

CERT ALL MEMBER WEEKLY BRIEF NOVEMBER 5, 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.

Safe Halloween

Halloween plans typically include frightful activities, and paying attention to a few safety tips can make the difference between having a frightfully-fun experience versus a frightfully-tragic one. Decorations were the first item ignited in an estimated average of more than 1,000 home structure fires per year during 2002-2005...Go to: [NFPA Reminds You to Stay Safe on Halloween and Avoid Frightful Fire Hazards](#)

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!

2010 Approaching Fast!

We have posted a tentative 2010 calendar to give you an idea of the areas we are working to bring CERT to in 2010! None of the locations have been confirmed however we are definite on the dates! Please check it out! When we confirm locations and open registration we will post the sign up information in the Training section of this brief. Please wait till the sign up is posted to officially sign up for a class!

Are you a licensed Amateur Radio operator

Please submit your information again- we have been having email issues and we do not want to miss anyone! Would you like to be? Are you interested in emergency communications? Are you a member of ARES or RACES? Do you have communications skills from work or the Military? If you answered yes to any of these questions then we need your help. We are creating a new CERT team to help support Radio Communications. Please respond to oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject: "**CERT Comms Team**". We look forward to hearing from you. A ham radio license is not required to join the team but if you have one please include your call sign.

A MESSAGE FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COMMISSIONER

Maria Torroella Carney, MD, FACP

October 28, 2009

Dear Community Emergency Response Team Volunteer,

I am writing to thank you for your continued support and willingness to volunteer especially during these past few months. The Community Emergency Response Team volunteers have been assisting the

Department of Health in two current projects but will have more opportunities to help in the weeks to come.

Since April, the Nassau County Department of Health has been holding regular communication sessions with local hospitals, physicians, schools and community leaders. As a result of these discussions, an Influenza Call Center was requested to assist with providing information to residents. This past month the Nassau County Department of Health opened the H1N1/Influenza Call Center (1-888-684-4271). Currently, the Call Center is staffed by Department of Health personnel as well as MRC and Community Emergency Response Team volunteers. Residents are calling this number and asking questions about the illness, availability of vaccines, information on safety of vaccines and updates on the current situation in Nassau County. Calm, caring individuals have been needed and fortunately, have been available to assist in this effort. We will need your continued support in the coming weeks to continue staffing the call center, to distribute vaccines to physicians, as well as to provide vaccination clinics and Point of Dispensing clinics (PODs) to residents. We will inform you of the schedule of these PODs and the need for assistance when the vaccines become available. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your volunteerism.

Sincerely,
 Maria Torroella Carney, MD, FACP
 Commissioner Nassau County Department of Health

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
1 Daylight Savings ends	2 Basic 5** Class II 6:30-10:00pm CW Post	3	4	5	6 POD Mission	7
8	9 Basic 5** Class III 6:30-10:00pm CW Post 5 Towns	10 POD Mission	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14

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	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		
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*Location: Freeport Fire Department 15 Broadway, Freeport, 11520

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

NEW 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 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 Mission Request 20091105A H1N1 POD for Pregnant Women

Mission: Mission Request 20091105A H1N1 POD for Pregnant Women staffing

Skills: Staff POD, Monitor Children in “child care” area, monitor flow, assist pregnant woman with wheel chairs, etc.

Personnel: 20 POD Trained CERT volunteers needed

Location: Department of Health Building Located at: 106 Charles Lindbergh Blvd Uniondale 11553

Date: November 6, 2009

Times: Between the hours of 5:00PM - 9:00PM

Method: Staff CERT POD Jobs Per ICS protocol

Attire: **MUST have CERT vest, Helmet and flashlight** 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 uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov subject "POD Nov 6 2009"

Team Leader: TBD

Additional Information:

Must be POD trained

Admin Use only:

106 CLB for pregnant woman, from 1700 to 2100 hours -JC

Must be POD trained

CERT Command trailer will be deployed

Flashlights will be available

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

This POD is for H1N1 for PREGNANT WOMEN ONLY

We will also need a team leader

MUST be on the trained list of CERT members

Food for volunteers

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 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 subject: "Call Center Resource Unit Leader"

NEW 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 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 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM for the month of June (except for holidays)*

Times: Between the hours of 8:00AM - 2:00PM

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** (providing we have your size) after a steady show of support and commitment to continue.

Refreshments: Unknown if available please be prepared

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 oe CERT@nassaucountyny.gov subject "CERT Desk Help"

Team Leader: Bob

EXERCISES

None scheduled

OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION

No Reports

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 10/28/2009](#)

Class Times	Doors open at 6:30pm, class starts promptly at 7:00pm and ends at 10:00pm
Class Location	C.W. Post Campus- Long Island University 720 Northern Blvd. Brookville, New York 11548
Refreshments	Water will be supplied for classes 1 through 8.
Course Listing	Course Incident Commander (IC) <u>Kathy Cowden</u> 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

MONDAYS

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

Class 3, 11/9/2009: Light Search and Rescue

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with practical

Debbie Donovan Volunteer Assistant

Rosemarie Amato Admin Assistant

Class 4, 11/16/2009: Terrorism and Disaster Psychology

Volunteers will teach this class

Rich Egan Volunteer Instructor – Terrorism

Mike Arcari Volunteer Instructor – Disaster Psychology and Disabled Persons

Rosemarie Amato Admin Assistant

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