your schedule, please reach out to: desposito@oem.nyc.gov.



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](#).

Get Free Eclipse Glasses

You can pick up a free pair of "I Love NY" eclipse glasses at various New York State Welcome Centers, New York Public Libraries, Thruway Rest Stops and other locations throughout the state.

In New York City, free eclipse glasses are being distributed every day between 6:30 AM and 9:30 PM at:

Moynihan Train Hall – MTA Long Island Rail Road Ticket Windows
421 8th Avenue
New York, NY 10001

Only 2 pairs of eclipse glasses will be provided per person, while supplies last.

All public libraries throughout New York City are giving away free eclipse glasses on a first-come, first-served basis.

Terese Flores - CERT's new Queens Borough Coordinator!



Witnessing the impact of Sandy, I joined NYC Emergency Management after they tasked me with mapping debris sites. Inspired by Frank McCarton, I took CERT training to better assist my Astoria neighbors. Since becoming a CERT graduate in 2019, I've actively volunteered in my community, including during food insecurity crises. My lifelong dedication to service, from youth ministry to immigrant support, continues to shape my role as Regional Park Manager Manhattan today.



JOIN OUR EARTH DAY WEBINAR

THE POWER OF URBAN GARDENS:

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 17, 2024
1:00 PM EST**

PRE-REGISTER



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**EXPLORE HOW URBAN GARDENS MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF
WEATHER EMERGENCIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE!**

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NYC Emergency Management COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT logo: 

MOSHOLU TEACHING FOREST logo: 

Join NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM) for an exciting webinar celebrating Earth Day 2024. During this webinar we will discuss the power of urban gardens - particularly how they build community and help protect New Yorkers against environmental hazards.

[Registration | Wed, April 17, 2024 1:00PM](https://rb.gy/7rbxp)

Hazard Mitigation Plan Earth Day Webinar

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN EARTH DAY WEBINAR

We'll Cover:

- What is a Hazard Mitigation Plan? What's in it?
- Tools to understand your risk from natural hazards
- A spotlight on NYCEM's Interim Flood Protection Measures (IFPM) program!

April 22 at 11 AM

on.nyc.gov/EDwebinar

Learn about the NYC Hazard Mitigation Plan (nychazardmitigation.com) and its tools to visualize your risk from natural hazards. This webinar will provide additional information on mitigation actions in honor of Earth Day.

[Registration | Mon, April 22, 2024 12:00PM](#)

CERT Survey



CERT Volunteer Survey

Please do not include identifiable information in the questionnaire (Name, Social Security, Residency, etc.)

Your participation is completely voluntary, and all responses will be kept confidential.

If you feel uncomfortable answering these questions at any point, you may exit the form

All CERT members should have received an email with a survey developed by CERT member and John Jay College of Criminal Justice student, Edwin Chen. Edwin is conducting this survey as part of a research project for school. We encourage you to complete it to support his project. Completion of a survey is not required and entirely at your own discretion.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

Send Us Your Photos!



Please continue to share an and all photos and videos from your NYC CERT events at 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. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bronx Division 1 invites all CERT members to come and meet your fellow borough members as we gather and network with each other and NYC Emergency Management staff. NYC CERT will join forces with a reliable NYC Emergency Management community partner to simulate tackling a hazard training exercise.

Please Note: No prior training or knowledge other than what your veteran or new graduate brings to the table.

Activity Learning Objectives:

- Individual Preparedness/Awareness



Gear: Please Wear your CERT polo and ID!

- CERT Deployment Protocols
- Have fun!

[Registration | Wed, April 10, 2024 6:00PM](#)



FDNY Hands Only CRP/AED Training

FDNY SMART will be supporting NYC Emergency Management CERT volunteers providing CPR training hands only and the use of AED.

[Registration | Thurs, April 18, 2024 6:30PM](#)

Advanced Training: Point-to-Point Basic Radio Training (In-Person)

Provide basic radio training and train the individual on the operation of the point-to-point radio systems.

[Registration | Sun, April 28, 2024 9AM](#)



Pandemic Game Night

Pandemic is a cooperative board game. The basic premise is that four diseases have broken out in the world, each threatening to wipe out a region. Help save humanity from rampant outbreaks around the world via this fun team-building exercise. Come with an open mind and your best team spirit for a couple rounds of board game fun.

No prior knowledge nor experience nessecary.

[Registration | Wed, May 1, 2024 6:30PM](#)





FIVE BORO BIKE TOUR

PACKET PICKUP

May 2nd, May 3rd, and May 4th, 2024

On the days prior to the TD Five Boro Bike Tour, Bike NY will hand out registration packets and host a select number of exhibitors at their Packet Pickup location. We rely on our volunteers to guide our many visitors and create an efficient and welcoming experience for our participants.

BIKE TOUR

May 5th, 2024

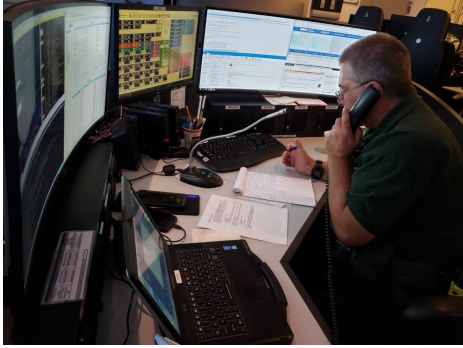
Water Stop and Rest Area Volunteers assist with the setup, operation of, and breakdown of the designated stops along the route. Tasks include setting up tables, filling up water coolers, placing snacks on tables, helping to keep the area clean and other duties as needed.

Five Boro Bike Tour CERT Roles & Registration Links



Five Boro Bike Tour-Watch Command Support/NCO

CERT volunteers will assist NYCEM Watch command



with radio operations, tracking volunteers on the CERT board tracker and phone support.

[Registration | Sun, May 5, 2024 5:00AM](#)

Dyckman Running Club (DRC) Bridge the Gap Race Logistics/Info Table Support

DRC made a request for support with race logistics and to set up a CERT information/recruitment table at their Bridge the Gap Race in Washington Heights.

Race Logistics Support:

[Registration | Sun, May 5, 2024 7:30AM](#)

Information/Recruitment Table Support:

[Registration | Sun, May 5, 2024 7:30AM](#)



Brooklyn's 157th Memorial Day Parade in Bay Ridge

CERT volunteers will assist the parade organizers with crowd control and traffic control along the parade route.

[Registration | Mon, May 27, 2024 10:00AM](#)

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



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.

NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

Good Friday Procession in Bensonhurst



Last Friday, March 29, 2024, CERT assisted the 62nd Precinct Community Affairs Division. They provided vehicular and crowd safety control for several Good Friday Processions in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn. The processions involved neighborhood Churches and hundreds of pedestrian participants. It was a historical and very busy deployment for Brooklyn Division 5. Great work, Team.

[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



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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](#)



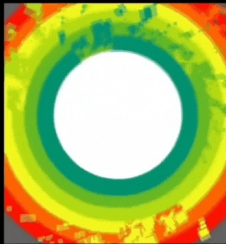
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



Listen to the all 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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Schedule a meeting with NYC CERT Staff:
<https://on.nyc.gov/bookCERT>

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