

CERT All Member Weekly Brief February 11, 2009

CERT is what you make it!

If you have any suggestions **including training** or comments on how to make CERT better, please send oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov an email. All responses are kept strictly confidential unless otherwise expressed!

A message from Bob

On behalf of County Executive Tom Suozzi and Commissioner Callahan Thank you for your dedication and commitment to CERT and Citizen Preparedness. You have contributed an enormous amount of hours in 2008 including over 4500 hours for various activations.

I encourage YOU to sign up for courses, new in-service courses as well as basic CERT! We have changed many aspects of the basic in the last few years! Come see and participate in the new activities!

Presidents Award

The Presidents Award Unit Leader (PAUL) Marvin Stein has finalized the process for obtaining your **Volunteer Service Award** from the President of the United States. Thank you Marv!

Follow these directions:

1. You will email your request for access to ms-oemcert@optonline.net
2. Marv will email you and copy your TUL with the set-up instructions
3. Admin will send you the password in a separate email
4. you will access the website, set yourself up and enter your hours
5. Marv will print a report monthly by Team and provide to Bob
6. Bob will have the report distributed to the Division Supervisors (DS) at the monthly meeting
7. The Division Supervisors, on their own or with the help of the TUL, will approve or dispute the hours
8. The Division Supervisors will send an email to Marv within 2 weeks approving or disapproving the members hours.
9. The member will update their hours accordingly.
10. The CERT awards committee will distribute the awards at the annual recognition function held in the spring.

To start the process submit the following via email to Marv ms-oemcert@optonline.net
Please carefully fill out all the information. Do not leave any blanks! If you do leave blanks you are creating more work for us and we will discontinue this award program.

First name

Last name

Street Address

City

State: New York

Zip:

Email

CERT Team Sector: (see chart)

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

Age: (pick one) 5-14, 15-25, 26-49, 50+

Gender: (pick one) Male Female

Country: United States

A student? (pick one) Yes or No

Any questions contact Marv at: ms-oemcert@optonline.net

In Service Training

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

Special Offering! Advanced ICS, (ICS –400)

Command and General Staff-Complex Incidents

2/23- 24, 2009 Monday, – Tuesday, 08:00AM – 4:00PM

NYC Office of Emergency Management 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn

Contact me at rbeckmann@nassaucountyny.gov to register for this course. You MUST have completed ICS 100, 200, 300.

RED CROSS OFFERS TRAINING TO CERT

First Aid

March 18, 2009 Wednesday 6:30pm - 10:30pm

Adult CPR/AED

February 23, 2009 Monday 6:30pm - 10:30pm

All above classes are held at Nassau American Red Cross Offices in Mineola.

To register for any of the above Red Cross Course: contact Jackie Katz at 516-747-3500 x 245 or Katzja@usa.redcross.org Tell her you are a CERT volunteer.

(Sign up for ONE of the following EOC dates- the class is the same class)

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Basic Training Course (Course: E-1)

March 4, 2009

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Nassau County OEM 100 Carman Av. East Meadow, NY 11554

This class will introduce CERT members to the policies, procedures and general activities that occur during EOC activation. Class is limited to 20 students, first come first served. You will be notified of acceptance one week before the class date by email. CERT members are REQUIRED to have taken this course in order to work in the EOC. Prerequisite: All applicants must have completed ICS-100 prior to attending this course. If you did not FAX or email your ICS-100 Certificate to the CERT desk: FAX: 573-0673 Register oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "EOC Basic Class class-E-1"

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Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Basic Training Course (Course: E-2)

March 12, 2009

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Nassau County OEM 100 Carman Av. East Meadow, NY 11554

This class will introduce CERT members to the policies, procedures and general activities that occur during EOC activation. Class is limited to 20 students, first come first served. You will be notified of acceptance one week before the class date by email. CERT members are REQUIRED to have taken this course in order to work in the EOC. Prerequisite: All applicants must have completed ICS-100 prior to attending this course. If you did not FAX or email your ICS-100 Certificate to the CERT desk FAX: 573-0673 **Register:** uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "EOC Basic Class class-E-2"

ICS-100 Incident Command System, I-100(class# I-4)

March 18 and 19, 2009 (must attend BOTH classes)

7:00 Pm to 10:00 PM

Nassau County OEM100 Carman Av. East Meadow, NY 11554

Class is limited to 20 students, first come first served. You will be notified of acceptance one week before the class date by email. This is an interactive instructor driven course recommended for all. Even if you have previously completed ICS-100 online, this course will provide you with experience and hands on knowledge. Course Overview: ICS 100, Introduction to the Incident Command System, introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

To register uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "ICS Training class-I-4"

Activation to assist at JFK Airport with Terrorism Training

March 26 Thursday

11:30 AM – 3:00 PM at JFK International Airport

JFK Expy & S Cargo Rd Jamaica, NY 11430

NYS Homeland Security Training exercise at JFK

The training liaison for NYS Homeland Security is in need of a few volunteers for role playing.

To register uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject include "CERT JFK" in subject. Participants will be role playing as commuters- some will be up to no-good! Volunteers should wear civilian attire. **DO NOT JUST GO TO JFK- YOU MUST TELL ME AND BE ON THE LIST!** This is a great opportunity to find out exactly what "see something say something" means. You will find out about characteristics and behaviors to look out for.

FULL SCALE Training EXERCISE Save the date!

September 13, 2009, Sunday

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Town of Oyster Bay DPW Yards in Syosset

Our National Preparedness Month Training Exercise will be at the same location as last years exercise. The committee has started the planning process. We will post information as it becomes available.

Citizen Corps

Citizen Corps Bulletin

Sesame Street Web site

- In September the *Ready* Campaign announced the launch of the “Let’s Get Ready” toolkit in partnership with Sesame Workshop and the Advertising Council. This is a tool designed to help families with young children between the ages of two and five prepare for an emergency with basic information. In the fall, the *Ready* Campaign made 50 copies available for each of our state and local partners and then opened the ordering up to the public in December. **The Campaign has raised the quantity limit to 100 copies.** Therefore if you already ordered your 50 copies, you may order 50 more. If you have not ordered your copies, you may order 100. You can do so through the FEMA warehouse by calling 1-800-480-2520. Or you may use the revised *Ready* Order form (attached).
- Sesame Workshop and the *Ready* Campaign have revamped the toolkit’s Web site so that it is more user friendly. Visitor’s can download all of the materials from the Web site and we encourage you to promote it to your local partners. www.ready.gov/sesame will take you to the revamped Web site.

Digital TV Transition

- The Digital Transition will be on June 12, 2009 (NOTE: This is a change since the call took place.) Citizen Corps has developed a fact sheet which provides more information about the Digital Transition as well as ways for Citizen Corps Councils and Partners to become involved
http://www.citizencorps.gov/pdf/news/How_Citizen_Corps_Can_Support_DTV_Feb_17_2009.pdf

2009 National Community Preparedness Conference August 9-12, 2009

The 2009 National Conference on Community Preparedness: *The Power of Citizen Corps*, is being hosted jointly by FEMA’s Community Preparedness Division and the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) on August 9-12, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, VA. The conference is open to all who are interested in making their communities safer, stronger, and better prepared for all types of hazards. It will bring together approximately 600 state and local elected officials, emergency management, fire and police services, public health and emergency medical services, non-governmental organizations, private business and industry, advocacy groups, and members of public.

NWS Aware Newsletter

The latest edition of Aware has been posted at the following link:
<http://www.weather.gov/os/Aware/pdfs/08winter-aware.pdf>

Other News and Information

Our 2008 statistics are in!

	Year Total	Year Total	Year Total	Year Total	Year Total	Grand Total
Category	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
New volunteers recruited and placed with affiliate organizations	162	195	206	281	197	1,041
Volunteers participated in disaster response and recovery training	156	453	665	877	639	2,790
Individuals trained in community preparedness and family safety	17	56	1,747	4,132	4,213	10,165
Volunteers helped communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters	4	274	131	484	468	1,361
Volunteer hours logged by individuals while helping communities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters	483	8,103	8,873	15,967	16,948	50,374
Volunteers trained in CERT	156	351	557	740	881	
Number of preparedness and mitigation publications distributed	1,500	3,000	2,726	7,321	11,450	25,997

WORLD AT RISK the Role of the Citizen

Government should inform public more about threat and expectations in regard to WMD.

Interesting study and effect of how Great Britain responds:

Tom Brokaw was doing his homework in early September 2008, reviewing his old calendars and personal documents. As the former managing editor and anchor of NBC Nightly News, he had long established a rule that he would cover the news but not make it. But he decided to break that rule. He agreed to testify at the Commission's hearing in New York City because he wanted to provide a detailed personal narrative of how events unfolded in 2001, when two of his assistants came in contact with a white powder that spilled out of two envelopes that had come in the mail, addressed to him. His testimony was riveting as he walked us through the weeks of wrong guesses and misdiagnoses before medical authorities realized that his two assistants were victims of cutaneous anthrax. Brokaw's assistants eventually recovered but his story was an example of the destructive power of anthrax when used as a weapon...But there was something else that Brokaw did before appearing at our hearing that produced an insight every bit as valuable. It highlighted why our Commission concluded that this section on the need to inform and empower citizens was a fitting way to end our report. Tom Brokaw told us he wanted to see just what the U.S. government has done since 2001 to better inform citizens about attacks from this specific weapon of mass destruction... I got almost no information that would be useful [to] me in that culture of chaos if I needed help to find out where I go, what it looks like, and what the next course of action should be. A well-informed and mobilized citizenry has long been one of the United States' greatest resources. While much of this report has focused on what the U.S. government must do to prevent the use of weapons of mass destruction, it is also important to recognize the contribution that all Americans can make in preventing such an attack against our country...

Full story: http://www.preventwmd.gov/world_at_risk_the_role_of_the_citizen

By Laws and Policy

Please take a moment and review the By-Laws and Standard Operating Guide at: <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OEM/CC/CERT/certforms.html> . If you have any questions or issues, you can contact any member of the Planning Team.

Speaking about CERT?

If you speak about CERT at a business meeting, civic meeting, or to any group, even neighbors, PLEASE let Mike A. know! We can get credit if you take a minute and send Mike (Help@faithfulresponse.org) an email with when, where, how many! EVERYTHING COUNTS! We need credit for what we do!!!

Basic Classes:

Please check the website training page:

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

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!