

CERT ALL MEMBER WEEKLY BRIEF JUNE 11, 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. Or call us at 573-0648 and leave a message.

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 II thank you for your dedication and commitment to CERT and Citizen Preparedness.

Volunteerism is a great community service and a welcome addition to a resume'. All Americans are encouraged to volunteer and you should be proud of your service. If you are an active member and want to include volunteering for CERT in your resume' you are welcome to do so. Please keep in mind the following: When listing your service you must include CERT or Community Emergency Response Team Volunteer Member as your title and give the CERT Desk phone number **573-0648** as the contact number. Do not state you are employed by the Office of Emergency Management or give the OEM number. A CERT volunteer will respond to all calls verifying your membership.

Next Thursday and Friday I will accompany several of our CERT members to Albany for the Annual State Citizen Preparedness Program Conference. I will be on a Panel: "Successful Volunteer Collaborations", speaking about our program and how well we collaborate with other groups, such as the Red Cross. We will return with some great information and will post the experience in the next weekly brief on June 25th. There will NOT be a brief next Thursday (June 18th).

CERT ID CARDS

We will post a new photo date 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.

DATE CHANGE ICS-200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents

July 1 & 2, 2009 (DATE CHANGED FROM: June 23 & 24)

Nassau County OEM 7:00 – 10:00 PM

Course Overview: 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.

To register oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "I-0622"

CPR Course

July 7 & 8, 2009, 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. First come first served basis. We will be offering this course in other locations when volunteer instructors are available. **Sign up by email to oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov with “CPR-0707” in subject.**

NEW SafeTALK a Suicide Prevention Awareness Course

July 15, 2009 7:00 – 10:00 PM (this is a 3 hrs course)

Nassau County OEM

SafeTALK is a 3 hour program that prepares community members of all kinds to be suicide alert helpers. SafeTALK participants are aware that opportunities to help a person with thoughts of suicide are sometimes missed, dismissed and avoided. SafeTALK will empower you! Suicide alert helpers want persons with thoughts to invite their help. Alert helpers know the TALK steps (Tell, Ask, Listen and KeepSafe) and can activate a suicide alert. As a part of the KeepSafe step, alert helpers connect persons with thoughts to persons trained in suicide intervention. Helpers trained in suicide intervention complete the helping process or link the person with more specialized help.

Sign up by email to oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov with “ST-0715” in subject. First come first served basis.

Refresher Classes*

All classes are 6:30 to 10:30 PM

All Classes are OPEN TO ALL CERT MEMBERS

6/24, 2009	South East	Massapequa Park Community Center, Lakeshore Drive between Clark Blvd and Front Street, Mass Park adjacent to Brady Park Contact: Cathy at katieccccc@aol.com
7/13, 2009	Central West	Floral Park Firehouse 1 Floral Blvd, Floral Park, NY Across from LIRR Floral Park station Contact: Kenny E at floralparkcert@gmail.com
9/2, 2009	Central East	Hicksville Community Center, 28 West Carl St. Hicksville, NY Contact: Linda W at 54walker@optonline.net

*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 ½ hour class presentation and 3 ½ hours hands on training covering fire suppression, search & rescue, and disaster first aid. REGISTER BY CONTACTING the TUL listed not OEMCERT! **PROPER CERT SAFETY GEAR IS REQUIRED!**

NEW SafeTALK a Suicide Prevention Awareness Course

8/4, 2009 7:00 – 10:00 PM (this is a 3 hrs course)

Nassau County OEM

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Sign up by email to oeincert@nassaucountyny.gov with “ST-0804” in subject. First come first served basis.

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

Course	Date	Course #	Days	Time
ICS-200	DATE CHANGE July 1 & 2	I-0622	Wednesday/ Thursday	7:00 - 10:00pm

Speakers Bureau Training:

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: oeincert@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 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 Include “CERT 4T-0917” in subject.

UPDATE 6/11/09: STATEWIDE EXERCISE CHANGES

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

This exercise may become a CERT activation and not an exercise! OEM and DOH are working with the state at this time developing plans to use this opportunity to actually vaccinate persons with a need for the Flu. There may be multiple medical PODs opened in various locations in need of CERT to staff,

operate, and manage the PODs. AT THIS TIME we would like you to register to work the above dates as a CERT in a POD. Your families would also be eligible for vaccination if you are working in the PODs (or EOC). Register to participate in one or more of the dates by **emailing oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov and use the subject "SEPTEMBER PODS 0923"**. Please include your name, team, contact info, dates and hours available, and if you possess any skills or licenses as well as if you have staffed a MEDICAL POD in the past. This information will assist us in determining your job assignments.

CW Post Campus Public Safety Exercise

10/17, 2009 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CW Post 720 Northern Blvd. Brookville, New York 11548

CW Post and Roslyn Rescue will be holding their annual exercise on Saturday Oct 17th this year. The exercise this year will be a medical POD for an influenza outbreak, it will require a large CERT and MRC presence to both work at the POD and as patient actors. Details on the exercise will be formalized in July when we have our first planning meeting. This exercise will only involve CW Post Public Safety, EMS, Glen Cove Hosp, CERT, and MRC, there will be no fire or police involved in this exercise. Students are being recruited as patient actors with CERT to backfill as needed. Register by **emailing oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov and use the subject "CWP Exercise 1017"**

OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION

CERT National Program Office "CERT in Action!" Stories

Click on the following link to read the new stories: <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/>

You can subscribe to this notice at: <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/subscribe.shtm>

FEMA Research Provides Insights on Personal Preparedness

Two reports produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Personal Preparedness in America: Findings from the Citizen Corps National Survey and the Citizen Corps Urban Area Survey, offer comprehensive data on the public's thoughts, perceptions, and behaviors related to preparedness and community safety for multiple types of hazards. The results, which come from household surveys fielded in the fall of 2007, provide insight on preparedness in the U.S.

FEMA is fielding the survey again this year with more in-depth sampling across the U.S.; top line results for the 2009 survey will be available later this summer.

FEMA's Citizen Corps grassroots community resilience movement and the Ready awareness campaign work together to actively involve Americans in making themselves and their communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to handle any emergency situation. Over 2,300 local communities have created Citizen Corps Councils nationwide to strengthen collaboration between government and civic leaders and to educate, train, and involve the public. For more information about Citizen Corps, visit <http://www.citizencorps.gov>. To learn more about the Ready Campaign, go to <http://www.ready.gov>. To read the survey reports, go to http://www.citizencorps.gov/news/press/2009/personal_preparedness_research_jun09.shtm. *This news story and other Community Preparedness news, including Citizen Corps Bulletins, can be found on our website at <http://www.citizencorps.gov/>*

By Laws and CERT Activation Plan (CAP):

Please take a moment and review the By-Laws and Standard Operating Guide at:

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