

CERT ALL MEMBER WEEKLY BRIEF JULY 30, 2009

CERT is what you make it!

The weekly CERT Brief is available on our webpage at:

<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OEM/CC/CERT/brief.html>

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

August 11th I will represent Nassau County OEM and CERT at the National Preparedness Citizen Corps Conference in DC. Our program is a finalist for the *Citizen Corps Achievement Award–Celebrating Resilient Communities Preparing the Public Award* for 2009. We have been chosen among hundreds of programs for the for our CERT education and outreach efforts. Congratulations to all of you for a job well done!

I will also participate in the FEMA Region II presentation regarding how Nassau CERT is planning for the H1N1. I will discuss among other things: How each CERT member is preparing themselves, their family, neighbor to neighbor, friend to friend! As well as how CERT and MRC collaborate and plan, train, and respond together.

Some things to think about and speak to your friends and neighbors about:

- Get your seasonal flu vaccine! (All ages!!)
- The importance of washing hands , or using hand sanitizers when washing hands is not possible,
- Coughing or sneezing into your sleeve,
- Cleaning surfaces (phones, desks, etc) frequently,
- Staying home from work or school, when sick,
- Stocking up on over the counter analgesics, juices and water

(Source CDC)

If you are interested in becoming a CERT Medical POD Manager please email oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov include **“POD Management”** in subject. Please state your name, team, why you think you would be a good POD manager, your willingness to participate in extra training, and willingness to make a commitment to manage a POD in times of a health emergency.

TRAINING

Nassau County CERT August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 AED First Aid 7:00-9:00pm OEM Massapequa Park Fair	4 Safe Talk 7:00-10:00pm, OEM Massapequa Park Fair Nat'l Night Out- Glen Cove	5 ICS100 (I-0805) 2:00-5:00pm EOC POD Task Force Training *** 7:00-8:00 PM Freeport	6 ICS100 (I-0805) 2:00-5:00pm EOC Activation DDMP 12:00am -1:00pm Nassau Comm. College Basic 3** Class V 6:30-10:00pm N Merrick	7 Activation DDMP 12:00 to 1:00pm Nassau Comm. College	8
9	10 ICS100 (I-0810) 7:00-10:00pm EOC	11 CARE Disaster Psychology 7:00-10:00pm OEM- EOC	12	13 Basic 3** Class VI 6:30-10:00pm N Merrick	14	15
16	17 ICS100 (I-0810) 7:00-10:00pm EOC	18 Planning Meeting 7:00-9:00pm	19	20 Basic 3** Class VII 6:30-10:00pm N Merrick Moulage Team Training **** 7:00-9:30 PM Mineola	21	22
23	24 ICS200 (I-0824) 7:00-10:00pm EOC	25 General Staff Meeting 7:00-9:00pm	26 ICS200 (I-0824) 7:00-10:00pm EOC	27 Basic 3** Class VIII 6:30-10:00pm N Merrick	28	29

**Location: North Merrick Fire Department 2095 Camp Ave, North Merrick, NY 11566

*** Freeport Fire House 15 Broadway, Freeport NY 11520

**** Moulage Training American Red Cross 195 Willis Ave, Mineola NY 11501

TRAINING

Nassau County CERT September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 ICS100 (I-0901) 7:00-10:00pm EOC	2 Basic 4*** Class I 6:30-10:00pm Farmingdale CE Division (Ken G) Refresher 6:30-10:30pm	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 ICS100 (I-0901) 7:00-10:00pm EOC	9 Basic 4*** Class II 6:30-10:00pm Farmingdale	10	11	12
13 CERT DRILL Grandparents Day	14	15 Planning Meeting 7:00-9:00pm	16 ICS200 (I-0916) 7:00-10:00pm EOC Basic 4*** Class III 6:30-10:00pm Farmingdale	17 ICS200 (I-0916) 7:00-10:00pm EOC	18	19 Rosh Hashanah
20	21	22 General Staff Meeting 7:00-9:00pm Autumn begins	23 Basic 4*** Class IV 6:30-10:00pm Farmingdale	24	25	26
27	28 Yom Kippur	29	30 Basic 4*** Class V 6:30-10:00pm Farmingdale			

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!**

AED & First Aid Class

August 3, 2009 6:30 – 9:30 PM Monday (this is a 3 hrs course)

Nassau County OEM 100 Carman Ave, East Meadow NY 11554

This class is the second part of the CPR class offered at Glen Cove recently. Preference will be given to those members who attended that class. If you would like to be considered for this class please **sign up by email to oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov with "A-0803" in subject.** If you did not participate in the CPR class you will be placed on a waiting list. You will be notified July 31st if you may attend. Space is limited.

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

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-0804" in subject. First come first served basis.

******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 oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov with "POD-0805" in subject.

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.** 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.

ICS-100 Incident Command System, I-100(class# I-0805)

August 5 & 6, 2009 Wednesday/ Thursday, 6 hour course (must attend BOTH classes)

2:00 - 5:00 PM (daytime)

Nassau County OEM 100 Carman Av. East Meadow, NY 11554

Class is limited to 20 students, first come first served. You will be notified of acceptance one week before the class date by email. This is an interactive instructor driven course recommended for all. Even if you have previously completed ICS-100 online, this course will provide you with experience and hands on knowledge. Course Overview: ICS 100, Introduction to the Incident Command System,

introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). **

To register oeccert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "ICS Training class-I-0805"

SafeTALK a Suicide Prevention Awareness 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

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 oeccert@nassaucountyny.gov with "ST-0806" in subject. First come first served basis.

ICS-100 Incident Command System, I-100(class# I-0810)

August 10 & 17, 2009 Monday / Monday 6 hour course (must attend BOTH classes)

7:00 Pm to 10:00 PM

Nassau County OEM 100 Carman Av. East Meadow, NY 11554

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To register oeccert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "ICS Training class-I-0810"

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

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

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 Moulage Training

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

American Red Cross 195 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 uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov with subject "M-0820"**

ICS-200 Incident Command System, I-200 (class# I-0824)

August 24 & 26, 2009 Monday/ Wednesday 6 hours (must attend BOTH classes)

7:00 Pm to 10:00 PM

Nassau County OEM 100 Carman Av. East Meadow, NY 11554

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ICS-100 Incident Command System, I-100(class# I-0901)

September 1 & 8, 2009 Tuesday/ Tuesday 6 hours (must attend BOTH classes)

7:00 Pm to 10:00 PM

Nassau County OEM 100 Carman Av. East Meadow, NY 11554

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To register uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "ICS Training class-I-0901"

Refresher Class*

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 to sign up.

*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!**

7th 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 7th 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.** 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.

ICS-200 Incident Command System, I-200 (class# I-0916)

September 16 & 17, 2009 Wednesday/ Thursday 6 hours (must attend BOTH classes)

7:00 Pm to 10:00 PM

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ICS-200 Incident Command System, I-200 (class# I-0923)

September 23 & 24, 2009 Wednesday/ Thursday 6 hours (must attend BOTH classes)

2:00 - 5:00 PM (daytime)

Nassau County OEM 100 Carman Av. East Meadow, NY 11554

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ACTIVATIONS AND EXERCISES

The September weekday Department of Health FLU POD Statewide Exercise and ACTIVATION on September 23, 24 and 25 IS CANCELED! There is NO EXERCISE OR POD ACTIVATION on these dates!

Disaster Debris Management Plan (DDMP) meeting

We still need members for this activation! If you are interested in what would happen after a hurricane regarding clean up of all the debris and have an hour or so you can help OEM and see what this is about also! 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 There will be two greeters per day. If you are interested please email oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov and use the subject **“DDMP meetings” state which date you are interested in.** We will advise who will attend by July 31st. 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 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.

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

Passing of Members wife

We regret to announce CERT member Sol Pearlman's wife, Shirley, passed away on Saturday, July 25th. Sol and his family are sitting Shiva this week. The last night is Thursday, July 30. If you wish to visit, please arrive no later than 7 pm.

FEMA Employment Opportunity in NYC

FEMA Individual Assistance employment opportunity. Please apply as directed.

[Emergency Management Program Specialist \(IA\), GS-0301-11/12](#)

Thu, 23 Jul 2009 16:40:51 -0500 AN271190 (Closing Date: Thu, 6 Aug 2009 00:00:00 EDT)

Citizen Corps Bulletins

News stories and other Community Preparedness news, including Citizen Corps Bulletins, can be found on the 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 7/30/2009

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) Bob & Sandra Tamer 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.
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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 4, 7/30/09: Terrorism and Disaster Psychology

Volunteers will teach this class

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