

CERT ALL MEMBER WEEKLY BRIEF JUNE 25, 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.

We will be conducting POD (Point Of Distribution) training for ALL CERT members in the very near future. In September we will be activated for Flu POD's throughout the county. This will be a large scale activation on the dates we were to have an exercise: September 23-25th 2009. **"SEPTEMBER PODS 0923"** When you receive the notice regarding POD trainings, PLEASE sign up! We will also have these trainings at sector and team meetings if they are before September 23rd. Please look for updates we will send them out as they develop! Part of our POD activation Plan is to assign positions to each CERT member for a POD close to your neighborhood. You must have completed the training for this. You will be eligible (the same as other responders) for the Flu vaccine (or any other prophylaxis) if you sign up and volunteer at a POD.

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.

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 \$8.00 CASH NOT \$6.00) 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 Wednesday (this is a 3 hrs course)

Nassau County OEM 100 Carman Ave, East Meadow NY 11554

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.

NEW Psychological First Aid Class

July 20, 2009, Monday (this is a 3 hour course)

Register by e-mailing us at OEMCERT@nassaucountyny.gov subject: “CARE 0720”

Nassau County OEM, 100 Carman Ave, East Meadow NY 11554

Are you interested in helping your fellow CERT Team members cope with the stressors associated with responding to a disaster? IF you are, we need you to join the CERT CARE Team. The CERT CARE Team (CCT) is comprised of trained mental health professionals and CERT volunteers like you, all of whom will be drawn from existing CERT teams. The CARE Team was developed to help prepare CERT members for the emotional stresses they will encounter in responding to disasters, and to function as a support system for CERT volunteers during team activations. Our CARE Team was the first of its kind created in the nation and remains on the cutting edge today. In an effort to provide the best care possible we have adopted Psychological First Aid (PFA) as our model for caring to the needs of those individuals who have been exposed to a disaster. PFA is a way to give emotional support and help to people of any age, ethnic and cultural heritage, and social and economic background in the immediate aftermath of disaster. SEE below for more info on PFA. **Therefore, all existing CERT CARE team members and interested CERT members MUST attend one of the two sessions being given at the Office of Emergency Management.**

NEW SafeTALK a Suicide Prevention Awareness Course

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

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

NEW Psychological First Aid Class

8/11, 2009, Tuesday (this is a 3 hour course)

Nassau County OEM, 100 Carman Ave, East Meadow NY 11554

Register by e-mailing us at OEMCERT@nassaucountyny.gov subject: "CARE 0811"

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Refresher Classes*

All classes are 6:30 to 10:30 PM

All Classes are OPEN TO ALL CERT MEMBERS

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!**

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 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>

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>

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE CALENDAR IF YOU ARE AN INSTRUCTOR! We have updated the 2009 calendar and need you to volunteer for your segment!

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!

North Merrick Basic Class July 2009 Class Schedule and Location

Updated 06/25/2009

Class Times	Doors open at 6:30pm, class starts promptly at 7:00pm and ends at 9:30pm.
Class Location	North Merrick Fire Department, 2095 Camp Ave 2nd Fl, North Merrick, NY 11566 (Between Lake and Central Avenues – East of Merrick Ave. Park in the east lot (further away from Merrick Ave))
Refreshments	Water will be supplied for classes 1 through 8.
Course Listing	Course Incident Commander (IC) _____ 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

Class 1	7/9/09	What is CERT?, Intro to ICS and CERT Organization,
Class 2	7/16/09	Disaster Medical Operations I
Class 3	7/23/09	Light Search and Rescue
Class 4	7/30/09	Disaster Psychology and Terrorism
Class 5	8/6/09	Fire Suppression and Part I Table Top Exercise
Class 6	8/13/09	Sheltering Operations Part II Table top Exercise
Class 7	8/20/09	Disaster Medical Operations II
Class 8	8/27/09	Radio Operations, Community Outreach and Graduation

Class 1, 7/9/09: What is CERT? Intro to ICS and CERT Organization,

Bob B What Is CERT

Debbie B Organization

Class 2, 7/16/09: Medical I

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with practical

_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant

Class 3, 7/23/09: Light Search and Rescue

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Volunteers will assist with practical

_____ Volunteer Assistant

Class 4, 7/30/09: Terrorism and Disaster Psychology

Volunteers will teach this class

_____ Volunteer Instructor – Terrorism

_____ Volunteer Instructor – Disaster Psychology and Disabled Persons

Class 5, 8/6/09: 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, 8/13/09: Shelter Introduction and Part II Table Top Exercise

Volunteers will teach this class

_____ Volunteer Instructor- Sheltering and Organization

_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant

Class 7, 8/20/09: Disaster Medical Operations II

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with hands on exercise

_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant

Class 8, 8/27/09: 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