

CERT ALL MEMBER WEEKLY BRIEF NOVEMBER 12, 2009

CERT is what you make it!

The weekly CERT Brief is available on our webpage at:

<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OEM/CC/CERT/brief.html>

If you have any suggestions including training or comments on how to make CERT better, please send an email to oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov. Or call us at 573-0648 and leave a message.

All responses are kept strictly confidential unless otherwise expressed.

A MESSAGE FROM BOB

On behalf of County Executive Tom Suozzi and Commissioner James J Callahan III thank you for your dedication and commitment to CERT and Citizen Preparedness.

Thank you for answering the call for assistance for the POD at the Health Department Building on Friday evening, November 6th. Everyone who attended did a fantastic job! I would like to extend a special thank you to Joe and Adam for their willingness to step up and take charge and for organizing and leading the team for this event. All who attended not only learned about the POD process but operated in ICS and learned first hand how ICS works and the benefits it brings to the command structure!



Now we will be doing this all over again this coming Monday, November 16, 2009 at the same place for another Pregnant Woman POD! Please see below the mission request for “**Pregnant Woman POD II**” This time we are asking all CERT members POD trained or not if you want to participate. Once again we do not know if we will actually need all 20 members but must be prepared!

We also need two members tomorrow evening to assist at the OEM warehouse from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM with vaccination logistics. This mission (see below mission request) includes carrying heavy boxes. We are needed to assist with packing and delivery of vaccination materials.

PLEASE SEE THE MISSIONS LISTED BELOW

We will be posting more missions as they develop! The H1N1 Call Center will be open INDEFINATLY and need coverage INDEFINATLY! If you can spare the time please sign up for a shift!

TRAINING

In service training is open to all active CERT members on a first come first served basis.

ICS training is open to other groups, agencies, friends, colleagues, businesses, etc., who may have a need to operate in a disaster or emergency. OEM is inviting all with a need for this information to join the training! (Some restrictions apply!) Please forward this announcement for ICS to any school, business or agency that would benefit from the training. **Don't forget that for EVERY CERT Training and activation YOU NEED to be prepared! Bring your CERT Gear! Have appropriate clothing and footwear on! Have your CERT uniform! Be prepared!**

Nassau County CERT November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8	9 Basic 5** Class III 6:30-10:00pm CW Post 5 Towns	10 POD Mission	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14
15	16 Basic 5** Class IV 6:30-10:00pm CW Post	17 Planning Meeting 7:00-9:00pm SE Sector	18	19	20	21
22	23 Basic 5** Class V 6:30-10:00pm CW Post	24 General Staff Meeting 7:00-9:00pm	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30 Basic 5** Class VI 6:30-10:00pm CW Post					

Note: Yellow dates denote Nassau County holidays.

**Location: C.W. Post Campus- Long Island University 720 Northern Blvd. Brookville, New York 11548

Nassau County CERT December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 CE Sector	3 SW Sector	4	5
6	7 Basic 5** Class VII 6:30-10:00pm CW Post 5 Towns	8 CPR/AED/FA Fall Class I 6:00-9:30pm Freeport FD*	9 CPR/AED/FA Fall Class II 6:00-9:30pm Freeport FD*	10	11	12 Hanukkah begins

13	14 Basic 5** Class VIII 6:30-10:00pm CW Post	15 Planning Meeting 7:00-9:00pm	16	17	18	19
20	21 Winter begins	22 General Staff Meeting 7:00-9:00pm	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

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*Location: Freeport Fire Department 15 Broadway, Freeport, 11520

**Location: C.W. Post Campus- Long Island University 720 Northern Blvd. Brookville, New York 11548

NEW CPR AED and First Aid Course

December 8 & 9, 2009, 6:00 – 9:30 PM (8 hours-MUST attend both classes)

Freeport Fire House 15 Broadway Freeport NY 11520

This course is a Red Cross Certification class for adult & infant CPR only. (If you would like a Red Cross Certification Card the Red Cross Fee is **\$8.00 CASH** This is not a requirement to participate) 24 students Maximum. First come first served basis. We will be offering this course in other locations when volunteer instructors are available.

Sign up by email to uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov with “CPR-1208” in subject.

ACTIVATIONS AND MISSION REQUESTS

Missions that have not been posted before will be marked NEW and missions that have been completed or missions such as table events with positions that have been filled by volunteers will be removed from this section. The calendar above will have the events posted in it.

*******Next Monday (November 16th, CERT is needed for a second POD*******

*******NEW***** ASAP Mission Request 20091112A H1N1 POD for Pregnant Women II**

Mission: Mission Request 20091112A H1N1 POD for Pregnant Women staffing II

Skills: Staff POD, monitor flow, assist pregnant woman, assist as needed, Operate CERT ICP trailer, etc.

Personnel: 20 CERT members for POD and 6 CERT members for ICP

Location: Department of Health Building Located at: 106 Charles Lindbergh Blvd Uniondale 11553



Date: November 16, 2009

Times: Between the hours of **3:00 and 9:30 PM**

Method: Staff CERT POD Jobs Per ICS protocol

Attire: **MUST have CERT vest, Helmet and flashlight (helmet for outside locations)**

Refreshments: Dinner will be available

Due Date: **Please respond ASAP!**

Reason: Commissioner of OEM and DOH request for CERT

Sign up Contact: Send Email to uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "DPOD Nov 16 2009"

Please include: Days, dates, and times you are available for in the email.

Team Leader: TBD (Leader Needed)

Additional Information:

Do not have to be POD trained.

Admin Use only:

106 CLB for pregnant woman, from 1700 to 2100 hours -ES

Note if POD, ICS, or CP trained, not mandatory

MUST BE NOTIFIED BY CERT leader or Bob BEFORE YOU RESPOND TO LOCATION

This POD is for H1N1 for PREGNANT WOMEN ONLY

We also need a team leader and ICS position personnel

MUST be Basic trained CERT members

CERT command trailer will be deployed by 3:00 PM,

CERT will fill ALL positions we have JAS for,

CERT will be monitoring the lot for flow,

CERT may be assisting with children at a child care if needed,

CERT will be provided food,

*******NEW***** ASAP Mission Request 20091112B H1N1 Vaccination Delivery**

Mission: Mission Request 20091112B H1N1 Vaccination Delivery

Skills: pack, carry and move vaccination materials, coolers, ice packs, and assist with movement and delivery at OEM warehouse and command truck. **MUST** be able to physically carry heavy boxes

Personnel: 2 CERT members

Location: OEM warehouse and Grumman Rd Bethpage NY.

Date: FRIDAY November 13, 2009

Times: Between the hours of **4:00 and 7:30 PM**

Method: Pack, carry and move vaccination materials, coolers, ice packs, and assist with movement and delivery at OEM warehouse and command truck. **MUST** be able to physically carry heavy boxes

Attire: **MUST have CERT vest, Helmet and flashlight (helmet for warehouse)**

Refreshments: unknown if available

Due Date: **Please respond ASAP!**

Reason: Commissioner of OEM and DOH request for CERT

Sign up Contact: Send Email to uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "Warehouse 20091113"

Team Leader: TBD

Additional Information:

Must be able to carry heavy objects

Admin Use only:

Loading coolers at warehouse, packing vaccinations in ice, loading onto command truck, riding to street location in truck, assisting DOH with distribution of materials from truck to physicians.

Ongoing Mission Request 20091022A H1N1call center

Mission: H1N1 Call Center staffing

Skills: Staff call center and answer calls regarding H1N1

Personnel: 4 CERT volunteers needed each day (2 for each shift)

Location: Department of Health Building Located at: 106 Charles Lindbergh Blvd Uniondale 11553
(Enter through South entrance and then call the hotline # 1-888-684-4271 to be admitted. Report to Anna for assistance and training)

Date: (updated 20091029) October 26, 2009 Weekdays only, through indefinitely

Times: Between the hours of 9:00AM - 4:00PM

First shift: 9:00AM - 1:00 PM

Second shift: 12:30PM - Approx 4:00PM

Method: You will be provided: Job Action Sheet describing your function and details of how to respond to calls and how to refer callers. You will bring: Something to occupy you when the phones are not busy such as a book to read

Attire: Office Attire- cert shirt or green or white shirt, casual business attire such as black or kaki slack. No jeans or BDU's

Refreshments: Unknown if available please be prepared

Due Date: Please respond ASAP!

Reason: Commissioner of OEM and DOH request for CERT

Sign Up Contact: Send Email to oeccert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "Mission Call Center"

Please include: Days, dates, and times you are available for in the email.

Team Leader: Morty Press

Additional Information: We also need a member who can receive redirected emails from me over the weekend and set up the shifts as well as respond to members with their assignments. This part of the mission can be done via internet. If you are interested in this please email oeccert@nassaucountyny.gov subject: "Call Center Resource Unit Leader"

Mission Request 20091030A OEM CERT DESK Staffing and Clerical Assistance

Mission: To check email, voice mail, fill in forms on computer using excel, word, and outlook programs. We would like to have a member at the CERT Desk every day to assist with the daily operation of CERT.

Skills: Must be able to use computer, word, outlook, and excel basic knowledge, make follow-up calls to members, answer emails as directed, follow directions and develop Job Action Sheets. You must be independent and motivated to help out!

Personnel: 1 CERT volunteer needed 4 hours each day

Location: OEM CERT Desk at 100 Carman Ave East Meadow, NY 11554

Date: Ongoing – Must be able to commit to a day of the week for multiple weeks. *Such as: Tuesdays from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM for the month of June (except for holidays)*

Times: Between the hours of 8:00AM - 2:00PM

Method: You will be provided: samples and templates of forms and data, instruction from Bob, Job Action Sheets and instructions for email and voice mail

You will bring: Something to occupy you when it is slow such as a book to read

Attire: Office Attire- cert shirt or green or white polo type shirt, casual business attire such as black or kaki slacks. No jeans or BDU's. **A CERT shirt will be issued** (providing we have your size) after a steady show of support and commitment to continue.

Refreshments: Unknown if available please be prepared

Due Date: Ongoing

Reason: The CERT program has grown considerably and is in need of dedicated knowledgeable volunteer members to support the ongoing clerical issues related to the proper administration of the program.

Sign Up Contact:

Send Email to uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "CERT Desk Help"

Team Leader: Bob

EXERCISES

None scheduled

OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION

NEW The CERT National Program Office is pleased to announce that Volume 2, Issue 3 of the *CERT National Newsletter* is now posted on the CERT National website. Click on the following link to access the new edition: <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/>.

NEW RED CROSS Holiday Mail for Heroes

Once again our partners in the Red Cross are running the Holiday Mail for Heroes campaign. Last year the chapter collected cards and sent them to Maryland for processing. This year the Nassau County Chapters will be on the receiving end of the program. They will be going out to the local bases, hospitals and recruiting stations to deliver the cards that are sent to the address on the poster below. I am reaching out to all of you to participate in this great program. Get your kids involved, maybe class projects at their school. See the website below for specific details on the program. <http://www.redcross.org/holidaymail> In case you cannot see the imbedded poster, I have attached a jpg file for you to view the poster or just click on the above link for details. Thanks, Kenny

NEW Thursday November 12 / 10PM - National Geographic Channel

Thursday night "docudrama" "Dirty Bomb Attack"

In Dirty Bomb Attack, a one-hour docudrama for the National Geographic Channel, a US city is the target of a hypothetical radiological attack. The episode begins with a dramatization of a car bomb detonating in a busy street and sets up the question, "what happens next?" The answer is given through the lens of representative characters: a victim near the blast site whose radiation symptoms develop over time; first responders who go into the hot zone to save lives and help with the clean up; a pregnant mother and her child living in a contaminated area who must be evacuated and forensic scientists who comb through evidence to determine how lethal the attack was and who is responsible. By concentrating on these key story lines and weaving back and forth between them Dirty Bomb Attack paints an accurate and often gripping picture of the aftermath of a radiological attack and gives viewers useful information in the event that we ever find ourselves faced with this kind of disaster in the future.

BASIC CLASSES:

Please check the website training page for the updated CERT Calendar:

<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OEM/CC/CERT/training.html>

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE CALENDAR IF YOU ARE AN INSTRUCTOR! We have updated the 2009 calendar and need you to volunteer for your segment!

Help out or just attend at CERT Basic Class and renew your interest as well!

If you can assist our program- even if you haven't done anything like this before, come on out and help us make the program the best in the country! Helping is fun and exciting! AND you even get to practice what you learned in training!

C W Post Basic Class
October 2009 Class Schedule and Location
[Updated 11/12/2009](#)

Class Times	Doors open at 6:30pm, class starts promptly at 7:00pm and ends at 10:00pm
Class Location	C.W. Post Campus- Long Island University 720 Northern Blvd. Brookville, New York 11548
Refreshments	Water will be supplied for classes 1 through 8.
Course Listing	Course Incident Commander (IC) <u>Kathy Cowden & Deputy IC Debbie Donovan</u> . Classes are run using ICS and an IC needs to attend every class. You may have a Deputy who can split the classes with you. The IC is responsible for directing the class and for ALL ASPECTS OF COURSE administrative paperwork and equipment. The IC must get each class attendance to OEM (in person or via email) within two days of each class. This position can be shared by two members.

Class Details **MONDAYS**

Class 1	October 26	What is CERT?, Intro to ICS and CERT Organization,
Class 2	November 2	Disaster Medical Operations I
Class 3	November 9	Light Search and Rescue
Class 4	November 16	Disaster Psychology and Terrorism
Class 5	November 23	Fire Suppression and Part I Table Top Exercise
Class 6	November 30	Sheltering Operations Part II Table top Exercise
Class 7	December 7	Disaster Medical Operations II
Class 8	December 14	Radio Operations, Community Outreach and Graduation

Class 4, 11/16/2009: Terrorism and Disaster Psychology

Volunteers will teach this class

Rich Egan Volunteer Instructor – Terrorism

Mike Arcari Volunteer Instructor – Disaster Psychology and Disabled Persons

Rosemarie Amato Admin Assistant

Class 5, 11/23/2009: Fire Suppression and Part I Table Top Exercise

2 VEEB instructors will teach the firefighting part of this class and

Volunteers will concurrently teach the exercise part of this class

Volunteers will conduct table top and send one team out at a time for fire suppression as directed by VEEB

Kenny English Volunteer Instructor Table Top

Rosemarie Amato Volunteer Assistant Table Top

Class 6, 11/30/2009: Shelter Introduction and Part II Table Top Exercise

Volunteers will teach this class

Tom Vaughn Volunteer Instructor- Sheltering and Organization

Kenny English Volunteer Instructor Assistant

Rosemarie Amato Admin Assistant

Class 7, 12/7/2009: Disaster Medical Operations II

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class
Volunteers will assist with hands on exercise
_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant
Rosemarie Amato Admin Assistant

**Class 8, 12/14/2009: Outreach and Education, Radio Operation,
Graduation, and Meet the TULs.**

Bob B Graduation

Debbie B Outreach and Education

Rob Yenis Volunteer Instructor Radio

Rosemarie Amato Admin Assistant

Local Area TULs, DTULs and Other VIP's