

CERT ALL MEMBER WEEKLY BRIEF JUNE 6, 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.

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.

I am seeking volunteers to write articles for the National CERT "CERT in Action!" website. I will send you After Action Reports from activations and exercises to be reviewed and developed into articles for submission. This can be done via email off site. If you are interested in helping promote CERT and what CERT does please email me at oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov with "CERT in Action writer" in subject.

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 CPR Course

July 7 & 8 6:00 – 10:00 PM (8 hours-MUST attend both classes)

Glen Cove Fire House

This course is a Red Cross Certification class for adult & infant CPR only. (A fee for the Red Cross Card is \$6.00 CASH) 24 students Maximum. Sign up by email to oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov with "CPR-0707" in subject. First come first served basis. We will be offering this course in other locations when volunteer instructors are available.

NEW Refresher Class

All classes are 6:30 to 10:30 PM

6/10, 2009 South West

Malverne Village Hall, 99 Church Street, Community room

6/24, 2009 South East

TBD

7/13, 2009 Central West Floral Park Firehouse
 9/2, 2009 Central East Hicksville Community Center, 28 West Carl St. Hicksville, NY

***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 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
Subject line: "SB 0615"

ACTIVATIONS AND EXERCISES

FULL SCALE Training EXERCISE Save the date! SIGN UP NOW!

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 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 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 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

Hurricane Season Begins Today

Mon, 01 Jun 2009 10:26:48 -0500 WASHINGTON, D.C. As Hurricane Season 2009 begins today, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) continues to work with our state, local, and federal partners to increase preparedness and coordinate response and recovery in the case of a hurricane or disaster. FEMA also urges Americans to use the annual start of hurricane season as a reminder to assess your personal readiness to respond to emergencies. See: [Receive FEMA Updates During Disasters](#)

FEMA news email subscription

FEMA has a free email subscription service that delivers news updates and disaster-related information directly to your computer or wireless device, such as:

When a major disaster is declared

Where local recovery centers are located

What kind of financial aid is available

How to obtain disaster-related assistance

What to do after a disaster has passed

Much more!

To sign up simply click on the following link:

https://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=USDHSFEMA_153. No personal information is required. Just enter an e-mail address and your zip code and state to receive news that affects you in your area. It's that easy.

CERT National Program Office "CERT in Action!" Stories

The CERT National Program Office is pleased to announce that new "CERT in Action!" stories are posted on the CERT National website. The new stories feature CERTs who filled sandbags in response to local flooding, cleared snow from fire hydrants, removed debris due to an ice storm, and assisted with a car accident victim. Click on the following link to read the new stories: <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/>.

We hope you enjoy the new "CERT in Action!" stories. You can subscribe to this notice at:

<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!

LONG BEACH BASIC CLASS MAY 2009 CLASS SCHEDULE AND

LOCATION

Updated 6/3/2009

Class Times	Doors open at 6:30pm class starts promptly at 7:00pm and ends at 10:00pm
Class Location	Long Beach Fire Department 300 Maple Blvd., Long Beach, NY 11561
Refreshments	Water will be supplied for classes 1 through 8.
Course Listing	Course Incident Commander (IC) Kathy S & 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

Class 1	May 7	What is CERT?, Intro to ICS and CERT Organization,
Class 2	May 14	Disaster Medical Operations I
Class 3	May 21	Light Search and Rescue
Class 4	May 28	Disaster Psychology and Terrorism
Class 5	June 4	Fire Suppression and Part I Table Top Exercise
Class 6	June 11	Sheltering Operations Part II Table top Exercise
Class 7	June 18	Disaster Medical Operations II
Class 8	June 25	Radio Operations, Community Outreach and Graduation

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

Bob Spampinato Volunteer Instructor- Sheltering and Organization

____ 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