



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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NYC Emergency Management wishes all NYC CERT volunteers and their families a Happy and Safe Independence Day!

NYC Emergency Management Releases 2022-2026 Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan

2022-2026



MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL

7/04 : 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](#)

June 28, 2022 — The New York City Emergency Management Department today released its 2022-2026 strategic plan, which highlights the agency’s vision and key priorities through 2026.

“Our emergency managers are facing more frequent and complex disasters due to climate change, social and economic inequity, aging infrastructure, cyber threats, and domestic terrorism. We must better prepare for the expanding threat landscape as it poses a number of social, economic, and environmental impacts on our city and its communities,” writes **NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol**. “In this [strategic plan], we outline our goals to foster an agile and scalable emergency management capability that responds to new and worsening threats; prioritizes equity practices; and reaches all New Yorkers through trusted organizations and communication channels.”

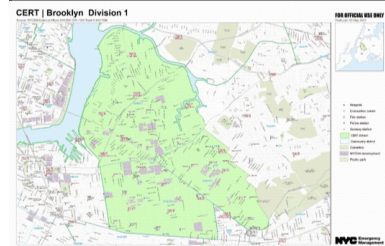
The full report can be viewed [here](#), or by visiting [NYC.gov/2022-2026-em-strategic-plan](https://nyc.gov/2022-2026-em-strategic-plan).

In line with the release of the report, NYC Emergency Management also has released its latest episode of “Prep Talk” podcast, which highlights the strategic plan as well as one its key priorities: talent retention and recruitment, and the agency’s goal for its workforce to reflect the communities it serves. The new episode featuring NYC Emergency Management Monitoring and Evaluation Program Manager Jimmy Deats and Deputy Director of Talent & Culture Veronica Geager.

You can listen to the latest episode on [SoundCloud](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), and [Spreaker](#).



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

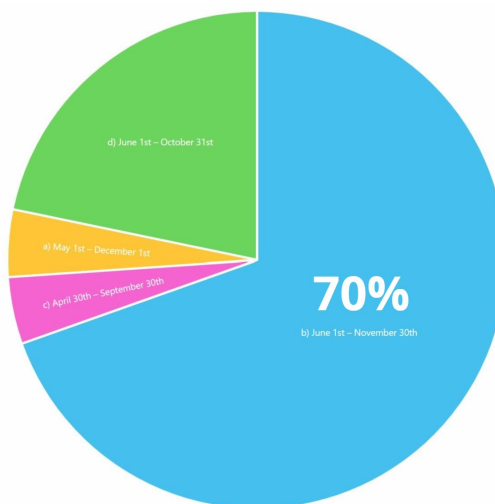


NYC CERT Division maps are available (pdf format) to support recruitment and preparedness planning in your community.

[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: **b) June 1st – November 30th**. Hurricanes are fueled by warm, moist air, and the hurricane season lasts six months. There is still time to sign up for **Notify NYC** to receive important alerts, including severe weather alerts, and to make a plan in case you need to evacuate or shelter in place. Refer to the **Ready NY My Emergency Plan** for more information on how to prepare and to find your evacuation zone.



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**.

FDNY Smart: Fireworks in NYC



Fireworks are dangerous and are illegal in New York City. In June and July of 2020, 30 New Yorkers suffered serious burns or lost fingers from using illegal fireworks.

Fireworks in New York City lead to serious fires that destroy homes, like the photos shown here from the Bronx on June 23, and this video from Brooklyn on June 24, when fireworks that were ignited in a driveway entered an open window on the first floor of the home. The occupants - unaware that a fire had started - continued to set off fireworks, even entering the home at one point to retrieve more as the fire spread. The entire home was destroyed.

Be [#FDNYSmart](#) - leave fireworks to the professionals. New Yorkers - call 311 to anonymously report the use, delivery or sale of fireworks. If you see something dangerous, call 911. See more safety tips at [fdnysmart.org](#)

National Night Out



We want to remind 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 Axillary Coordinators](#). NYC CERT leaders should reach out to the coordinating officers in your local precincts to request CERT participation. If your division needs more support, please let us know by emailing CERT@oem.nyc.gov and

we can help to facilitate that connection to the precinct.

Please submit your [Ready New York Material Request](#) for National Night Out by **July 8th!**



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](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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](#)



4th Of July Independence Day Deployments

Coney Island

CERT volunteers will assist spectators' movement into the viewing pens and watch for spectators affected by crowding and heat-related stresses.

[The Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest \(Support\) Mon, Jul 4, 2022 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

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 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 Mon, Jul 4, 2022 at 4:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

CERT Recruitment Event Opportunities at NYCEM Headquarters

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

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!



to share information and literature on joining NYC CERT with any passersby that are curious about the exercises taking place outside headquarters. Consider joining other CERTs this summer for this unique opportunity to build membership!

Here are the recruitment event registrations:

[Tue, Jul 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

[Mon, Jul 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

[Tue, Jul 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

[Mon, Jul 25, 2022 at 6:00 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



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.

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

Coney Island Hospital Staff and Wellness Fair

At the request of
NYC Emergency
Management, NYC
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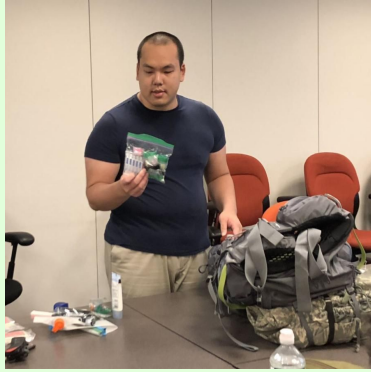
member Alan Stoddart attended an event at Coney Island Hospital distributing preparedness material to staff and visitors throughout the day.

Ditmas Park West Block Party



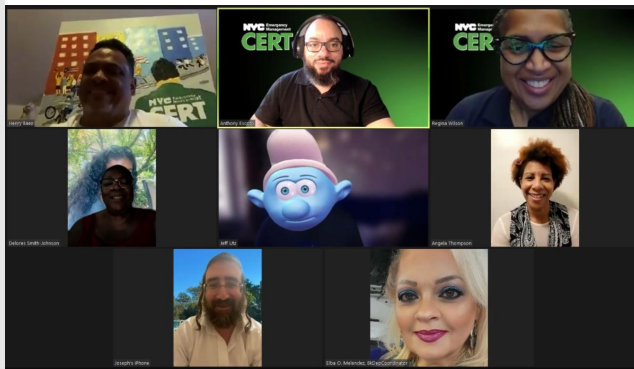
Brooklyn Division 6 CERT volunteers were out in the sun distributing Ready New York preparedness material last Sunday, June 26th as they participated in the Ditmas Park West Block Party.

CERT Basic Training: Basic First Aid



This week our current group of basic training students continue forward with the hands-on portion of the Disaster Medical Operations class. Students also presented their go-bags as part of their graduation requirements. Pictured above you can see one student showing off the contents of his go-bag and also students from both classes performing various stop-the-bleed techniques under the direction and supervision of the FDNY-EMS staff. Great work!

Monthly Division Meetings



Brooklyn Division 1

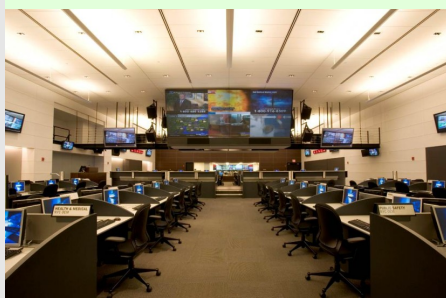
On Wednesday, June 29th, Brooklyn Division 1 members gathered for their monthly meeting facilitated by Borough Coordinators. During the meeting they discussed planning for National Night Out with several community leaders we proudly have in the division.

Thank you all!

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



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Emergency Operations Center and Watch Command Walkthrough

We will be taking a deep dive into NYC Emergency Management operations, Emergency Operations Center, CERT volunteer role, and Watch Command Operations.

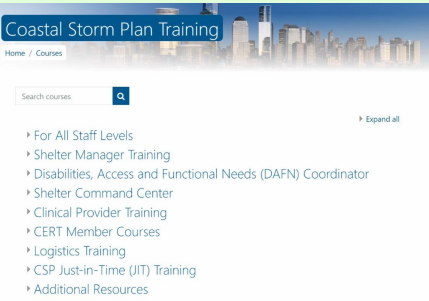
Emergency Operations Center & NYCEM Watch Command Registration, Wed, Jul 13, 2022, at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite

DEP overview and CERT support



NYC Department of Environmental Protection will be giving a presentation on the unique DEP operations we have in NYC, while also giving more details on how NYC CERT can support specific campaigns.

Advanced Training: CERT DEP Support Registration, Thu, Jul 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM | 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://csptesting.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**.

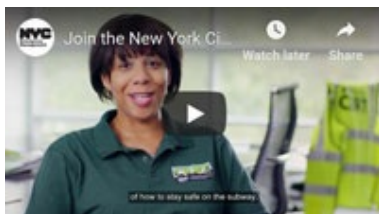
FEMA Region 2 (R2) Webinar Catalog includes all recorded webinars.



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



Resolve to Be Ready Calendar



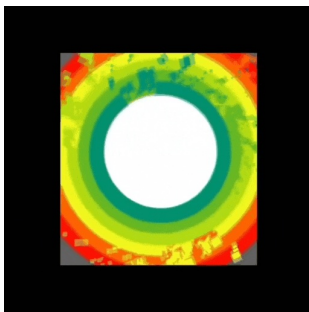
Listen to the **NEW** episodes of

[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)

[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)

Regular reminders in simple steps that can help you work preparedness into your busy schedule.

NYCEM's two podcasts, *Prep Talk* ([SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#) & [Spreaker](#)) and *iPrepárate!* 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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