

## **CERT All Member Weekly Brief May 7, 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.**

Please stay in contact with your Team Unit Leader (TUL)! The TULs and I have monthly meetings to discuss issues regarding all aspects of our program. If you are unable to make contact with your TUL please let me know! Thank you for your dedication, and remember Hurricane season is right around the corner and you should be checking your supplies and go kits!

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

We are still looking for an IC for the Long Beach class starting tonight! If you can help and are available to attend all class nights (see list below) please contact me ASAP!

We will be distributing preparedness brochures and literature at many street fairs and local gatherings this year, you don't have to be a SB member to help out (a SB member will be with you)! Let your TUL (or us) know you want to help out! Each local team is hoping to participate in at least one community event this season! Help your team by participating!

### **Swine Flu Activation (Start 20090427)**

**Update (20090506)**

CERT has deactivated the desk at this time. We still 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 and with DOH missions only, however this can change at any moment, and when DOH has a mission request we are able to fill it by having your availability at our fingertips! SO PLEASE KEEP us updated as to your availability!

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.

#### **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\*\***

**We will post a new photo date in next week's brief**

## **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**

**5 Towns Sector**

**May 11, 2009 6:30 to 10:30 PM**

**Congregation Beth Shalom 390 Broadway Lawrence, NY 11559**

**\*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.**

### **Other dates and locations (posted when available) for Refresher Classes:**

<b>June 10, 2009</b>	<b>South West Sector Malverne Village Hall, 99 Church Street, Malverne Community room</b>
<b>June 24, 2009</b>	<b>South East</b>
<b>July 13, 2009</b>	<b>Central West</b>
<b>Aug 10, 2009</b>	<b>Central East</b>

### **NEW Skywarn Basic Spotter's Class for Nassau County**

**June 11, 2009 at 7:00PM**

**Special Activities Center, Field 8, Eisenhower Park in East Meadow**

The staff from Upton National Weather Service office will be teaching a Skywarn Basic Spotter's class hosted by Nassau County Skywarn. Receive Skywarn certification or if you have not attended a class since 2007, please try to attend. Seating is limited and registration must be done in advance. Please visit the [Skywarn Training Page](#) to register.

**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@hnsnassaucountyny.us](mailto:carol.bradke@hnsnassaucountyny.us) "Bio Terrorism Class BT-0513" in subject.

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

Course	Date	Course #	Days	Time
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:**

**6/15 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:** [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov)  
**Subject line: "SB 0615"**

**Activations and Exercises**

**\*\*\*\*This drill has been postponed.**

**Activation to assist with Hospital Exercise**

When the new date is available we will repost the announcement Thank you for your dedication.

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

~~New Island Hospital, Plainview (Hempstead Trpk by Zorn's) Details will be included in email~~

~~AFTER you register for this exercise. To register [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) Include "NIH Medical Drill 0517" in subject.~~

**NEW Activation for Jones Beach Air Show**

May 23 and 24, 2009 Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM -1:00 PM and 1:00 – 5:00 PM (you must arrive by 11:00 for the afternoon shift- the roadways close). We will staff a booth on the boardwalk and distribute literature. You will also be able to see the show! To register

[oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) Include **"Air show 2009"** in subject and we will contact you with details.

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

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

**CHANGE OF LOCATION to: Sheriff's Dept Academy 100 Carman Ave East Meadow NY 11554**

To register email [oeincert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oeincert@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 year's exercise. The committee has started the planning process. We will post information as it becomes **available**. Register NOW at [oeincert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oeincert@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 [oeincert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oeincert@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 [oeincert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oeincert@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 5/7/2009**

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

**Mary Stein** Volunteer Instructor Assist Radio

Local Area TULs, DTULs and Other VIP's

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

**Updated 5/6/2009**

<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)</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

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