

## **CERT ALL MEMBER WEEKLY BRIEF MAY 14, 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 an email to [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov).

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.

Thank you to all who have helped out at the CERT desk and in the OEM offices over the past couple of weeks. You are truly appreciated by all of the staff of OEM and DOH! If you have any input for the After Action Report please send email to [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) with the subject "H1N1 AAR" your comments suggestions will be included in the report, not your name.

If you have completed ICS 100 please send either the email you receive from FEMA with your certificate or a copy of your certificate to [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) with the subject "ICS Certificate" We will note your file. If you have not completed ICS 100 you need to! You can attend our very informative two evening course at OEM for FREE or take the training on line at the FEMA website. We are also offering ICS 200 at OEM! All CERT members in a leadership role (TUL, Exercise Leaders, and Activation Leaders will soon be required to have completed ICS 100 AND 200 so sign up now!

Reminder! I will not be repeating week after week many of the notices found in the brief. If you remember seeing something that you need to look up again please review the website for ALL of the past years briefs!

### **SWINE FLU ACTIVATION (START 20090427)**

**Update (20090514)**

CERT has demobilized the CERT desk and Standby for the H1N1. Thank you all for your dedication and commitment to CERT!

#### **H1N1 FLU OUTBREAK UPDATES**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY PRIVATE SECTOR OFFICE

LIST OF FEDERAL UPDATES AND INFORMATION

DHS H1NI 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**

We will post a new photo date in a future brief when scheduled

## **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.

### **NEW Refresher Class**

**All classes are 6:30 to 10:30 PM**

<b>6/10, 2009</b>	<b>South West</b>	<b>Malverne Village Hall, 99 Church Street, Malverne Community room</b>
<b>6/24, 2009</b>	<b>South East</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>7/13, 2009</b>	<b>Central West</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>9/2, 2009</b>	<b>Central East</b>	<b>Hicksville Community Center 28 West Carl Street Hicksville, NY</b>

**\*this is the ALL NEW Required Refresher class\* Basic class number 7 is NO LONGER the refresher class!** Attending a refresher class annually is required for all CERT members. We are scheduling a refresher in each of the 6 sectors throughout the year. Ask your TUL for details! The class consists of 1 hour class presentation and 3 hours hands on training covering fire suppression, search & rescue, and disaster first aid.

**\*\*\*ADDITIONAL ICS COURSES OPEN TO ALL \*\*\*  
PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!**

Course	Date	Course #	Days	Time
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:**

**NEW Dates 6/15 and 22, 2009 - 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Mondays (6 hours- 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:** [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov)  
**Subject line:** "SB 0615"

## **ACTIVATIONS AND EXERCISES**

### **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 year's 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".**

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

**September 17, 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-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>

**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!

**LONG BEACH BASIC CLASS MAY 2009 CLASS SCHEDULE AND**

**LOCATION**

**Updated 5/14/2009**

<b>Class Times</b>	Doors open at 6:30pm class starts promptly at <b>7:00pm and ends at 10:00pm</b>
<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) _Bob</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 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