

## **CERT ALL MEMBER WEEKLY BRIEF JULY 16, 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). 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 III thank you for your dedication and commitment to CERT and Citizen Preparedness.

Our Citizen Corps Council is a finalist for one of the *Citizen Corps Achievement Awards–Celebrating Resilient Communities* for 2009. I am excited we are being recognized by the National Citizen Corps for our dedication and hard work! Our program is great because of you. You show time and time again what this great program can accomplish! We are a finalist for the *Preparing the Public Award* for our CERT education and outreach efforts. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to your community.

#### **Team Hours OVER Due**

Team members send to your TEAM UNIT LEADER!

Keep your time up to date! Use the link below for the hours form. Send your report to your TUL when due, IF YOU DON'T REPORT IT- IT DIDN'T HAPPEN! [Member Time sheet](#) (*Volunteer Time spent doing CERT work Form#152*)

If you have an Optonline email last weeks brief was rejected. @Optonline.com returned my email as undeliverable. No other reason stated! Remember you can save the link on the website (<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OEM/CC/CERT/brief.html>) and just click on that every Thursday after 5:00 PM for the weekly brief! You don't need to wait for an email!

### **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.

**Don't forget that for EVERY CERT Training and activation YOU NEED to be prepared! Bring your CERT Gear! Have appropriate clothing and footwear on! Have your CERT uniform! Be prepared!**

**\*\*\*MANDATORY FOR POD Activations\*\***

**POD CERT Task Force Training**

**August 5, 2009, Wednesday 7:00 to 8:00 PM**

**Freeport Fire House, 15 Broadway, Freeport, NY 11552**

Sign up by email to [oeincert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oeincert@nassaucountyny.gov) with "POD-0805" in subject.

**(You must attend 1 of the 2 nights NOT BOTH nights!)**

This class will prepare you to volunteer in a Medical Point of Distribution (POD). This **1 hour mandatory training will enable you to function effectively in a REAL POD activation.** Please sign up for **one of these locations!** The CERT POD Task Force will be assigned many of the important roles within a POD assisting medical staff from MRC and DOH. You will be trained to assume a variety of roles within the Incident Command Structure (ICS) of a POD. Additionally members will be recruited from the attendees for additional training to fulfill POD management positions.

### **Psychological First Aid Class**

**July 20, 2009, 7:00 – 10:00 PM Monday (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](mailto:OEMCERT@nassaucountyny.gov) subject: "CARE 0720"

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**

**July 22, 2009 (this is a 3 hrs course)**

**August 6, 2009 (this is a 3 hrs course)**

**Grace Lutheran Church 1294 Bellmore Ave, N Bellmore NY 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

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Sign up by email to [oeincert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oeincert@nassaucountyny.gov) with "ST-0722" in subject. First come first served basis.

### **SafeTALK a Suicide Prevention Awareness Course**

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

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

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**Grace Lutheran Church 1294 Bellmore Ave, N Bellmore NY 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

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Sign up by email to [oeccert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oeccert@nassaucountyny.gov) with "ST-0806" in subject. First come first served basis.

### **Psychological First Aid Class**

**August 11, 2009, 7:00 – 10:00 PM Tuesday (this is a 3 hour course)**

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

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### **New Moulage Training**

**August 20, 2009 7:00 - 9:30 PM**

**American Red Cross 154 Willis Ave, Mineola**

Kathy Seyfried will instruct fully trained CERT members in the art of applying moulage - realistic looking wounds. This training is offered to those CERT members who completed Basic CERT training and are willing to assist at activations where moulage is required. You must commit to assisting at exercises applying moulage. Anyone with a **latex allergy should NOT** participate this training. **To register, email [oeccert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oeccert@nassaucountyny.gov) with subject "M-0820"**

### **Refresher Classes\***

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

**All Classes are OPEN TO ALL CERT MEMBERS**

9/2, 2009      Central East      Hicksville Community Center, 28 West Carl St. Hicksville, NY  
Contact: Linda W at [54walker@optonline.net](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Emergency Preparedness Symposium**

**9/10, 2009 Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.**

**Goldman Sachs Training Center at 32 Old Slip in Lower Manhattan**

New York Downtown Hospital is pleased to announce that the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International

Emergency Preparedness Symposium will focus on Influenza Pandemic. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, "Staying safe relies on good planning and preparation." Featured speakers will discuss and review the medical, governmental, corporate and social responses to an Influenza Pandemic and the actions planned to protect the public. Each year, the Hospital brings together emergency preparedness specialists from all over the world to share their expertise with health care professionals, emergency response personnel, and community leaders. Space is limited, therefore early registration is encouraged. **To register, please send your name and title, institution, address, daytime phone number, and email address to [Symposium@DowntownHospital.org](mailto:Symposium@DowntownHospital.org).** Once your request is received, you will receive an email confirmation within ten days if space is available. This Symposium is offered at no charge through the generous support of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

## **ACTIVATIONS AND EXERCISES**

### **NEW Multi-Jurisdictional Disaster Debris Management Plan (DDMP) meeting Greeting attendees for meeting at Parking Lot of Nassau Community College**

**\*We need 2 members each day\***

**August 6, 2009 Thursday, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm**

**August 7, 2009 Friday, 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

**Nassau County Community College lot East 5-B**

We are looking for a couple of CERT members to greet attendees of the OEM Multi-Jurisdictional Disaster Debris Management Plan (DDMP) meeting. Greeters will man a table at the parking lot location. When approached by attendees will provide parking passes and direct attendees to meeting building. Directions to the campus can be found at [www.ncc.edu/About/directions.htm](http://www.ncc.edu/About/directions.htm) There will be two greeters per day. If you are interested please email [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) and use the subject "DDMP meetings" state which date you are interested in. We will advise who will attend by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Greeters may attend the meeting after the 1 hour shift (The meetings are 4 hours long) Refreshments will be available at the meetings.

### **UPDATE 7/2/09:**

#### **NASSAU COUNTY FLU POD EXERCISE CANCELED**

These dates are canceled as of today. DOH does not have any specific dates for POD activation at this time. We will notify you as soon as we have more information. We must be ready to assist with PODs by September. The fall Flu season is expected to be severe.

### **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](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.**

### **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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) and use the subject “CWP Exercise 1017”**

## **OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION**

### ***The National Citizen Corps Achievement Awards–Celebrating Resilient Communities***

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is excited to announce the finalists for *The National Citizen Corps Achievement Awards–Celebrating Resilient Communities* for 2009. These awards recognize innovative practices and achievements of Citizen Corps Councils across the nation that are making our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to manage any emergency situation. The finalists exemplify excellence in community emergency planning, foster successful public-private partnerships, prioritize collaboration, demonstrate creative and innovative local problem solving, and implement sound programs that can be modeled for use by other communities. FEMA Administrator W. Craig Fugate, National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) Incoming President David Maxwell, and International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) President Russ Decker will announce the final award winners in each category at a ceremony during the [2009 National Conference on Community Preparedness \(NCCP\)](#) on August 11th, 2009, in Arlington, VA. We want to thank all the jurisdictions who submitted award applications. It was a challenging process to narrow down the field as all the submissions we received demonstrated impressive success in working towards community resilience.

Congratulations to all the finalists!

### **Outstanding State/Territory Citizen Corps Initiatives Award**

Arizona State Citizen Corps Council  
Illinois Citizen Corps Council  
New Jersey State Citizen Corps Council  
Ohio Citizen Corps Council

### **Outstanding Tribal Citizen Corps Council Award**

United Tribes Technical College Citizen Corps Council (ND)

### **Outstanding Citizen Corps Council Award (Serving a population under 1.5 million)**

Denton County Citizen Corps Council (TX)  
Fresno Citizen Corps Council (CA)  
Citizen Corps Monterey County (CA)  
San Ramon Valley Emergency Preparedness Citizen Corps Council (CA)

### **Outstanding Citizen Corps Council Award (Serving a population over 1.5 million)**

Arizona Central Region Citizen Corps Council (AZ)  
**New York City Citizen Corps Council (NY)**  
Sacramento Region Citizen Corps Council (CA)  
Southeast Florida Regional Citizen Corps Task Force (FL)

### **Collaborative Preparedness Planning Award**

Contra Costa County Citizen Corps (CA)  
Cottonwood Heights Citizen Corps (UT)  
Douglas County Citizen Corps Council (KS)  
San Francisco Citizen Corps Council (CA)

### **Preparing the Public Award**

Bradford County Citizen Corps (PA)  
Escambia County Citizen Corps Council (FL)  
Farmington Hills / Farmington Citizen Corps Council (MI)  
**Nassau County Citizen Corps Council (NY)**

### **Preparing Community Organizations Award**

Adams County Citizen Corps Council (IL)  
Independence / Eastern Jackson County Citizen Corps (MO)  
Duval County / Jacksonville Citizen Corps (FL)  
Detroit / Wayne County Citizen Corps (MI)

### **Volunteer Integration Award**

Cuyahoga County Citizen Corps (OH)  
Harris County Citizen Corps Council (TX)  
Northwest Fire's Citizen Corps Council (AZ)  
Rowlett Citizen Corps Council (TX)

*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: <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 7/16/2009**

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

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

### **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

**Bob Spampinato** Volunteer Instructor Assistant

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

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with practical

**Bob Spampinato** Volunteer Assistant

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

Volunteers will teach this class

**Rich Egan & Bob Spampinato** Volunteer Instructors – Terrorism

**Mike Arcari** 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

**Bob Spampinato** 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

**Tom Vaughn** Volunteer Instructor- Sheltering and Organization

**Bob Spampinato** 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

**Bob Spampinato** 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