

## CERT All Member Weekly Brief April 30, 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 J Callahan III thank you for your dedication and commitment to CERT and Citizen Preparedness.

Our volunteer recognition dinner was a great success last night! A special thank you to Doreen McCrystal, our Volunteer Recognition Dinner Chairperson, and committee members Kathy Seyfried, Linda Walkowiak, Maria Gallo, and Jerry Barnet for all the work they did making this event truly the best yet!

If you are interested in becoming a member of our Speaker's Bureau please sign up for the SB Train the Trainer below. We changed the dates!

### Swine Flu Activation Update (start 20090427)

CERT has opened the CERT Desk at OEM from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. At this time we want to collect your availability information in the even we need to activate to assist DOH with Medical POD's or other missions OEM deems necessary. At this time we are assisting at the OEM office only.

Please continue to contact your Team Unit Leader (TUL) with your availability and contact information. **DO NOT RESPOND AT THIS TIME!** We are collecting information only at this time. We are keeping a list and **will call you if we need you to activate.** If you have not communicated with your TUL please send your availability to [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) or call 516- 573-0648 and leave a voice mail message for us with your detailed information.

### **Nassau County Department of Health Human Swine Flu Outbreak Investigation Update**

The Nassau County Department of Health is announcing two new probable cases of Swine flu in Nassau County. The first probable is a student at St. Francis Preparatory School in Queens who resides in Rockville Centre. The second probable is a part-time employee at St. Francis Preparatory School in Queens who resides in Oceanside. Both patients have mild illness and are home.

*As of 04/29/09 at 4:00 pm, Nassau County has:*

One (1) Confirmed

Two (2) Probable

No Hospitalized

**"We are urging all residents to be prepared, not scared," said County Executive Thomas R.**

**Suozzi.** Nassau County Executive Suozzi and Nassau County Department of Health advise individuals to protect themselves and prevent the spread of illness by doing the following:

- **Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.**
- **Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.**
- **Try to avoid close contact with sick people.**
- **If you get sick, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.**

**\*\*This is a rapidly evolving situation. This update provides interim guidance. This update is likely to change in the upcoming days and weeks as more information becomes available.**

### **H1N1 Flu Outbreak FEMA Update**

#### **H1N1 Flu Outbreak - USA**

- The H1N1 Flu outbreak continues to grow in the United States and internationally. Wednesday, April 29 the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported 91 confirmed cases of H1N1 Flu in the U.S
- Most confirmed and suspected cases of H1N1 Flu in the U.S. remain relatively mild. The CDC confirmed one death (Mexican citizen) related to H1N1 in the U.S.
- The Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) pandemic alert level increased to Phase 5. Characterized by human-to-human spread of the virus into at least two countries in one WHO region. While most countries will not be affected at this stage, the declaration of Phase 5 is a strong signal that a pandemic is imminent and that the time to finalize the organization, communication, and implementation of the planned mitigation measures is short.
- One quarter of the Strategic National Stockpile of anti-viral medications, personal protective equipment, and respiratory protection devices is being released to the states.
- The DHS Office of Health Affairs is working with other Federal Partners to issue an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and 9-1-1 specific guidance document to the nation's first responders.

#### **H1N1 Flu Outbreak – International**

- Wednesday, April 29 the CDC reported there were 48 laboratory-confirmed cases of H1N1 Flu outside of the U.S. CDC reports 7 confirmed deaths in Mexico.
- An additional 243 probable cases are being tested for H1N1 Flu in Mexico (205); South Africa (2); Peru (3); Costa Rica (1); Thailand (1); Italy (20) Guatemala (1); New Zealand (10).
- The Mexican Ministry of Health requested U.S. assistance with anti-viral medications and personal protective equipment. CDC experts in Mexico are working with Embassy, Mexico City, and local officials to clarify Mexico's specific requirements.
- The Government of Mexico has closed schools and suspended all public events.

#### **H1N1 Flu Outbreak - FEMA Response**

- Leadership is monitoring the current situation and participating in conferences and planning sessions to respond to the needs of State and local agencies.
- FEMA NRCC is maintaining contact with FEMA Regions, DHS, HHS/CDC, and other Federal and state partners.
- Select Regions are standing by or have activated personnel in response to the Department of Health and Human Services nationwide Public Health Emergency Declaration. Travel Considerations related to H1N1 Flu Outbreak
- The United States Embassy in Mexico suspended all visa and non-emergency American citizen services from April 27 – 30, 2009.

- CDC issued a Traveler's Health Alert Notice and a Traveler's Health Warning, which recommends against nonessential travel to Mexico.

(HHS SOC April 29, DHS Leadership Brief April 28; CDC Update April 29; PAHO/WHO Update on Swine Influenza April 28, 2009, FEMA DSAR April 29, 2009)

## **H1N1 FLU OUTBREAK UPDATES**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY PRIVATE SECTOR OFFICE  
LIST OF FEDERAL UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

DHS H1N1 Update: <http://www.dhs.gov/xprepresp/programs/swine-flu.shtm>

Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Main CDC H1N1 Flu Outbreak Page: <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

Key Facts on H1N1 Flu: [http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/key\\_facts.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/key_facts.htm)

CDC Caretaking Guidance: <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/guidance/>

Information for Airline Passengers Exposed to H1N1 Flu:

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/content/SwineFluPassengers.aspx>

Good Health Habits Guidance: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm>

H1N1 Flu (Swine) Flu and You: [http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/swineflu\\_you.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/swineflu_you.htm)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: [WWW.PandemicFlu.gov](http://WWW.PandemicFlu.gov)

Frequently Asked Questions on H1N1 Flu Outbreak: <http://pandemicflu.gov/faq/swineflu/>

Guidance for individuals and families preparing for pandemic:

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/individual/index.html>

Planning information for community organizations: <http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/community/index.html>

USDA Frequently Asked Questions: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/04/013>

### **\*\*CERT ID Cards\*\***

**May 1, 2009 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

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

**If you had your ID picture taken at the dinner last night please do not come and do not email us- we will automatically remove you from the gate clearance.**

**We will have the ID system set up at OEM for members to receive NEW CERT ID cards! This is the first of a series of dates we will make this available to members. If you cannot make this time please keep an eye out for future dates and times.**

**You MUST follow these Directions to be issued a new ID:**

**YOU MUST be on the gate clearance to be admitted! You MUST have your previously issued CERT ID OR TWO (2) forms of GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID (such as a drivers license, passport,**

registration, leisure pass, local pass, etc.) If you are an active member in good standing you will be issued a CERT ID card. ID cards previously issued WITHOUT EXPIRATION DATES will **no longer be valid** after the new ID cards are fazed in. To register for an ID please email [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) subject "CERT ID 0501" must include your NAME, TEAM, and what time you expect to arrive.

## Training

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

ICS training is open 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 need for this information to join the training! (Some restrictions apply!) Please forward this announcement for ICS to any school, business or agency that would benefit from the training.

**\*\*\*ADDITIONAL ICS COURSES OPEN TO ALL WITH A NEED TO KNOW!\*\*\*  
PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!**

Course	Date	Course #	Days	Time
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

## **Speakers Bureau Training:**

**\*\*DATE CHANGE\*\***

**June 15 and 22, 2009 - 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Mondays (6 hour course- must attend both days)**

**Grace Lutheran Church 1294 Bellmore Ave N. Bellmore, NY 11710**

This course will consist of 2 evenings of training. You will be required to prepare a 5 minute presentation for the second class on a topic that will be chosen for you during the first class. Attending this training will not automatically qualify you to become a speaker. You will need to successfully complete both days to become part of the Speakers Bureau, and complete an apprentice period. That being said, you will enjoy these two days of training and it will help you to become a better communicator. Classes will be held on the lower level. **To Register:** [Michael@faithfulresponse.org](mailto:Michael@faithfulresponse.org)

## **Bio Terrorism: Mass Prophylaxis Preparedness & Planning.**

**5/13 – 14, 2009 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Wednesday and Thursday (16 hours/must attend both days)**

**Sheriff's Training Academy at 100 Carman Ave, East Meadow, NY**

**Register by email to [carol.bradke@hhsnassaucountyny.us](mailto:carol.bradke@hhsnassaucountyny.us) "Bio Terrorism Class BT-0513" in subject.**

## Activations and Exercises

**NEW Activation to assist with Hospital Exercise **\*\*we still need more participants\*\*****

**May 17, 2009 Sunday 07:00 Am to 12:00 PM**

New Island Hospital, Plainview

To register [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) Include **"NIH Medical Drill 0517"** in subject.

**Activation to assist First Responders with Transit Terrorist Tools and Tactics**

5/21, 2009 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM at Fire Academy

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

To register [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) Include **"CERT 4T-0521"** in subject.

**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**.

**Register NOW** at [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) and use the subject **"CERT NPM"**

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To register [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) Include **"CERT 4T-0917"** in subject.

**UPDATE: STATEWIDE EXERCISE!**

September 23, 2009 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM EOC and other Locations TBD

September 24, 2009 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM Locations TBD

September 25, 2009 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM Multiple POD Locations TBD

Nassau County will participate in a New York State Bioterrorism Exercise to test Medical POD Plans. CERT has been asked to participate along with MRC in staffing and managing the PODs as well as managing and being victims along with many students from high schools in Nassau County. The PODs will be open on one or two evenings. Everyone who signs up will participate in one way or another. OEM will make final assignments. CERT will staff the CERT Desk for all times CERT is activated. CERT will also Staff the EOC when activated, staff numerous medical PODs at many locations, staff and operate the logistics warehouse, and any other mission OEM deems appropriate. CERT will also manage and moulage high school student victims.

Register to participate in one or more of the exercise dates by emailing [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) and use the subject **"NYS DRILL 0923"**. Please include your name, team, contact info, dates and hours available, and if you possess any skills or licenses and if you have staffed a MEDICAL POD in the past. This information will assist us in determining your job assignments.

## Other News and Information

### **Online Nassau DOH Survey:**

The Nassau County Department of Health is conducting an online survey to assess the health needs and/or concerns of Nassau County residents. This 5-10 minute survey is available online now until June 8th, 2009. Please complete the survey as well as forward it to any of your fellow colleagues, family and friends who live in Nassau County. For those who do not have internet access, please call: Susan Letsche or Cynthia Young at (516) 227-9500 for assistance. Access Community Health Assessment Survey: <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/Health/index.html>

## **CERT National Newsletter**

The CERT National Program Office is pleased to announce the release of the April 2009 quarterly "CERT National Newsletter." This edition features stories on local CERT programs across the country and news and information from the CERT National Program Office. Click on the following link to read and download the newsletter: <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/newsletter.shtm> If you are interested in receiving CERT National newsletters or CERT updates, subscribe 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.

## **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 4/22/2009**

<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>	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**

<b>Class 1</b>	<b>March 23</b>	<b>What is CERT?, Intro to ICS and CERT Organization,</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>March 30</b>	<b>Disaster Medical Operations I</b>
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>April 6</b>	<b>Light Search and Rescue</b>
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>Disaster Psychology and Terrorism</b>

<b>Class 5</b>	<b>April 20</b>	<b>Fire Suppression and Part I Table Top Exercise</b>
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>Sheltering Operations Part II Table top Exercise</b>
<b>Class 7</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>Disaster Medical Operations II</b>
<b>Class 8</b>	<b>May 11</b>	<b>Radio Operations, Community Outreach and Graduation</b>

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

Volunteers will teach this class

**Tom Vaughn** Volunteer Instructor- Sheltering and Organization

**Kenny English** 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

**Kathy Seyfried** 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

**Long Beach Basic Class May 2009 Class Schedule and Location**

**Updated 4/22/2009**

<b>Class Times</b>	Doors open at 6:30pm, class starts promptly at 7:00pm and ends at 9:30pm.
<b>Class Location</b>	Long Beach Fire Department <b>300 Maple Blvd., Long Beach, NY 11561</b>
<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. 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**

Thursdays

<b>Class 1</b>	May 7	<b>What is CERT?, Intro to ICS and CERT Organization,</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	May 14	<b>Disaster Medical Operations I</b>
<b>Class 3</b>	May 21	<b>Light Search and Rescue</b>

<b>Class 4</b>	May 28	<b>Disaster Psychology and Terrorism</b>
<b>Class 5</b>	June 4	<b>Fire Suppression and Part I Table Top Exercise</b>
<b>Class 6</b>	June 11	<b>Sheltering Operations Part II Table top Exercise</b>
<b>Class 7</b>	June 18	<b>Disaster Medical Operations II</b>
<b>Class 8</b>	June 25	<b>Radio Operations, Community Outreach and Graduation</b>

**Class 1, May 7: What is CERT? Intro to ICS and CERT Organization,**

**Bob B** What Is CERT

**Debbie B** Organization

**Class 2, May 14: Medical I**

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with practical

**\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Instructor Assistant**

**Class 3, May 21: Light Search and Rescue**

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with practical

**\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Assistant**

**Class 4, May 28: Terrorism and Disaster Psychology**

Volunteers will teach this class

**Rich Egan** Volunteer Instructor – Terrorism

**Bob Spampinato** Volunteer Instructor – Terrorism

**Mike Arcari** Volunteer Instructor – Disaster Psychology and Disabled Persons

**Class 5, June 4: 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, June 11: Shelter Introduction and Part II Table Top Exercise**

Volunteers will teach this class

**\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Instructor- Sheltering and Organization**

**Bob Spampinato** Volunteer Instructor Assistant

**Class 7, June 18: Disaster Medical Operations II**

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with hands on exercise

**\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Instructor Assistant**

**Class 8, June 25: Outreach and Education, Radio Operation, Graduation, and Meet the TULs.**

**Bob B** Graduation  
**Debbie B** Outreach and Education  
**Rob Yenis** Volunteer Instructor Radio  
Local Area TULs, DTULs and Other VIP's