

CERT ALL MEMBER WEEKLY BRIEF AUGUST 6, 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.

There are many interesting and valuable trainings and exercises listed below. This fall we expect to be activated for PODs and need all CERT members to be prepared! The General Staff encourages you to be prepared and help us in the fall when FLU season is here! Please sign up for the POD Task Force training on September 10th (see below) the more members who sign up from an area will determine the location for this training! We do NOT have enough members to support the PODs yet! There is a NYC POD exercise Saturday August 15th in Manhattan that would be a great experience for you to participate in and actually see and “feel” what happens in a POD. NYC needs 1000 “patients” for this! If you have the time please sign up! This is a Nassau CERT Activation!

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.

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)

TRAINING

Nassau County CERT August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				6 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 NYC POD Exercise 1:00-5:00pm
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

**** 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	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 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-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

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-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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Refresher Class*

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!**

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

NEW DATE POD CERT Task Force Training

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

TBD- will be determined according to location of members who sign up

Sign up by email to oeccert@nassaucountyny.gov with "POD-0910" 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.

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)

9/16 & 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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NEW Health POD Management Course

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

Hicksville (exact location will be provided)

Sign up by email to oemcert@nassaucountynv.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

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!

NEW Point of Dispensing (POD) Emergency Response Exercise

August 15, 2009 Saturday from 1:00-5:00 PM

Marte Valley Secondary School (M025) 145 Stanton St. New York, NY 10002

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)A POD is a mass dispensing site opened for the distribution of antibiotics or other medications in response to a public health emergency or outbreak. For this exercise, a single POD will be opened in Manhattan to simulate dispensing of antibiotics following a widespread anthrax exposure in NYC to *volunteer “patients.”*

Hours of participation: Hours of participation will be from 12:30 PM until approximately 6:30 PM. We may request that some volunteers arrive later than 12:30 PM to accommodate exercise flow. Your reporting time will be communicated to you upon completion of registration. **Eligibility:** To participate in this exercise, volunteers must be 18 years of age or older.

Registration: please visit <http://www.nyc.gov/health/podexercise>

Also please notify OEM CERT by email oemcert@nassaucountynv.gov (include: NYC 0815 in subject) that you are participating in this exercise. Nassau OEM is working with NYC OEM to provide volunteers through CERT. A Nassau CERT Team Leader will be assigned for the exercise.

This is also a great opportunity to see and “feel” what a real POD is like. NYC hopes to have over 1000 “patients” participate!

****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

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

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 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

Back To School

As the new school year looms on the horizon, DisasterPrepped.com focuses on helping you prepare your kids and their schools for potential emergencies or disasters. First, the "Kids & Schools" section highlights many valuable emergency preparedness solutions, including several newly added tools, at www.disasterprepped.com/kids_schools.php.

Second, there are several articles now available at the website addressing this topic:

"*Helping Children Cope with Disaster*" www.disasterprepped.com/children_cope.php)

"*'Back to School' Emergency Preparedness*" www.disasterprepped.com/back_to_school.php

"*Checklist for Emergency Preparedness in Schools*" www.disasterprepped.com/schools_checklist.php

"*Tornado Preparedness Tips for School Administrators*" www.disasterprepped.com/tornado_schools.php

FEMA Administrator Fugate Video Message

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator Craig Fugate today released a Web video message highlighting the need for the public to be prepared for any emergency. "Our entire emergency management team has a role to play when it comes to preparing for and responding to the next disaster," said Administrator Fugate. "One of the most important parts of that team is the public. The more prepared the public is now, by getting an emergency response kit, making an emergency action plan, and getting a skill, like CPR, the stronger our emergency response team will be."

The Administrator's video can be found on the following websites:

FEMA's Multimedia Website- www.fema.gov/medialibrary

Youtube- www.youtube.com/fema Facebook- www.facebook.com/fema

Tips on how to be prepared, including how to make an emergency plan, and what should be in an emergency response kit, can be found at www.ready.gov/.

Disclaimer: FEMA is providing the following links to FEMA's presence on other third party sites for your reference. FEMA does not endorse any non-government Websites, companies or applications.

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.

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 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