

CERT ALL MEMBER WEEKLY BRIEF AUGUST 27, 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.

Please see the new Basic course instructor sign up posted below. We need instructors to step up and help out! I am sure there are many members who would be able to assist our volunteer instruction staff with some classes. You can just help out with the exercises by coaching the table teams! You don't have to be the person in the front of the room! Give back to the team! If you are an instructor please check and advise of your availability for the classes you teach!

I am working on developing an EOC class and ID photo times and locations! Please stay tuned for the latest on this! I would like to have all POD volunteer workers identified before we open PODs this fall! Keep an eye on the Weekly Briefs!

We are gearing up for the possibility of TS Danny impacting Long Island over the weekend. At this time we are only staffing the CERT desk Friday 1000-1400 and polling our members for availability! TUL's please make sure you have contacted ALL of your members! Send situation reports to oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov include Names, times & dates, phone number and other contact information, and team name.

CERT Statistics (January 2009 to date):

CERT Trained in ICS:

ICS-100 = 99

ICS-200 = 46

ICS-700 = 43

ICS- 800 = 14

EOC: 60

WMD: 46

POD Operations: 75

Psych First Aid: 15

Safe Talk: 36

Disaster Psychology: 10

Moulage: 9

947 Total CERT Members

653 Active CERT Members (graduated & participates in activities)

19 Inactive (temporary or awaiting exit interview or does not respond to calls/ emails)

10 Junior (under 18 over 16 with parent)

196 Trainee (at least 1 class)

30 Moved out of Nassau County
 39 Quit (removed from Database)

Nassau CERT is planning for the Flu Season!

Every CERT member should be preparing themselves, their family, neighbor to neighbor, friend to friend!

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)

Latest FEMA Flood Maps

FEMA is now in the process of updating the flood maps for Nassau County. To assist you in researching if you are located in a flood zone area or, because the recent Flood Insurance Study you will be located in a flood zone, click on the links below and follow the directions:

CURRENT FEMA MAP:

<http://msc.fema.gov/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/FemaWelcomeView?storeId=10001&catalogId=10001&langId=-1>

PROPOSED FEMA MAP: <http://www.nassaunyfloodmap.com>

(These maps are a FEMA product)

TRAINING

Nassau County CERT August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	25 General Staff Meeting 7:00-9:00pm	26 EOC Basic (E-826) 7:00-9:00pm 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

**** 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 POD Task Force Training 7:00-8:00 PM TBD	11	12
13 CERT DRILL Grandparents Day	14 EOC Basic (E-914) 7:00-9:00pm EOC	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 ICS200 (I-0923) 2:00-5:00pm EOC Basic 4*** Class IV 6:30-10:00pm Farmingdale	24 ICS200 (I-0923) 2:00-5:00pm EOC	25	26
27	28 Yom Kippur	29 Health POD Management 7:00 – 9:00 pm Hicksville*** (PODM-0929)	30 Basic 4*** Class V 6:30-10:00pm Farmingdale Health POD Management 7:00 – 9:00 pm Hicksville (PODM-0929)			

***Hicksville Community Center, 28 West Carl St. Hicksville, NY

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!**

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

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-0901"

Refresher Class* 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.

All classes are 6:30 to 10:30 PM All Classes are OPEN TO ALL CERT MEMBERS

*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!**

POD CERT Task Force Training

Additional DATE

September 10, 2009, Thursday 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Freeport Area- exact location will be confirmed in next weeks brief

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.

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.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Basic Training (Course: E-0914)

Additional Date

9/14, 2009 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (2 hours) Monday Night

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

This class will introduce CERT members to the policies, procedures and general activities that occur during EOC activation. Class is limited to 20 students, first come first served. You will be notified of acceptance one week before the class date by email. CERT members are REQUIRED to have taken this course in order to work in the EOC. Prerequisite: All applicants must have completed ICS-100 prior to attending this course. If you did not FAX or email your ICS-100 Certificate to the CERT desk FAX: 573-0673 **Register uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject line "E-0914"**

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

9/16 & 17, 2009 Wednesday/ Thursday 6 hours (must attend BOTH classes)

7:00 Pm to 10:00 PM

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

THIS IS THE SECOND OF THE ICS SERIES OF COURSES! EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE! Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents 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.** 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-200 online, this course will provide you with experience and hands on knowledge. You must have taken ICS-100 prior to attending this course. **Register uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "ICS Training class-I-0916"**

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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NEW Health POD Management Course

September 29 & 30 7:00 – 9:00 pm (this is a 4 hour course)

Hicksville Community Center, 28 West Carl St. Hicksville, NY

Sign up by email to uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov with "PODM-0929" in subject.

This class will prepare you to manage a Medical Point of Distribution (POD). This **4 hour mandatory training will enable you to effectively manage and supervise over all aspects of a POD.** You must satisfactorily complete this training as well as a leadership evaluation. **Not all participants will become CERT POD Managers. If you feel you are POD Leadership material please sign up for this course!**

ACTIVATIONS AND EXERCISES

****SIGN UP NOW OR WE WILL BE FORCED TO CANCEL DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST****

FULL SCALE Training EXERCISE

September 13, 2009, Sunday 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

15 Miller Place, Syosset, NY 11791, Town of Oyster Bay DPW Yards in Syosset

(North side of Long Island Expressway between South Oyster Bay Road and Robins Lane)

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"**.

UPDATE:

- 1) Please sign up now if you have not!
- 2) All participants must bring and wear their CERT gear (Hardhat, goggle, gloves, vest), and must dress appropriately for the activity. No one will be deployed at the exercise if not attired for field work - e.g., no sandals, flip-flops, shorts, etc.
- 3) Participants who have GMRS/FRS radios are encouraged to bring them, with a spare set of batteries.
- 4) Check your equipment!

Activation to assist First Responders with Transit Terrorist Tools and Tactics

9/17, 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

Personal Preparedness in America: Findings from the 2009 Citizen Corps National Survey

WASHINGTON – During the 2009 National Conference on Community Preparedness, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released a new report *Personal Preparedness in America: Findings from the 2009 Citizen Corps National Survey* that offers comprehensive data on the public's thoughts, perceptions, and behaviors related to preparedness and community safety for multiple types of hazards. Findings from these surveys provide valuable insights for increasing personal preparedness, civic engagement, and community resilience. These findings are particularly relevant as we prepare for a possible pandemic flu outbreak, hurricane season, and other hazards. Results from this study have important implications for the development of more effective communication and outreach strategies to achieve greater levels of preparedness and participation. Suggested strategies based on this data include: **Stress that preparedness is a shared responsibility.** Results from the national survey indicate that 30 percent of Americans have not prepared because they think that emergency responders will help them and that over 60 percent expect to rely on emergency responders in the first 72 hours following a disaster. While government will execute its functions, communications to the public should convey a more realistic understanding of emergency response capacity and emphasize the importance of self-

reliance. Messaging should speak to a shared responsibility and stress that everyone has a role to play in preparedness and response.

Provide more specificity on preparedness actions. This research also found that many people who report being prepared have not completed important preparedness activities or do not have a sound understanding of community plans. Of those who perceived themselves to be prepared, 36 percent did not have a household plan, 78 percent had not conducted a home evacuation drill, and 58 percent did not know their community's evacuation routes.

Highlight additional preparedness needs for people with disabilities. Fourteen percent of respondents reported having a physical or other disability that would affect their capacity to respond to an emergency situation. Alarming, however, few individuals with disabilities had taken specific actions to help them respond safely in the event of an emergency. Only 27 percent had taken a CPR or first aid training and less than half (47%) had a household plan. Another 14 percent of survey participants indicated they lived with and/or cared for someone with a physical or other disability. Of these individuals less than 40 percent reported taking a CPR or first aid training (36% and 39% respectively) and 53 had supplies set aside in their home.

Emphasize the importance of drills and exercises. Practicing response protocols is critical for effective execution; this is true for emergency responders and true for the public. Fewer than half the surveyed individuals (41%) had practiced a workplace evacuation drill, only 14 percent had participated in a home evacuation drill, and of those in school and/or with children in school, only 23 percent had participated in a school evacuation drill. And the numbers are much lower for shelter in place drills (27%, 10%, and 13% respectively). Drills and exercises for multiple hazards and multiple locations need to be conducted through social networks. In addition, community members need to be included more effectively in government-sponsored community exercises.

Offer specialized information on the survivability of manmade disasters. These results indicate that individuals' perceived utility of preparing and their confidence in their ability to respond varies significantly by disaster type. Only 7 percent of individuals felt that nothing they did would help them handle a natural disaster, whereas 35 percent felt nothing they did would help them in an act of terrorism, such as a biological, chemical, radiological, or explosive attack. All-hazards terminology may mask important nuances relative to conveying personal preparedness guidance for specific hazards. It is important to emphasize the survivability of manmade disasters and the relevant protective measures for these hazards. **Couple a national voice with local specificity.** National leaders must be strong advocates for personal preparedness, but it is clear that messages specific to individual preparedness must include critical local information, such as information on local hazards, local alerts and warnings, and local community response protocols. Local social networks must also be used to support outreach and education on personal preparedness, such as neighborhoods, the workplace, schools, and faith communities. And the concepts of mutual support at the local, neighborhood level should be emphasized.

FEMA's Citizen Corps grassroots community resilience movement and the Ready.gov awareness campaign work together to actively involve Americans in making themselves and their communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to handle any emergency situation. 2,400 local communities nationwide have created Citizen Corps Councils to strengthen collaboration between government and civic leaders and to educate, train, and involve the public. For more information about Citizen Corps, visit www.citizencorps.gov. To learn more about the Ready.gov Campaign, visit www.ready.gov. To read the survey report, go to <http://www.citizencorps.gov/ready/2009findings.shtm>

NY-Alert- A notification system you can join

Unexpected disasters can destroy communities and devastate families. Whether it's a natural emergency like high winds, flooding or an ice storm, or it's a man-made threat, the more information we have the better we can respond to emergencies. Signing up for NY-Alert is free. By doing so, you will receive

warnings and emergency information, including road closures, inclement weather events and terrorist alerts issued by New York State and local governments. Information can be sent to you via your cell phone, your home phone, e-mail and other technologies. You can list up to three phone numbers, two e-mail addresses and three cell phones to receive text messages. Receiving alerts through these modern, high-tech devices accelerates communication, which allows you to be aware of any perilous events that may be affecting your community in a faster and more convenient way. In addition, once you sign up for NY-Alert, you will also be able to customize locations, types of emergencies and the threat level, from minor to extreme, you would like to receive information about. Most alerts are issued by your county or local municipality. Every emergency is different and alerts are tailored to meet the notification needs of each incident. **To sign up for NY-Alert, go to www.nyalert.gov or call (888) 697-6972.**

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!

South Farmingdale Basic Class **September 2009 Class Schedule and Location** **Updated 08/18/2009**

Class Times	Doors open at 6:30pm, class starts promptly at 7:00pm and ends at 10:00pm
Class Location	819 south main St, South Farmingdale, NY, 11735 cross Crestwood blvd.
Refreshments	Water will be supplied for classes 1 through 8.
Course Listing	Course Incident Commander (IC) Kathy Cowden 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 **WEDNESDAYS**

Class 1	September 2	What is CERT?, Intro to ICS and CERT Organization,
Class 2	September 9	Disaster Medical Operations I
Class 3	September 16	Light Search and Rescue
Class 4	September 23	Disaster Psychology and Terrorism
Class 5	September 30	Fire Suppression and Part I Table Top Exercise
Class 6	October 7	Sheltering Operations Part II Table top Exercise
Class 7	October 14	Disaster Medical Operations II
Class 8	October 21	Radio Operations, Community Outreach and Graduation

Class 1, 9/2/2009: What is CERT? Intro to ICS and CERT Organization,

Bob B What Is CERT

Debbie B Organization

Class 2, 9/9/2009: Medical I

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with practical

_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant

Class 3, 9/16/2009: Light Search and Rescue

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with practical

_____ Volunteer Assistant

Class 4, 9/23/2009: Terrorism and Disaster Psychology

Volunteers will teach this class

_____ Volunteer Instructor – Terrorism

_____ Volunteer Instructor – Disaster Psychology and Disabled Persons

Class 5, 9/30/2009: 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, 10/7/2009: Shelter Introduction and Part II Table Top Exercise

Volunteers will teach this class

_____ Volunteer Instructor- Sheltering and Organization

_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant

Class 7, 10/14/2009: Disaster Medical Operations II

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with hands on exercise

_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant

Class 8, 10/21/2009: 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