

CERT All Member Weekly Brief February 26, 2009

CERT is what you make it!

The weekly CERT Brief is also available on our webpage at:

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

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.

I have posted the first Basic Course announcement and Instructor Sign up Sheet at the bottom of this email for the certified Instructors and other members to review and sign up to instruct or assist. Please consider helping out at one of the courses throughout the year! There are a few members who donate an extreme amount of time teaching and other things, please help them out by stepping up!

If you feel you have what it takes to become one of the training team please email: oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "Training Team"

Please see the announcement below for the CERT Basic Course Train the Trainer! Go to the link provided and SIGN UP!

Presidents Award

If you are interested in obtaining your **Volunteer Service Award** from the President of the United States 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

Training and Meetings

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

SE Sector Meeting

Electrical Safety after a Hurricane

March 3, 2009 7:00 PM

Massapequa Park Village Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room 151 Front Street (across from the LIRR Train Station) Massapequa Park

All CERT members are invited to bring family and friends to the SE Sector meeting's presentation on Electrical Safety after a Hurricane Disaster, Presented by a representative from National Grid. **Please RSVP to your TUL** by February 28th, with the number of people attending.

Hicksville Team Meeting

2 way FRS Radios

March 4, 2009 7:00 PM

Hicksville William P Bennett Community Center at 28 Carl Street, NY 1801

The speaker will be Rob Yenis. He will be discussing communications and how to set up FRS 2-way radios. This is an important part of CERT and I hope there is a large turnout!

If you have a radio please bring it and check that the batteries are still good!

Please notify Linda Walkowiak, Hicksville TUL if you will attend

54walker@optonline.net

(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 uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "EOC Basic Class class-E-1"**

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 OEM 100 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.

NEW CERT TRAIN-THE-TRAINER COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

MARCH 28 -29, 2009 2 DAYS – 16 HOURS

Nassau County Sheriff's Department Academy 100 Carman Avenue, East Meadow, NY11554 Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days

Registration: Complete the registration form at:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228V6AAJATM>

FOR FULL ANNOUNCEMENT GO TO THE SEMO TRAINING PAGE AT:

<http://www.semo.state.ny.us/Programs/Training/Courses/G-417.cfm>

New York State Emergency Management Office Training & Exercises Section (518) 292-2351 or semotraining@semo.state.ny.us To ensure the most appropriate target audience for this course, SEMO and the hosting jurisdiction will review all registrations prior to acceptance to the course. Registration Deadline: COB MARCH 24, 2009 Registration Deadline: COB MARCH 24, 2009

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

National Congress and Expo in Orlando, FL

Citizen Corps Affiliate, the National Safety Council will be hosting their **National Congress and Expo in Orlando, FL on October 26-28, 2009**. This event has over 7000 attendees primarily the decision makers responsible for safety education within their business organizations. They are also seeking speakers and abstracts are due on February 6th as well. For more information go to:

<http://www.congress.nsc.org/nsc2009/Public/Content.aspx?ID=306>

Citizen Corps

Recently started a new email/news subscription service to sign up to receive updates from Citizen Corps, please visit <http://www.citizencorps.gov/subscribe.shtm>

Other News and Information

National Preparedness Month

The Ready Campaign has begun planning for National Preparedness Month (NPM) 2009. We will kick off the registration period at the end of March. Please e-mail any NPM theme ideas or other feedback you have to ready@dhs.gov. We are eager to hear from you!

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!

Uniondale Basic Class March 2009 Class Schedule and Location

Volunteers Needed!!!!!!

Please review and sign up to help!

Class Times	Doors open at 6:30pm, class starts promptly at 7:00pm and ends at 9:30pm.
Class Location	Sherman Van Ness Fire House, 154 Uniondale Ave Uniondale, NY 11553 (between Front St. and Hempstead Tpke).
Refreshments	Water will be supplied for classes 1 through 8.
Course Listing	Course Incident Commander (IC) _____ Classes are run using ICS and an IC needs to attend every class. 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

Class 1	March 23	What is CERT?, Intro to ICS and CERT Organization,
Class 2	March 30	Disaster Medical Operations I
Class 3	April 6	Light Search and Rescue
Class 4	April 13	Disaster Psychology and Terrorism
Class 5	April 20	Fire Suppression and Part I Table Top Exercise
Class 6	April 27	Sheltering Operations Part II Table top Exercise

Class 7	May 4	Disaster Medical Operations II
Class 8	May 11	Radio Operations, Community Outreach and Graduation

Class 1, March 23: What is CERT?, Intro to ICS and CERT Organization

Volunteers will teach this class

Bob B _____ What is CERT? and Intro

Debbie B _____ Volunteer Assistant

Class 2, March 30: Medical I

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with practical

_____ Volunteer Assistant

Class 3, April 6: Light Search and Rescue

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with practical

_____ Volunteer Assistant

Class 4, April 13: Terrorism and Disaster Psychology

Volunteers will teach this class

_____ Volunteer Instructor – Terrorism

_____ Volunteer Instructor – Disaster Psychology and Disabled Persons

Class 5, April 20: 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

_____ Volunteer Instructor Table Top

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Class 6, April 27: Shelter Introduction and Part II Table Top Exercise

Volunteers will teach this class

_____ Volunteer Instructor- Sheltering and Organization

_____ Volunteer Instructor- assist with exercise

Class 7, May 4: Disaster Medical Operations II

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with hands on exercise

_____ Volunteer Instructor- assist with exercise

Class 8, May 11: Outreach and Education, Radio Operation, Graduation, and Meet the TULs.

Bob B _____ Graduation

Debbie B _____ Outreach and Education

_____ Volunteer Instructor Radio

Volunteer Instructor Radio
Local Area TULs, DTULs and Other VIP's