

CERT All Member Weekly Brief March 12, 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 James Callahan thank you for your dedication and commitment to CERT and Citizen Preparedness.

Barrier Island (Long Beach / Atlantic Beach Training Coming in May! Just in time for the beginning of Hurricane Season in June! If you have friends and/or family in the Long Beach, Atlantic Beach Area, please notify them of the upcoming CERT Basic training starting in May and encourage them to sign up on-line at <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OEM/CC/CERT/signup.html> or give them the brochure available at <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OEM/CC/CERT/brochure.html>

If you know of groups that should receive notice of the training, please forward them the brochure and links. You may send oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov the contact information (email preferable) for the group so we may send a copy of the press release.

Keep your time up to date! Use this Link: [Member Time sheet \(Volunteer Time spent doing CERT work Form#152\)](#) to download the form! Send your report to your TUL when due (First Quarter of 2009 January 1- March 31 due April 10th!) **IF YOU DON'T REPORT IT- IT DIDN'T HAPPEN!**

Please see the announcements below for all the training we are making available! Sign up early so we can continue offering the valuable training you want!

We also still need a Class IC and Deputy IC for the Uniondale Course! Please see the announcement! If you can assist us by attending all (between you and your Deputy) classes for the eight week period please let me know!

You must be ICS-100 Certified to work in the EOC! If you have not attended an Incident Command System 100 (ICS-100) Course at OEM please do, even if you have taken ICS-100 on line! You will learn much more about ICS than you do on line! You must also attend the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) class if you want to be able to work inside the EOC during an activation or disaster!

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.nassaucountynv.gov/agencies/OEM/CC/CERT/CERTTCCI.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.

ICS-100 Incident Command System, I-100(class# I-0318)

March 18 and 19, 2009 6 hour course (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-0318"

Activation to assist at JFK Airport with Terrorism Training

March 26 Thursday

11:00 AM – 2:30 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-0326" 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.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Basic Training Course (Course: E-0326)

March 26, 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-0326"

CERT TRAIN-THE-TRAINER COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

MARCH 28 -29, 2009, 2 DAYS – 16 HOURS, MUST ATTEND BOTH CLASSES

Nassau County Sheriff's Department Academy 100 Carman Avenue, East Meadow, NY, 11554 Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days **snacks and Lunch will be provided*

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>

ICS-200 for personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position

NEW ICS-200 Incident Command System, I-200 (class# I-0401)

April 1 and 2, 2009, 6 hour course (must attend BOTH classes)

7:00 Pm to 10:00 PM

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

THIS IS THE SECOND OF THE ICS SERIES OF COURSES! EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE! Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents ICS 200 is designed to

enable personnel to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the Incident Command System (ICS). ICS-200 provides training on and resources for personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within the ICS. 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-200 online, this course will provide you with experience and hands on knowledge. **To register uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "ICS Training class-I-0401"**

NEW ICS-100 Incident Command System, I-100(class# I-0415)

April 15 and 16, 2009, 6 hour course (must attend BOTH classes)

7:00 Pm to 10:00 PM

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

****Same as above class ICS-100 course description!**

To register uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "ICS Training class-I-0415"

NEW DEC Basic Wildland Search & Rescue

April 18, 2009 Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Stony Brook SUNY, 50 Circle Road Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409 and Rocky Point for field portion (directions to be provided)

RSVP: Promptly. **Description:** The Basic Wildland Search skills course has been developed by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and is taught by DEC Forest Rangers to individuals interested in becoming wild land search volunteers. This course has been developed to provide you with the basic knowledge and skills necessary to assist in conducting search missions and to acquaint you with the New York State Forest Ranger Search and Rescue Program. The primary purpose of the training program is to organize, train, and maintain search volunteer resources; provide uniform and standardize basic search training; and provide certification for search volunteers. Upon completion of this course and passing a written examination, search volunteers will be issued a search volunteer certification card. This course will cover the following: Search Organization, Attitude, Safety, Communications, Search Techniques, Field Exercise, Conclusion and Written Exam. **Students must dress appropriately for outdoor walking and weather; long pants; long sleeves; sturdy, closed toe shoes; goggles and gloves.** Although it is early in the season, it is suggested you bring insect repellent with you. **If you are not dressed for the class, you will not be allowed to participate.** **To Register uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "DEC WS&R class-DECB-0418"**

NEW DEC Basic Wildland Search & Rescue

April 19th, 2009 Sunday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Stony Brook SUNY, 50 Circle Road Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409 and Rocky Point for field portion (directions to be provided)

Description: Same as above. If you are not dressed for the class, you will not be allowed to participate. **To Register uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "DEC WS&R class- DECB-0419"**

NEW WMD Radiological/Nuclear Awareness Course (class W-0422)

April 22 and 23, 2009, 6 hour course (must attend BOTH classes)

7:00 Pm to 10:00 PM

Nassau County OEM100 Carman Av. East Meadow, NY 11554

Class is limited to 15 students, first come first served. You will be notified of acceptance one week before the class date by email. This course is a Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) radiological/nuclear overview designed for first responders and other personnel who are likely to be the first to arrive on the scene of a radiological/nuclear incident. **Certificates of Completion will be awarded.**

To register oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "WMD Rad W-0422"

NEW Activation to assist at JFK Airport with Terrorism Training

April 23, 2009 Thursday

11:00 AM – 2:30 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 oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject include "CERT JFK-0423"** 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 DEC Advanced Wildland Search & Rescue

Type II & Modified Search Technique Training

April 25, 2009 Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Stony Brook SUNY, 50 Circle Road Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409 and Rocky Point for field portion (directions to be provided)

Description: RSVP: Promptly. This advanced class will be offered to volunteers that have already taken the Basic Wildland training prior to 2009 then opened up to anyone that has taken the class April 18/19, 2009 **Description:** This course provides the necessary training in order to cover a large area in a relatively short time. This technique is very flexible and can be adapted to fit the specific objectives of a particular search assignment. Course Objectives: 1-Find the subject alive, 2 - Intercept the subject before he/she moves out of the area, 3 - Type II bridges the gap between Type I and Type II, 4 - It is an effective search method at night, 5 - Covers areas of thick and uneven vegetation. The classroom portion is about an hour in length, and the field component is a few hours in length depending on the missing person questionnaire. Skills in the use of Map & Compass are needed. It is advised that all students bring a compass with mirror. **Students must dress appropriately for outdoor walking and weather; long pants; long sleeves; sturdy, closed toe shoes; goggles and gloves.** Although it is early in the season, it is suggested you bring insect repellent with you. **If you are not dressed for the class, you will not be allowed to participate.** **To Register oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "DEC WS&R Advanced class-DECA-0425"**

NEW DEC Advanced Wildland Search & Rescue

Type II & Modified Search Technique Training

April 26th, 2009 **Sunday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

Stony Brook SUNY, 50 Circle Road Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409 and **Rocky Point for field portion (directions to be provided)**

Description: Same as above! **To Register** uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov **subject "DEC WS&R Advanced class-DECA-0426"**

NEW Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Basic Training (Course: E-0430)

April 30, 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-0430"

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.

Other News and Information

Adobe Reader 9 and Acrobat 9 and earlier versions Critical vulnerability

This vulnerability would cause the application to crash and could potentially allow an attacker to take control of the affected system. There are reports that this issue is being exploited. Adobe is planning to release updates to Adobe Reader and Acrobat to resolve the relevant security issue. Adobe expects to make available an update for Adobe Reader 9 and Acrobat 9 by March 11th, 2009. Adobe is planning to make updates for Adobe Reader 7 and 8, and Acrobat 7 and 8, available by March 18th. In the meantime, Adobe is in contact with anti-virus and security vendors, including McAfee, Symantec and others, on this issue in order to ensure the security of our mutual customers. More information on protection for this issue from anti-virus and security vendors is now available on the [Adobe Product Security Incident Response Team blog](#)

Source: <http://www.adobe.com/support/security/advisories/apsa09-01.html>

Citizen Corps

Citizen Corps News: Does your Emergency Preparedness Kit contain recalled or expired items? Currently the United States is in the midst of one of the largest food

recalls in American history. As Americans dig through their cabinets and refrigerators to remove potentially contaminated food associated with the recent peanut recall, we would like to also remind citizens to open and check their Emergency Preparedness Kits to remove any potentially harmful items from these also.

Because peanut products are often recommended as staples in Emergency Preparedness Kits due to their long shelf life and because they are a good source of protein, we encourage all kit owners to look at their kits to ensure food products are not on the peanut recall list. Please keep in mind that the peanut product recall extends beyond peanut-flavored products. The following are some examples of foods also included in the recall that may contain peanuts: **Granola, Snack bars, Crackers, Cereal, Trail Mix, Cookies, Noodles, Dog treats.** A full list of recalled peanut products and what individuals should do with recalled items can be found on the **Food and Drug Administration's Web site**, <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm>.

In addition to checking for peanut-related items, please be sure to check for other items in your kit that may have expired, including medications, food and pet food, water, and other recalled items. The U.S. government provides information on unsafe, hazardous, or defective products ranging from consumer products, food, medicine, and cosmetics at www.recalls.gov

Ensuring family and neighbors are prepared is an essential step in helping communities during and after an emergency. Families should have an Emergency Preparedness Kit in all locations that are frequented often, including homes, offices, schools, cars and day care facilities. These kits should hold a variety of essential items that are needed during a disaster, such as a flashlight, radio, cash, clothing, protective equipment, medicines, and of course food and water. For a complete list of Emergency Preparedness Kit recommended items, please visit <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/supplykit.shtm>.

This news story and other Community Preparedness news, including Citizen Corps Bulletins, can be found on our website at <http://www.citizencorps.gov/>

By Laws and SOG:

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 for the updated CERT Calendar!: <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

Updated 3/6/2009

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. 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

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 Instructor

Class 2, March 30: Medical I

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class
Volunteers will assist with practical
_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant

Class 3, April 6: Light Search and Rescue

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class
Volunteers will assist with practical
Bryan Reif _____ Volunteer Assistant

Class 4, April 13: Terrorism and Disaster Psychology

Volunteers will teach this class

Rich Egan _____ Volunteer Instructor – Terrorism

Bryan Reif _____ Volunteer Instructor Assist 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

_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant Table Top

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

Volunteers will teach this class

Tom Vaughn _____ Volunteer Instructor- Sheltering and Organization

_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant

Class 7, May 4: Disaster Medical Operations II

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with hands on exercise

_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant

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

Marv Stein _____ Volunteer Instructor Assist Radio

Local Area TULs, DTULs and Other VIP's