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WHAT
YOU
MAKE IT!

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The Emergency Operations Center

"With the last week's winter storm and the many that are sure to come our way. We wanted to publish some information about the county's nerve center, The EOC. When Jim and I ask for volunteers to staff the EOC, some newer CERTs came to us to ask us specifically what the EOC is and does. I hope the following information is helpful."

- Eric Zausner, Deputy Director

What is the EOC?

An EOC is central location where officials can work together during large-scale emergencies or special events to monitor and assess the situation as it unfolds ensure that the response coordinated. EOCs are sometimes called nerve centers, situation rooms, war rooms or crisis management centers. The EOC is different than an Incident Command Post, which is usually located at the scene of an emergency.

What happens in the EOC?

Representatives in the EOC monitor activities associated with the event, whether it is an emergency or large special event. They manage and prioritize requests for resources, track resources that have been allocated, and prepare consolidated reports that aid in accurate assessments of the situation. They also coordinate the dissemination of information to the public.

How is the EOC organized?

The EOC is managed by staff from the Office of Emergency Management. Agencies are assigned to functional groups such as public safety and transportation which allows them to coordinate their activities with similar organizations. There are also staff that assist with coordinating and disseminating public information,

How many agencies serve in the EOC?

The EOC may be activated at any of three levels, which require different types of different staffing needs. EOC operations and staffing are flexible and can be ramped up or down based on current and future needs related to the incident.

In addition to County agencies, other representatives from state and Federal agencies and the private and nonprofit sectors may also staff the EOC. These representatives may be from utilities, transportation, hospitals and non-profit or community-based organizations.



EOC continued...

How often is the Nassau County EOC Activated?

The number of times the EOC is activated can vary from year to year. Some typical examples when the EOC was activated during the past several years were:

- Superstorm Sandy in 2012
- Second Presidential Debate at Hofstra 2012
- Hurricane Irene in 2011
- Four winter storms during winter 2009-2010
- Tropical Storm Hanna – September 2008

How does the County respond to an incident when the EOC is not activated?

Emergency response personnel set up an Incident Command Post on-scene. The Office of Emergency Management staff and representatives from various agencies meet as necessary to coordinate activities from the Incident Command Post. The Office of Emergency Management's Mobile Command Post can be deployed to the scene, as needed

What does it mean when the EOC is De-Activated?

As the situation stabilizes, the EOC may not need to be activated. In that case, the City will close the EOC. However, the Office of Emergency Management and other agencies and organizations will continue to monitor the situation and respond accordingly.

. How can I stay informed when the EOC is Activated?

CERTs get updates from the OEM website, nassaucountyny.gov, OEM's social media sites on [Blogspot](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Google+](#) and [Twitter](#), by signing up for emergency text alerts from Code RED,. Jim and I will also be sending out electronic and telephonic messages to ask for volunteers in the event that they are needed or to keep you apprised of the situation.

CERT NEWS:







LOUIS MADDEN

Jim and I would like to announce that Louis Madden will be stepping into the role of Division 2 leader. We know he will continue the great work that Morton Press has started. Morty will become one of Louis' Deputy Division leaders and will continue to help make Nassau residents more prepared. Jim and I want to thank both Marlyn and Morty Press for all that they have done to build CERT in Division 2, and we look forward to continuing to work with them in their new roles. We know that this will be a great team!!



FEBRUARY 2015 - Upcoming Events

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3	4	5 RACES 7 PM	6	7
8	9	10 BASIC # 1	11		13	
15		17 BASIC # 2	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 BASIC # 3	25	26 Division Leaders 7 PM	27	28

RACES/Comms Meeting - Thurs FEB 5th

OEM Lecture Hall

Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

Basic Class # 1 Tues—FEB 10th

OEM Lecture Hall

Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

Sign Up required -

oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov

Basic Class # 2 Tues—FEB 17th

OEM Lecture Hall

Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

Division Leaders Meeting - Thurs FEB 26th

PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL NIGHT

OEM Lecture Hall Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

Basic Class # 3 Tues—FEB 24th

OEM Lecture Hall

Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

FEB Holidays:

Groundhog Day: Feb. 2



Lincoln's Birthday: Feb. 12

Valentine's Day: Feb. 14

Washington's Birthday: Feb. 16



March 2015 - Upcoming Events

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 BASIC CLASS # 4	4	5 RACES 7 PM	6	7
	9	10 BASIC CLASS # 5	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 BASIC CLASS # 6	18	19 Division Leaders 7 PM	19	20
21	22	23 BASIC CLASS # 7	24	25	26	27
	29	30	31			

RACES/Comms Meeting - Thurs MAR 5th

OEM Lecture Hall
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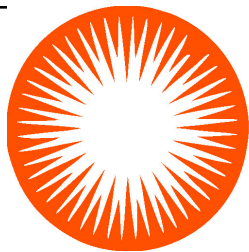
Division Leaders Meeting - Thurs MAR 19th

OEM Lecture Hall
Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

CERT Basic Class Continues in the OEM Lecture Hall, Tuesdays 3/3-23

OEM Lecture Hall
Time: 7:00 pm (1900)





PSEG

Our Power Restoration Process

Submitted by: Judy Ryan

When power is out to thousands, or even tens of thousands of customers, it is impossible to get power back to everyone at once. The main goal is to restore power safely to the greatest number of customers in the shortest time possible. The major cause of outages is damage caused by fallen trees, therefore, materials and manpower are deployed in coordination with tree crews. Assessment of damage is an ongoing effort during and after the storm.

HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION & SUBSTATIONS

1 First we must repair any damage to the high-voltage transmission wires and substations that receive power directly from power plants. Transmission lines and substations supply power to neighborhoods and must be repaired first before customers can be restored.

CRITICAL OR VITAL PUBLIC SERVICES

2 Next, critical or vital public services are given priority. These services include: Hospitals and Nursing Homes, Jails, Police and Fire Facilities, Water Pumping Stations, Evacuation Centers, etc.

AS MANY CUSTOMERS AS POSSIBLE

3 Following the restoration of critical services, we then focus on repairs that will get power back to as many customers as possible. This means a repair that will restore power to 1,000 customers will be given priority over one that would restore electricity to 100 customers.

INDIVIDUAL HOMES & BUSINESSES

4 We will continue to restore power to smaller neighborhoods and individual homes and businesses day and night until everyone has power back on.

Report an Outage...

Online

Log in anywhere, anytime to report your outage

Text OUT to PSEGLI (773454)

Require a one time registration. Text REG to PSEGLI

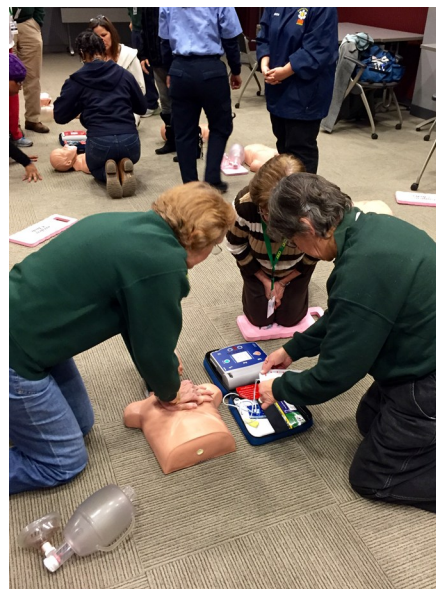
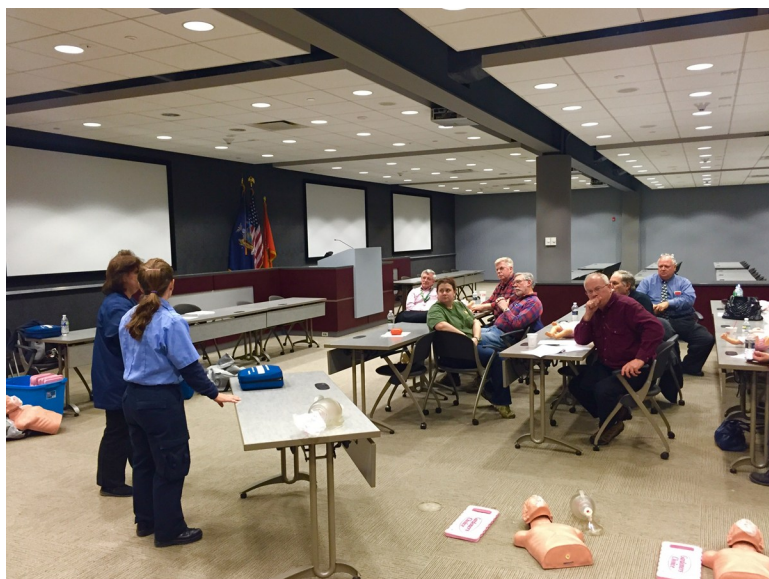
Call 1-800-490-0075

Call 24/7 to report an outage, emergency or down wire.



CPR Training:

On January 14th, OEM hosted our second CPR/AED class sponsored by the Nassau County Department of Health. 20 CERT and Medical Reserve Corp members took the class and are now certified for 2 years in the lifesaving techniques of CPR and AED use. We appreciate the great training given by the instructors JoAnn Greco and Elaine Schwind from VEEB, the Vocational Education and Extension Board, and are grateful our volunteers took the time on a Saturday morning during the busy holiday season to learn how to save a life. We will offering more training in the future as needed.



Outreach:

Our Planning Section Chief Judy Ryan spearheaded CERT's participation in a information summit conducted by FEMA in Freeport, where she , our Safety Officer Jeff Silva and the other volunteers promoted the CERT programs and the upcoming basic class.



WINTER WEATHER

PET CARE TIPS



If you're cold, so is your pet!
Limit their time outside to
avoid frostbite.

Pets can get frostbite on ear tips, tails, noses and paw pads. Limit exposure on extremely cold days.
Consider pet booties to protect paws.

Keep Your Pets Close To Home

Keep your cats indoors to avoid illness, disease or becoming lost or stolen. Outdoor cats live about 3 years. Indoor only cats live 15- 20 years.

15 - 20 YEARS
Indoor Cat

3 YEARS
Outdoor Cat

Cats love to curl up on engines for warmth. Always bang on the hood of your vehicle and check underneath to avoid accidental deaths.

Honk!
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Never leave your pet in your vehicle alone. Temperatures can drop alarmingly fast. Carbon monoxide builds up fast in idling cars.

Never let your pet off its leash during bad winter weather.

Dogs can become lost and because of the ice and snow, lose their scent trail to return home. This is especially important if you live near a body of water.



More
please!

Outdoor dogs burn more calories in the winter keeping warm.

Give them extra food and switch to food with a higher fat content for winter.



Cozy sweaters keep 'em warm & toasty.

Short hair breeds and small/toy breeds may need extra warmth.



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

-Margaret Mead

*Deadline for submission of articles,
photos and news for the next
CERT Newsletter is :
February 20h.*

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CERT BASIC COURSE

**THE NEXT CERT BASIC COURSE WILL TAKE PLACE ON:
FEBRUARY 10, 17, 24 & MARCH 3, 10, 17 & 24
SIGN UPS ARE ONGOING—CALL THE OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**

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(Current CERT Members may attend any class as a refresher,