

## Happy Memorial Day



Do you know the difference between Veteran's Day and Memorial Day?

Understanding the nuances between Veteran's Day and Memorial Day is imperative. Veteran's Day, observed annually on November 11th, serves as a tribute to the dedication of all Armed Forces Veterans. Conversely, Memorial Day, occurring on the last Monday of May each year, holds a more somber significance as a day of reflection for those who made the ultimate sacrifice as United States Armed Forces Soldiers. It is a poignant occasion dedicated to honoring the memory of fallen soldiers and offering solace to their bereaved families.

Originally named Decoration Day, Memorial Day tradition entails visiting, cleaning, and adorning graves to commemorate the valor of the men and women who perished in defense of our freedoms. The symbolic gesture of the American flag further underscores the solemnity of the occasion. Raised swiftly to full-staff at dawn, it is then solemnly lowered to half-staff until noon, signifying mourning, before being hoisted to full-staff again until sunset, symbolizing the enduring memory of the fallen.

While Memorial Day marks the unofficial onset of summer, heralding beach openings and the commencement of grilling season, it also registers as a peak period for travel. Whether partaking in leisurely activities, such as watching the NASCAR Cup Series race or capitalizing on holiday sales, or journeying to reunite with loved ones, it is paramount to uphold situational awareness. Prioritizing safety remains paramount, particularly for CERT members, during this extended weekend of remembrance and recreation.

[Click here for more ways to stay safe](#) as you celebrate Memorial Day weekend in [NYC](#).



**MONDAY RADIO ROLL CALL**

**NO CALL**

05/27/2024

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**HOLIDAY**

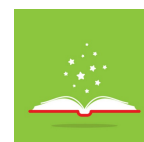
Documents to Review:

[Citywide Radio Drill Refresher](#)

[Call signs per Radio](#)



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](#)

## HERricane 2024

**HERricane 2024**

**Monday, July 8th - Friday, July 12th, 2024**  
**9 AM - 5 PM**  
**165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, NY 11201**

Open to women ages 16-22 who live in NYC

Learn more about careers for women in Emergency Management, including:

- Professional Development
- Trainings
- Field Trips
- Team Building
- And More!

Send applications to:  
[HERricane@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:HERricane@oem.nyc.gov)  
Due May 31st, 11:59 PM

NYCEM is currently accepting applications for this year's HERricane 2024. Encourage the young ladies in your circle to apply for the opportunity to learn about emergency management this summer.

[Apply!](#)

Send to [HERricane@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:HERricane@oem.nyc.gov) May 31, 2024.

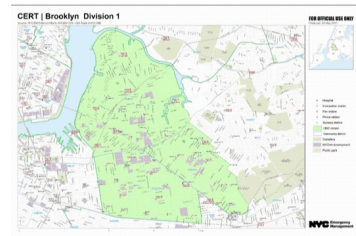
## Heat Preparedness Webinar



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](#)

## 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.





Join NYC Emergency Management, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and NYC Human Resources Administration in learning how to stay safe during extreme heat and what resources are available for New Yorkers during the Summer of 2024.

[Registration | Mon, June 13, 2024 12PM](#)

## NYC Service AmeriCorps Virtual Information Session



Interested in starting a career in public service? Get a head start with AmeriCorps! NYC Service is accepting applications for their 2024-2025 AmeriCorps Service year. There are 4 different programs that provide workforce development skills and pathways to public service careers. Register for the upcoming information sessions.



### 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.*

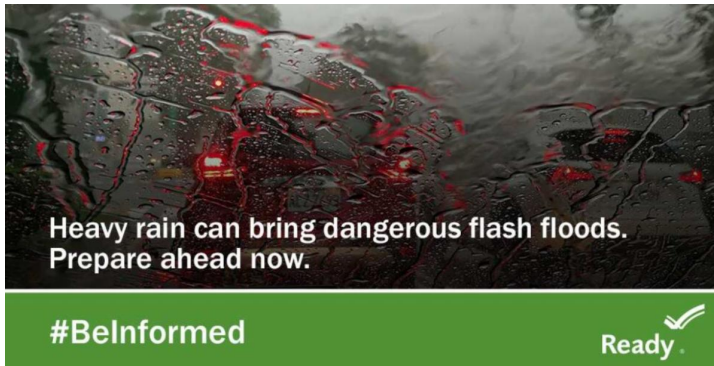
**Leadership:** Division 1 members' credentials are ready for pick-up! Also, if you have any members that graduated in July 2023 (cycle 44), please remember to schedule a pick-up, or permit them to schedule a pick-up for their permanent ID using this link: <https://on.nyc.gov/CERTpickup>

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



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[Learn more about NYC Service and AmeriCorps Programs. .](#)



### Send Us Your Photos!



*Please continue to share an and all photos and videos from your NYC CERT events 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!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Gracie Mansion Reception Support



The Mayor's Office for Special Projects and Community Events (MOSPCE) request CERT support with pedestrian and line traffic management at the following events:

#### **Jewish Heritage**

[Registration | Wed, May 29, 2024 5:30PM](#)

#### **Caribbean Heritage**

[Registration | Thurs, June 27, 2024 5:30PM](#)

#### **Vision Zero Awards Reception**

[Registration | Tues, June 4, 2024 6PM](#)

#### **Puerto Rican Heritage**

[Registration | Thurs, June 6, 2024 5:30PM](#)

#### **LGBTQ+ Pride**

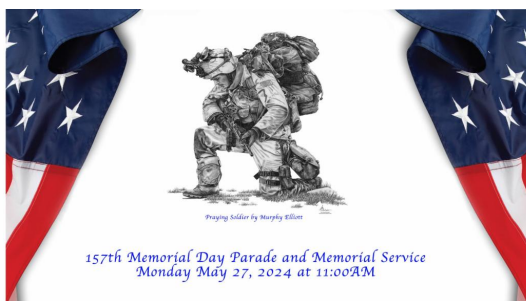
[Registration | Thurs, June 13, 2024 5:30PM](#)

#### **NYC Junior Ambassador Program**

[Registration | Tues, June 25, 2024 9AM](#)

#### **Juneteenth Celebration**

[Registration | Tues, June 18, 2024 5:30PM](#)



#### **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](#)

#### **Canarsie Memorial Day Parade**



CERT was invited by Assemblywoman Jamie Williams to march in the Canarsie Memorial Day parade alongside herself and other elected officials and community leaders. CERT will assist with pedestrian and vehicle traffic management.

[Registration | Mon, May 27, 2024 9AM](#)



### Emergency Preparedness at Howard Beach

CERT will distribute emergency preparedness materials and provide information on how to prepare for emergencies and disasters at Howard Beach.

[Registration | Tues, May 28, 2024 6PM](#)

### Holy Family Corpus Christi Procession

CERT will assist the NYPD 69th Precinct with pedestrian management and traffic control during the procession. This is the first time CERT has been asked to help with the event!

[Registration | Sun, June 2, 2024 6:30PM](#)

## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024



### Brooklyn Pride Parade

CERT will assist the parade organizers with pedestrian and traffic management.

[Registration | Sat, June 8, 2024 6PM](#)

### NY Philharmonic Van Cortlandt Park

NYC CERT will provide assistance with traffic control and pedestrian management alongside the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance and The 50th Precinct. CERT will have a Ready NY literature distribution and recruitment table.

[Registration | Tues, June 11, 2024 6PM](#)

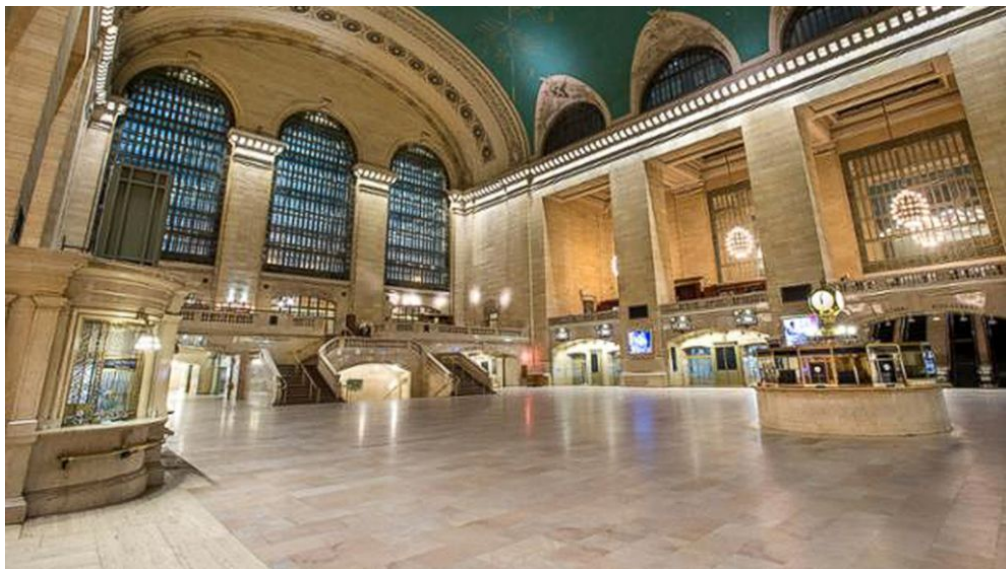


### Kowteff's 14th Annual Juneteenth Celebration

NYC CERT was requested to support the Kowteff School of African Dance. They will assist with pedestrian traffic, support functions and pedestrian traffic control.

[Registration | Sat, June 15, 2024 12PM](#)

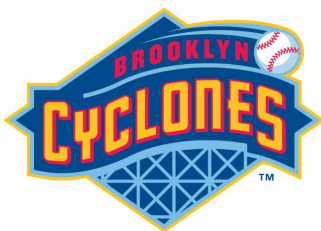
## Grand Central Station Full Scale Exercise Support Postponed for July 12 -13



Tentatively on the evening of July 12th, Grand Central Terminal will be closed for a full scale exercise. In past years, NYC CERT volunteers' participation helped to make the exercise a success. Volunteers can serve in a number of roles including live victims.

This form is to gauge interest from NYC CERT to determine if this is a role that interests our members. Depending on the response to this form, the decision will be made as to whether or not NYC CERT supports, so if you interested please click below!!

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE FORM](#)



### Brooklyn Cyclones Preparedness Events

The Brooklyn Cyclones have invited CERT, Ready NY and Notify NYC to table at Maimonides Park during several upcoming games. CERTs are being requested to join NYCCEM staff to distribute NYC CERT recruitment materials with park visitors. Check out the dates below and register



[Registration | Sun, May 26, 2024 1:30PM](#)[Registration | Fri, August 9, 2024 6:30PM](#)[Registration | Sun, June 22, 2024 5:30PM](#)[Registration | Sun, August 25, 2024 1:30PM](#)[Registration | Mon, July 1, 2024 6:30PM](#)[Registration | Thurs, July 25, 2024 8:30AM](#)[Registration | Wed, Sept 4, 2024 6:30PM](#)

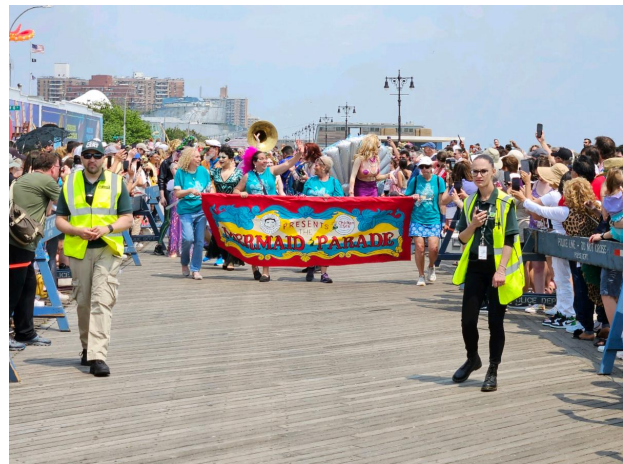
### 6th Annual Knickerbocker Avenue Puerto Rican Day Parade

The Knickerbocker Ave Puerto Rican Day Parade committee requested CERT to assist with pedestrian traffic and support.

[Registration | Sun, June 9, 2024 11AM](#)

### Coney Island Mermaid Parade

NYPD 60th Pct, Community Affairs Division, request CERT to assist with pedestrian and vehicular traffic management.

[Registration | Sat, June 22, 2024 11:30AM](#)





### NY Road Runners (NYRR) Open Runs Preparedness Events

NYRR shared several Open Run events with NYC CERT for staffing in June and July. CERTs are being requested to distribute Ready NY emergency preparedness literature and discuss pet preparedness with event attendees. Check out the dates below and register through the links provided.

Shift is 8:30am – 11am for all dates.



#### Inwood Hill Park Support:

[Registration](#) | [Sat, June 22, 2024 8:30AM](#)

#### Crocheron Park Support:

[Registration](#) | [Sat June 29, 2024 8:30AM](#)

#### Conference House Park Support:

[Registration](#) | [Sat, July 14, 2024 8:30AM](#)

#### Highland Park Support:

[Registration](#) | [Sat, July 14, 2024 8:30AM](#)

#### Highland Park Support:

[Registration](#) | [Sat, July 27, 2024 8:30AM](#)

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## 2024 National Access and Functional Needs Symposium

# National AFN Symposium

Highlighting forward-leaning, inclusive, innovative practices in emergency management



July 11-12, 2024



12-3 PM ET Daily

Organizers



Cal OES  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
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The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (CDHSEM), and New York University (NYU) are hosting the two, half-day, online National AFN Symposium to highlight forward-leaning, inclusive, innovative practices in emergency management.

The National AFN Symposium will bring the disability community together with emergency managers, disaster planners, and first responders from across the country in an online forum to foster an environment of trust and understanding vital to advancing the mission of access and functional needs throughout the nation.

[Registration | July 11, 2024 and July 12, 2024 12PM - 3PM](#)

## 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 you connect with.

[Report your Volunteer Hours](#)

Search for *Buddy Check* Event

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 ADVANCED TRAINING



### Ready New York Presenter Training

The Ready NY Presenter Training is an advanced training course designed specifically for NYC CERT members interested in becoming Ready NY presenters in their community. The training concludes with a teach back portion where volunteers learn to be presenters.

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

[Registration | Sat, Jun 1, 2024 9 AM](#)

### Cyber Ready Community Game Night

FEMA's National Exercise Division (NED) and DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) have developed the Cyber Ready Community Game to promote cyber preparedness. Team up and compete in the game that puts your sector in emergency cyber-scenarios and tested on how well you planned, mitigated, responded, and recovered from the cyber-scenario.

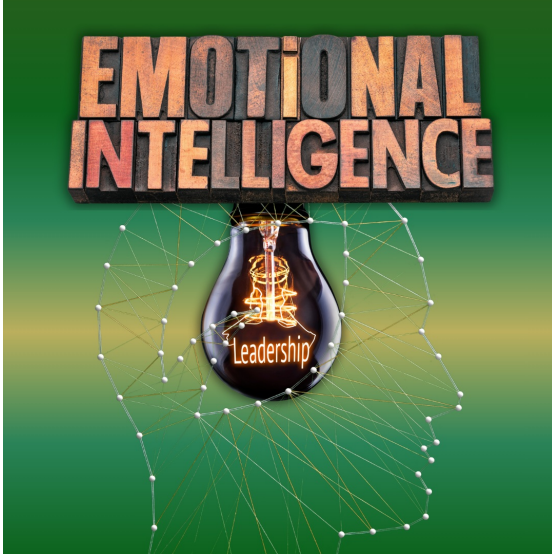
*\*no prior knowledge or experience is necessary to join in on the fun\**

[Registration | Wed, June 5, 2024 6:30PM](#)



**Advanced Training: Emotional Intelligence: Be an Effective Team Member and Leader**





Learn the tools and techniques to upgrade your ability to navigate life, CERT duties, connecting with your communities and enhance your team as an effective member and leader.

[Registration](#) | [Wed, June 12, 2024 6:30PM](#)

## NYC CERT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

### NYC CERT at Pix Church Avenue Fair



On May 19, 2024, Brooklyn Division 6 were on scene at the Pix Church Avenue Fair. They engaged with the community and informed them about the CERT program, the opportunity to serve the city via CERT, and how to be prepared before an emergency.

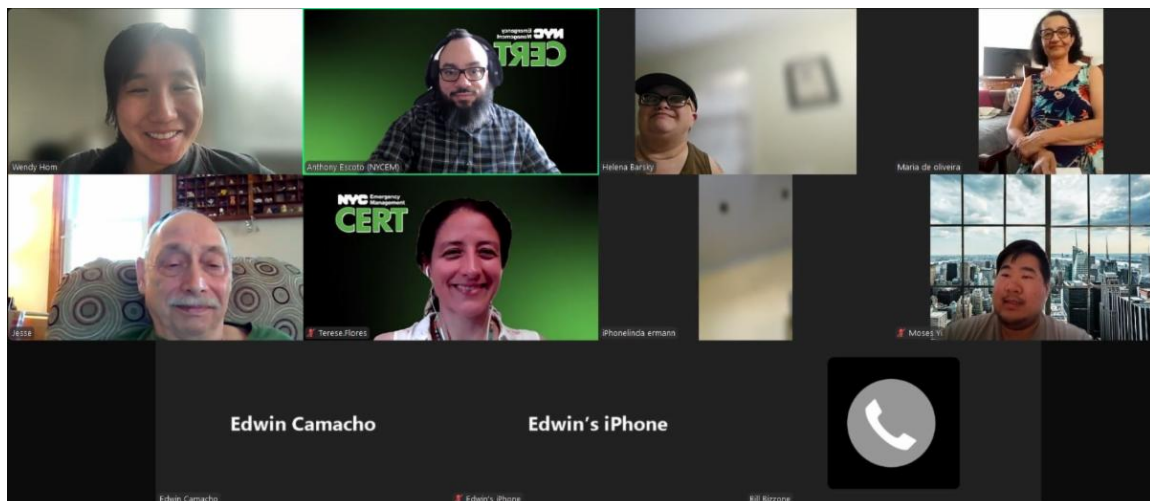
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### Gracie Mansion Support: AANHPI Heritage Celebration



CERT deployed on May 21, 2024. They assisted the Gracie Mansion Conservatory with pedestrian traffic as they honored and celebrated the Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders Heritage.

### Queens Division 4 Monthly Team Meeting



On May 20, 2024, Queens Division 4 held their monthly team meeting. Division Chief, Wendy Hom, recapped the previous month and strategized for the summer months, focusing on recruitment initiatives. With National Night Out around the corner, the division made plans to attend this year.

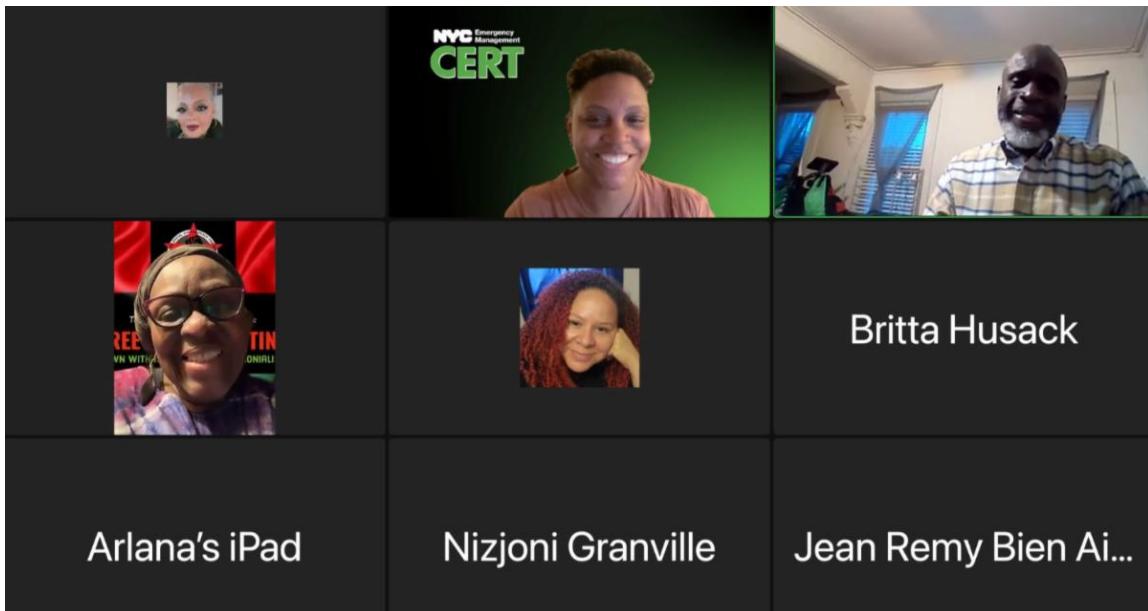
### Bronx Division 1 Monthly Team Meeting





On May 20, 2024, Bronx Division 1 shared lessons learned from Disasterville exercise while discussing support for new members interested in Radio trainings.

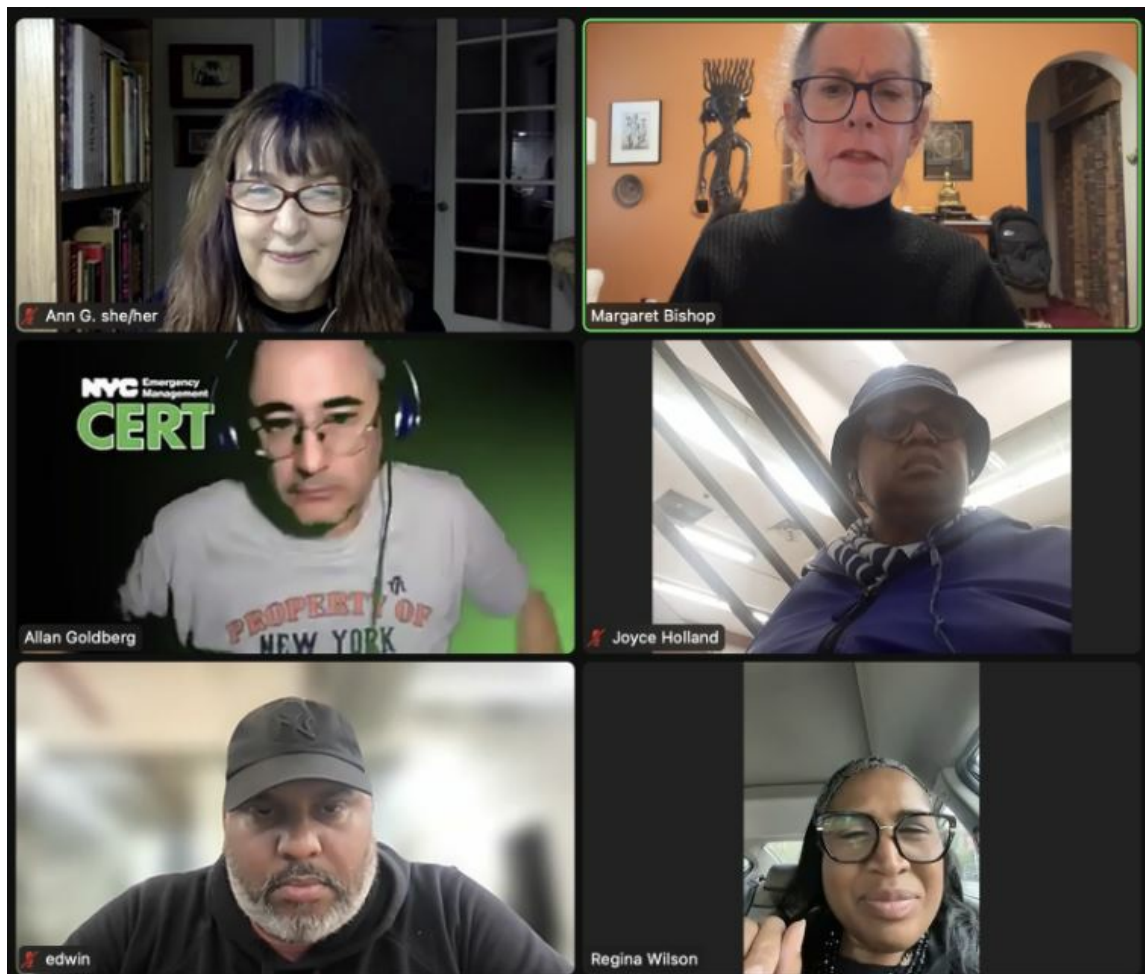
#### Brooklyn Division 4 Monthly Team Meeting



On May 20, 2024, Brooklyn Division 4 held their monthly team meeting. They reviewed the past month's activity. NYCEM staff gave updates. They planned upcoming events.

#### Manhattan Division 4 Monthly Team Meeting





On May 16, 2024, Manhattan Division 4 held their monthly team meeting to discuss all the past team members' activities and deployments. They planned to host a Hands Only CPR training in collaboration with NY Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University. They reviewed the results of the volunteer-activity-interest survey circulated in the division. They also discussed other upcoming CERT volunteer requests (NYRR Open Run Pet Preparedness, NY Philharmonic concert in Van Cortland Park, etc.) and transportation to/from events amongst the team. Manhattan Division 4 members considered recruitment activity and further community engagement.

[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](#)



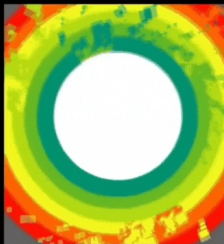
[NYCEM's YouTube page](#)  
[NYC CERT recruitment video](#)  
[2021 National Volunteer Week video](#)



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



Listen to the all episodes of NYCEM's two podcasts, Prep Talk ([SoundCloud](#), [iTunes](#) & [Spreaker](#)) and ¡Prepárate! on [SoundCloud](#).



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