

# **CERT ALL MEMBER WEEKLY BRIEF NOVEMBER 19, 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](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.

Thank you for answering the call for assistance for another POD on Monday evening the 16<sup>th</sup> at the Health Department Building! ICS was again outstanding! A special thank you to Kathryn, Joe, Charlie, and Jerry for an outstanding job at the CERT ICP (Incident Command Post)! Everyone who attended did a fantastic job! Again we used the experience not only to learn about the POD process but to practice our plans and the operation of ICS! We have two NEW POD mission requests listed below, please take a look!

I am sure we will be doing this again soon! If you have not participated in the POD activations you should! You will use what you have learned and gain valuable knowledge at an activation that is somewhat controlled but not just an exercise! We know the H1N1 is not over yet! Please keep an eye on your email for mission requests and ACTIVATIONS! Please contact your Team Unit Leader with your current updated contact information! It is vital we have correct information!

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMISSIONER**

You all have proven to be a great asset for the County time and time again. Your operations during the H1N1 POD events have been outstanding. Without all of your help the County would not have been able to protect the residents the way we have been. Nothing proved this more than watching the clients leaving the Pregnant Woman PODs. Each and every person left those PODS smiling and commenting how smooth it went. I am sure they came with ideas that they would be waiting in line for hours. Because of your help everything went well.

Once again, thank you all.

Jim

## **PLEASE SEE THE MISSIONS LISTED BELOW**

We will be posting more missions as they develop! The H1N1 Call Center will be open INDEFINATLY and need coverage INDEFINATLY! If you can spare the time please sign up for a shift!

## **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!**

Nassau County CERT November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16 Basic 5** Class IV 6:30-10:00pm CW Post	17 Planning Meeting 7:00-9:00pm  SE Sector	18	19	20	21
22	23 Basic 5** Class V 6:30-10:00pm CW Post	24 General Staff Meeting 7:00-9:00pm POD Baldwin 7-9	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30 Basic 5** Class VI 6:30-10:00pm CW Post					

Note: Yellow dates denote Nassau County holidays.

\*\*Location: C.W. Post Campus- Long Island University 720 Northern Blvd. Brookville, New York 11548

Nassau County CERT December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 CE Sector	3 SW Sector	4	5
6	7 Basic 5** Class VII 6:30-10:00pm CW Post  5 Towns	8 CPR/AED/FA Fall Class I 6:00-9:30pm Freeport FD*	9 CPR/AED/FA Fall Class II 6:00-9:30pm Freeport FD*	10	11	12 Hanukkah begins
13	14 Basic 5** Class VIII 6:30-10:00pm CW Post	15 Planning Meeting 7:00-9:00pm	16	17	18	19

20	21 Winter begins	22 General Staff Meeting 7:00-9:00pm	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

Note: Yellow dates denote Nassau County holidays. \*Location: Freeport Fire Department 15 Broadway, Freeport, 11520  
 \*\*Location: C.W. Post Campus- Long Island University 720 Northern Blvd. Brookville, New York 11548

### **CPR AED and First Aid Course**

**December 8 & 9, 2009, 6:00 – 9:30 PM** (8 hours-MUST attend both classes)  
**Freeport Fire House 15 Broadway Freeport NY 11520**

This course is a Red Cross Certification class for adult & infant CPR only. (If you would like a Red Cross Certification Card the Red Cross Fee is **\$8.00 CASH** This is not a requirement to participate) 24 students Maximum. First come first served basis. We will be offering this course in other locations when volunteer instructors are available.

**Sign up by email to [uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) with “CPR-1208” in subject.**

## **ACTIVATIONS AND MISSION REQUESTS**

Missions that have not been posted before will be marked NEW and missions that have been completed or missions such as table events with positions that have been filled by volunteers will be removed from this section. The calendar above will have the events posted in it.

### **NEW ASAP**

**Mission: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Fire District Baldwin Flu POD staffing**

**Mission Request 20091118A Baldwin FD POD**

**Skills:** Staff POD as needed

**Personnel:** 7 CERT members for POD

**Location:** **Baldwin Fire HQ**, 2386 Grand Ave, Baldwin NY 11550 (Between Sunrise and Merrick) 11553

**Date:** November 24, 2009 **THIS TUESDAY EVENING**

**Times:** Between the hours of **6:30 and 9:00 PM (POD open 7-9) ONE SHIFT**

**Method:** Staff CERT POD Jobs Per ICS protocol

**Attire:** **MUST have CERT vest, Helmet and flashlight (helmet for outside locations)**

**Refreshments:** Coffee and snacks

**Due Date:** **Please respond ASAP!**

**Reason:** Request of the Fire Service Second Battalion Fire District by John Frasier cell 978-6114

**Sign up Contact:** Email [uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) subject "POD Baldwin 112409"

**Team Leader:** Sharon Moskowitz cell 516-448-5457 [sha2162@optonline.net](mailto:sha2162@optonline.net)

**Additional Information:**

Must Be POD trained.

**Admin Use only:**

**Report To:** POC **John Frasier** and/or Baldwin Fire Commissioner Doug Weidman

**Requested By:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Fire District John Frasier

Expecting 375-400 people

**MUST BE NOTIFIED BY CERT leader or Bob or Sharon M. BEFORE YOU RESPOND TO LOCATION**

MUST be Basic trained CERT members

CERT command trailer **will not be deployed.**

CERT may fill ALL positions we have JAS for,

Approved JC

### **NEW ASAP**

**Mission:** **POD at CG Martin Park in New Hyde Park**

**Mission Request** 20091118B CG Martin New Hyde Park POD

**Skills:** Assist with area flow of clients. Stand for long periods of time, direct clients to POD door

**Personnel:** 4 CERT members

**Location:** CG Martin Park 1650 Marcus Ave, New Hyde Park NY 11040

**Date:** **STARTING THIS SUNDAY!** Every Sunday from November 22 through March 14.

**Times:** Between the hours of 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM (POD open 9-1) ONE SHIFT

**Method:** Staff CERT POD Jobs Per ICS protocol

**Attire:** **MUST have CERT vest, Helmet**

**Refreshments:** unknown at this time- possibly lunch

**Due Date:** **Please respond ASAP!**

**Reason:** Requested by Janet Wohlers, Emergency Management Director, Town of North Hempstead

**Sign up Contact:** Send Email to [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) subject "POD NHP Nov 09-Mar 2010"

**PLEASE INCLUDE DATES YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST**

**Team Leader:** TBD (Leader Needed)

**Additional Information:**

MUST be Basic CERT trained. Must have safety equipment

**Report To:** POC Janet Wohlers

**Requested By:** Town of North Hempstead Janet Wohlers cell 516-263-6150

**Admin Use only:**

POD trained not mandatory

**MUST BE NOTIFIED BY CERT leader or Bob BEFORE YOU RESPOND TO LOCATION**

We also need a team leader

CERT command trailer **will not be deployed.**

### **Ongoing Mission Request 20091022A H1N1call center**

**Mission:** H1N1 Call Center staffing

**Skills:** Staff call center and answer calls regarding H1N1

**Personnel:** 4 CERT volunteers needed each day (2 for each shift)

**Location:** Department of Health Building Located at: 106 Charles Lindbergh Blvd Uniondale 11553  
(Enter through South entrance and then call the hotline # 1-888-684-4271 to be admitted. Report to Anna for assistance and training)

**Date:** (updated 20091029) October 26, 2009 Weekdays only, through indefinitely

**Times:** Between the hours of 9:00AM - 4:00PM

First shift: 9:00AM - 1:00 PM

Second shift: 12:30PM - Approx 4:00PM

**Method:** You will be provided: Job Action Sheet describing your function and details of how to respond to calls and how to refer callers. You will bring: Something to occupy you when the phones are not busy such as a book to read

**Attire:** Office Attire- cert shirt **or** green or white shirt, casual business attire such as black or kaki slack. No jeans or BDU's

**Refreshments:** Unknown if available please be prepared

**Due Date:** **Please respond ASAP!**

**Reason:** Commissioner of OEM and DOH request for CERT

**Sign Up Contact:** Send Email to [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) subject "Mission Call Center"

**Please include: Days, dates, and times you are available for in the email.**

**Team Leader:** Morty Press

**Additional Information:** We also need a member who can receive redirected emails from me over the weekend and set up the shifts as well as respond to members with their assignments. This part of the mission can be done via internet. If you are interested in this please email [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) subject: "Call Center Resource Unit Leader"

### **Mission Request 20091030A OEM CERT DESK Staffing and Clerical Assistance**

**Mission:** To check email, voice mail, fill in forms on computer using excel, word, and outlook programs. We would like to have a member at the CERT Desk every day to assist with the daily operation of CERT.

**Skills:** Must be able to use computer, word, outlook, and excel basic knowledge, make follow-up calls to members, answer emails as directed, follow directions and develop Job Action Sheets. You must be independent and motivated to help out!

**Personnel:** 1 CERT volunteer needed 3-4 hours each day

**Location:** OEM CERT Desk at 100 Carman Ave East Meadow, NY 11554

**Date:** Ongoing – Must be able to commit to a day of the week for multiple weeks. *Such as: Tuesdays from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM for the month of June (except for holidays)*

**Times:** Between the hours of 8:00AM - 3:00PM

**Method:** You will be provided: samples and templates of forms and data, instruction from Bob, Job Action Sheets and instructions for email and voice mail

You will bring: Something to occupy you when it is slow such as a book to read

**Attire:** Office Attire- cert shirt **or** green or white polo type shirt, casual business attire such as black or kaki slacks. No jeans or BDU's. A CERT shirt will be issued

**Refreshments:** we have water and provide lunch at lunch time!

**Due Date:** Ongoing

**Reason:** The CERT program has grown considerably and is in need of dedicated knowledgeable volunteer members to support the ongoing clerical issues related to the proper administration of the program.

**Sign Up Contact:**

Send Email to [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) subject "CERT Desk Help"

**Team Leader:** Bob

## **EXERCISES**

**NEW** September 26, 2010 is our next National Preparedness Month Exercise! Save the date now! Details will be provided in the spring!

## **OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**NEW CERT Communications Unit Meeting**

**December 10, 2009, 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

## **Baldwin Public Library 2385 Grand Ave, Baldwin, NY 11510 (516) 223-6228 [MAP](#)**

This meeting is for anyone interested in joining the newly formed CERT Communications Unit.

Some of the topics we will be discussing include:

- What radios do we use at CERT and what training do we need?
- What is a FRS/GMRS radio and do I need a license?
- What is a Ham Radio and how do I get a license?
- What other Communications needs do we have?

Sign up by email to [oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov) with "CCU 20091210" in subject.

### **RED CROSS Holiday Mail for Heroes**

Once again our partners in the Red Cross are running the Holiday Mail for Heroes campaign. Last year the chapter collected cards and sent them to Maryland for processing. This year the Nassau County Chapters will be on the receiving end of the program. They will be going out to the local bases, hospitals and recruiting stations to deliver the cards that are sent to the address on the poster below. I am reaching out to all of you to participate in this great program. Get your kids involved, maybe class projects at their school. See the website below for specific details on the program. <http://www.redcross.org/holidaymail> In case you cannot see the imbedded poster, I have attached a jpg file for you to view the poster or just click on the above link for details. Thanks, Kenny

### **NEW This Citizen Corps News Digest**

Provided by FEMA's Community Preparedness Division to highlight community preparedness and resilience resources and activities recently announced by federal agencies and Citizen Corps partners **Around the Country**

#### [Citizen Corps Stories of Service: "We Have A Plan"](#)

"Two years ago before volunteering to develop a CERT program in Monroe County, Illinois I sat on my couch in the basement with my daughter one evening hoping all would be well when the tornado siren blared out the warning of an impending threat..."

### **FEMA and DHS Updates**

#### [2009 National Conference on Community Preparedness Videos Available](#)

Videos and transcripts of the featured plenary speakers at the 2009 NCCP are now posted on our website at [www.citizencorps.gov/nccp](http://www.citizencorps.gov/nccp). Citizen Corps Councils and partners are encouraged to link directly to the videos, embed them on their websites, or download them to share with their members who were unable to attend.

#### [FEMA Administrator Fugate Addresses Leadership of National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster](#)

FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate addresses the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (National VOAD) Board of Directors Meeting. The gathering of national nonprofit organizations, who are dedicated to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery, took place at the Salvation Army headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

### **Partner and Affiliate Updates**

#### [National Service Acting CEO Announces Veterans Service Initiatives](#)

The Corporation for National and Community Service hosted an event that highlighted the agency's service initiatives that address unmet needs of veterans and military families and leverage veterans' expertise and skills to help tackle national challenges. At the event, Civic Enterprises released a report,

“All Volunteer Force: From Military to Civilian Service,” that found that an overwhelming percentage of veterans want to volunteer as a way to continue serving and offers recommendations on how to best tap into veterans' passion to serve. On November 18 the Corporation and U.S. Senator Mark Warner (VA) will hold a national conference call to discuss the development of the Veterans Corps and provide information about funding opportunities in AmeriCorps that promote service with veterans, for veterans and by veterans.

[White House Announces 'Partnerships blog'](#)

President Obama established the Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships to connect the Federal government to local nonprofit organizations and community leaders – both faith-based and secular – that are serving individuals, families and communities in need. We form partnerships between government and nonprofits on a range of issues, from public health to disaster response and everything in between, in order to better serve all Americans. This blog will highlight the work of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, along with the activity at Centers for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships that we coordinate at several Federal agencies.

[Give A Day, Get A Disney Day.](#)

HandsOn Network, a National Citizen Corps Affiliate, is excited to announce “Give A Day, Get A Disney Day.” Individuals and families who give their time to help improve communities are being celebrated and offered a free one-day ticket to a Disney. Many nonprofit and community partners will be able to participate in the program through partnerships with a HandsOn Action Center. The goal is to engage one million volunteers in service.

*If you wish to receive community preparedness news each day, please sign up to receive our [Community Preparedness News RSS feed](#), download the [Community Preparedness News Widget](#), our visit our [News & Events webpage](#).*

**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!**

**C W Post Basic Class**

**October 2009 Class Schedule and Location**

**[Updated 11/12/2009](#)**

<b>Class Times</b>	Doors open at 6:30pm, class starts promptly at 7:00pm and ends at 10:00pm
<b>Class Location</b>	C.W. Post Campus- Long Island University 720 Northern Blvd. Brookville, New York 11548
<b>Refreshments</b>	Water will be supplied for classes 1 through 8.
<b>Course</b>	Course Incident Commander (IC) <b><u>Kathy Cowden &amp; Deputy IC Debbie Donovan</u></b> . Classes are run using ICS and an IC needs to attend every class.

<b>Listing</b>	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**      **MONDAYS**

<b>Class 1</b>	October 26	<b>What is CERT?, Intro to ICS and CERT Organization,</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	November 2	<b>Disaster Medical Operations I</b>
<b>Class 3</b>	November 9	<b>Light Search and Rescue</b>
<b>Class 4</b>	November 16	<b>Disaster Psychology and Terrorism</b>
<b>Class 5</b>	November 23	<b>Fire Suppression and Part I Table Top Exercise</b>
<b>Class 6</b>	November 30	<b>Sheltering Operations Part II Table top Exercise</b>
<b>Class 7</b>	December 7	<b>Disaster Medical Operations II</b>
<b>Class 8</b>	December 14	<b>Radio Operations, Community Outreach and Graduation</b>

**Class 5, 11/23/2009: 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

**Kenny English** Volunteer Instructor Table Top  
**Rosemarie Amato** Volunteer Assistant Table Top

**Class 6, 11/30/2009: Shelter Introduction and Part II Table Top Exercise**

Volunteers will teach this class  
**Tom Vaughn** Volunteer Instructor- Sheltering and Organization  
**Kenny English** Volunteer Instructor Assistant  
**Rosemarie Amato** Admin Assistant

**Class 7, 12/7/2009: Disaster Medical Operations II**

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class  
 Volunteers will assist with hands on exercise  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Instructor Assistant  
**Rosemarie Amato** Admin Assistant

**Class 8, 12/14/2009: Outreach and Education, Radio Operation, Graduation, and Meet the TULs.**

**Bob B** Graduation  
**Debbie B** Outreach and Education  
**Rob Yenis** Volunteer Instructor Radio  
**Rosemarie Amato** Admin Assistant  
 Local Area TULs, DTULs and Other VIP's