

CERT ALL MEMBER WEEKLY BRIEF JULY 9, 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 III thank you for your dedication and commitment to CERT and Citizen Preparedness.

Passing of a Team Member

It is with deepest regrets Nassau CERT announces the passing of member **David Sterner**. Freeport CERT Member David Sterner died in an apparent diving accident in Mexico on May 29th. The family is having a memorial open house this Saturday July 11, 2009 1:00 to 5:00 pm at his home at **514 Southside Avenue, Freeport, NY, 11520** This is all the information I was provided. David was also very active in Kiwanis and one of our ham operators, KC2PPP. He was licensed with other members of the ARES class in 2006. CERT members are encouraged to attend.

Please email your Team Unit Leader with your quarterly hours for April 1 through June 30, 2009! We can only get the reports in on time if YOU send in your hours ON TIME! Please send your hours in ASAP! You can download the form (#152) at: <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OEM/CC/CERT/certforms.html>

Team Hours 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 taken POD training with DOH** let us know by email to oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov and use the subject "**DOH POD TRAINED**" we will confirm with DOH. You **MUST** include the date and location of the training.

Instructors please check the training calendar at North Merrick below I filled in some names and need confirmation you will attend!

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!

****NEW **MANDATORY FOR POD Activations****

POD CERT Task Force Training

July 14, 2009, Tuesday 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Glen Cove Fire House, 10 Glen Cove Ave. Glen Cove, NY 11542

Sign up by email to uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov with “POD-0714” in subject.

OR

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

Freeport Fire House, 15 Broadway, Freeport, NY 11552

Sign up by email to uemcert@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.

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 uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov with “ST-0715” in subject. First come first served basis.

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 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.**

SafeTALK a Suicide Prevention Awareness Course

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

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Sign up by email to oeccert@nassaucountyny.gov with "ST-0804" 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

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!**

NEW 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.

ACTIVATIONS AND EXERCISES

NEW Greeting attendees for meeting at Parking Lot of Nassau Community College

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 oeccert@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 their 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 oeccert@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 oeccert@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 oeccert@nassaucountyny.gov and use the subject **“CWP Exercise 1017”**

OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION

United We Serve (Jun 22 - Sept 11, 2009)

United We Serve is President Barack Obama's extended call to service, challenging all Americans to help lay a new foundation for growth in this country by engaging in sustained, meaningful community service. United We Serve has an emphasis on community organization and resilience which are goals shared by Citizen Corps Councils and partners across the country. The United We Serve summer initiative is June 22 through September 11, 2009- the National Day of Service and Remembrance.

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 7/8/2009

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.

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

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Bob B What Is CERT

Debbie B Organization

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2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with practical

_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant

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_____ 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

_____ 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

_____ 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