

## CERT All Member Weekly Brief March 5, 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](mailto: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.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>!) **IF YOU DON'T REPORT IT- IT DIDN'T HAPPEN!**

Please see the announcement below for the CERT Basic Course Train the Trainer! Go to the link provided and SIGN UP! YOU have asked for this training to be held on Long Island and now that we have it please make every effort to sign up! It took a great deal of work to get this here in Nassau County! So far Suffolk CERT has triple the amount of students as we have! Are you ready to step up and give back to CERT? Help us teach the program to others! You will be amazed at how rewarding sharing your knowledge with others is! Sign up now!

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ms-oemcert@optonline.net)**

## **Training and Meetings**

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

### **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Basic Training Course (Course: E-0312)**

**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: [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) subject "EOC Basic Class class-E-0312"**

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

**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 [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@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 [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@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 [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) subject "EOC Basic Class class-E-0326"**

**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 [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) subject "EOC Basic Class class-E-0430"**

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

**April 22 and 23, 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 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 [uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:uemcert@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 [uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:uemcert@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.

**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, 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>**

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

**April 1 and 2, 2009 (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](mailto:uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) subject "ICS Training class-I-0401"

**NEW ICS-100 Incident Command System, I-100(class# I-0414)**

**April 14 and 15, 2009 (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](mailto:uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) subject "ICS Training class-I-0414"**

**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**

**Power Squadrons are now Citizen Corps Partners!**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced a newly-formed affiliation with the United States Power Squadrons (U.S. Power Squadrons) in support of Citizen Corps, FEMA's grassroots effort to strengthen community preparedness through civic participation. The partnership between Citizen Corps and U.S. Power Squadrons is a natural fit as the **U.S. Power Squadrons play an increasingly critical role in maritime safety and security via *America's Waterway Watch and Waterway Awareness Programs***. The U.S. Power Squadrons is the twenty-seventh Citizen Corps Affiliate and is America's largest non-profit boating organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable through public education in seamanship, navigation and related marine safety topics. Nationwide, there are 45,000 members organized into 450 squadrons. Please visit the following website to read the full press release on this announcement: <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=47622> To learn more about the U.S. Power Squadrons, please visit

<http://www.citizencorps.gov/programs/usps.shtm>

**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>

**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](mailto: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 3/5/2009**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Instructor – Disaster Psychology and Disabled Persons

**Bryan Reif** \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Instructor Assistant

**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

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Local Area TULs, DTULs and Other VIP's