

CERT All Member Weekly Brief March 19, 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 uemcert@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.

TWO NEW ACTIVATIONS TO ASSIST FIRST RESPONDERS WITH TRANSIT TERRORIST TOOLS AND TACTICS Course: AWR – 157 Are posted below in the training and exercise section!

There are numerous ICS 100 and 200 Courses scheduled over the next few months here at OEM and I encourage you to take part in them! We need to be NIMS (National Incident Management System) compliant! Even though this is not mandatory we have lead the country in what we have accomplished here in Nassau so let's get this going too! Sign up now!

Please forward this announcement for ICS 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 valid need for this information to join the training! (Some restrictions apply!)

Training and Exercise

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

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!

*******THERE ARE STILL SEATS AVAILABLE FOR THIS CLASS*******

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

March 26, 2009

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (2 Hour Class)

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 **OR be signed up to take ICS.** If you did not FAX or email your ICS-100

Certificate to the CERT desk: FAX: 573-0673 Register oeccert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "EOC Basic Class class-E-0326"

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

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. **You must have taken ICS-100 prior to attending this course. To register oeccert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "ICS Training class-I-0401"**

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

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 oeccert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "ICS Training class-I-0415"

*****ADDITIONAL ICS COURSES OPEN TO ALL WITH A NEED TO KNOW!*****

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

Course	Date	Course #	Days	Time
ICS-200	April 1 and 2	II-0401	Wednesday/ Thursday	7:00 - 10:00pm
ICS-100	April 15 & 16	I-0415	Wednesday/ Thursday	7:00 - 10:00pm
ICS-100	May 5 & 6	I-0505	Tuesday/ Wednesday	7:00 - 10:00pm
ICS-100	May 12 & 13	I-0512	Tuesday/ Wednesday	7:00 - 10:00pm
ICS-100	June 2 & 3	I-0602	Tuesday/ Wednesday	7:00 - 10:00pm
ICS-100	June 9 & 10	I-0609	Tuesday/ Wednesday	7:00 - 10:00pm
ICS-200	June 22 & 23	I-0622	Monday/ Tuesday	7:00 - 10:00pm

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 oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "DEC WS&R class- DECB-0418"

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 oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "DEC WS&R class- DECB-0419"

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"

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 Activation to assist First Responders with Terrorism Training**

May 21, 2009 12:00 AM – 3:30 PM at Fire Academy

Nassau Fire Academy 300 Winding Rd Old Bethpage, Long Island, NY 11803

NYS Homeland Security Training exercise

The training liaison for NYS Homeland Security is in need of a few volunteers for role playing. **To register oeincert@nassaucountyny.gov subject include "CERT 4T-0"** 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 The Fire Academy- 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. This is a great opportunity!

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September 17, 2009 12:00 AM – 3:30 PM at Fire Academy

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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 oeincert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "DEC WS&R Advanced class-DECA-0425"**

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 oeincert@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 (2 hours)

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 or be registered in an ICS class. If you did not FAX or email your ICS-100 Certificate to the CERT desk: FAX: 573-0673 **Register oeccert@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

Citizen Corps

We are glad to announce the posting of new *CERT in Action!* stories on the National CERT website. *CERT in Action!* features CERTs who are using their training to assist in disasters and emergencies. You'll find stories about the real value of CERTs in real emergencies in communities all over the country, assisting neighbors who have lost their homes, directing traffic during a power outage, documenting evacuees from an apartment building fire, and more. Click on the following link to read and download the stories: <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/certinaction.shtm> *CERT in Action!* Stories are posted on the website monthly, and all past stories are archived for easy access.

If you are interested in receiving national CERT updates, please sign up at the following website:
<http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/subscribe.shtm>

By Laws and CERT Activation Plan (CAP):

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 3/18/2009

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) <u>Liz Fox</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

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

Mike Arcari 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

WE still need members to facilitate the NEW Tabletop!

_____ Volunteer Instructor Table Top

_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant Table Top

Bob will assist

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

Bob will assist

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

Rob Yenis Volunteer Instructor Radio

Marv Stein Volunteer Instructor Assist Radio

Local Area TULs, DTULs and Other VIP's