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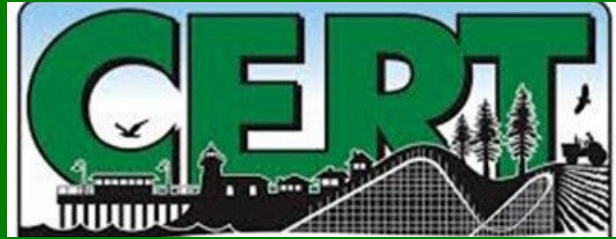
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**NOVEMBER 2016**

***Nassau County CERT Newsletter***

*Message from New CERT Leadership*

My name is Bob Chiz, myself and my partner Roger Goodwin are the new CERT program co-leaders with the assistance of deputy director Paul Shapiro. While we have spoken to and met with some of the membership and officers, we have many more people to get acquainted with. We look forward to meeting each of you, building a relationship and working together to keep CERT the strong and vibrant program that it is. Although we are new to the CERT program, each of us have decades of experience in emergency management and the volunteer fire service.

*Recent Activities and Events*

We were recently invited to participate in a Disaster Simulation Drill hosted by the New York City Office of Emergency Management. Four CERT members attended and were able to work with CERT members from New York City. Paul Shapiro, Roger Goodwin and Bob Chiz attended as observers. The information, and lessons learned will help us with our training, drills and activities. We are proud to say that the Nassau County CERT team was the only team invited that was able to put together a team on short notice. During October, CERT members attended the Uniondale Fire Department's fire prevention day and distributed disaster preparedness and CERT recruitment information. We are currently attending fire extinguisher training at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy. One class was held in October and one is scheduled for Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

In the future we hope to conduct training in the following topics: Special needs & pet sheltering, radio operations, disaster assessment, EOC operations, and CPR/AED.

Once again, we look forward to supporting the great Nassau County CERT program and, with your help, improving the training and participation.

Sincerely,

*Bob, Roger, and Paul*

# CERT Division 3 Fall Meeting



## CERT CPR/AED Class

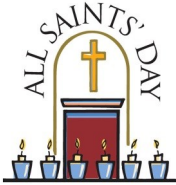






# Uniondale Fire Department CERT Outreach



# November 2016 - Upcoming Events

| November 2016   |     |   |     |       |   |     |
|---|-----|---|-----|-------|---|-----|
| Sun   | Mon | Tues  | Wed | Thurs | Fri   | Sat |
|   |     |  | 2   | 3     | 4   | 5   |
|  | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10    |  | 12  |
| 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17    | 18  | 19  |
| 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24    | 25  | 26  |
| 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  |       |   |     |

**RACES/Comms Meeting**  
**Monday, November 21st**

Time: 7:30 pm

**Officers Meeting -**  
**Thursday, November 17th**

Nassau County EOC: 7:00 pm

**CERT OFFICE CLOSED**

**For Election Day, Veterans Day,**  
**Thanksgiving and the Friday**  
**After Thanksgiving**



# December - Upcoming Events

| Sun                      | Mon                            | Tues                  | Wed                     | Thurs                           | Fri                   | Sat                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
|                          |                                |                       |                         | 1                               | 2                     | 3                                  |
| 4                        | 5                              | 6                     | 7<br>Division 1 Meeting | 8<br>Officers Meeting<br>7:00PM | 9                     | 10                                 |
| 11                       | 12<br>Prophets Day             | 13                    | 14                      | 15                              | 16                    | 17                                 |
| 18                       | 19<br>RACES Meeting<br>7:30 PM | 20                    | 21                      | 22                              | 23                    | 24<br>Hanukkah (start)             |
| 25<br>Christmas Hanukkah | 26<br>Kwanza Hanukkah          | 27<br>Kwanza Hanukkah | 28<br>Kwanza Hanukkah   | 29<br>Kwanza Hanukkah           | 30<br>Kwanza Hanukkah | 31<br>New Years Eve Hanukka Kwanza |

## RACES/Comms Meeting - December 19th

Nassau County OEM EOC  
Time: 7:30 pm

## Officer's Meeting

December, 8th  
Nassau County OEM EOC  
Time: 7:00 pm

Division 1 Meeting  
December 7th 7:30 pm  
Location TBD

## Holidays in December:

Hanukkah-December 24th to  
December 31st

Kwanza-December 26th to  
December 31st

Prophets Day-December 12th

Christmas Day-December 25th





# Home Heating Fire Safety

## A Fire Safety Message from the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control

### Guidelines to help prevent fires from home heating equipment.

Heating equipment is among the leading causes of home fires nationally and in New York State. Very often heating related fires are the result of a lack of maintenance or simple acts of carelessness. Following the guidelines below will help to ensure that you reduce the possibility of experiencing a heating related fire.

#### ① Fire Prevention

To prevent fires, keep furnishings and other **combustibles 36 inches from all heating sources**. A heating source too close to combustibles is the leading cause of fires due to home heating. Store matches and other fire starting appliances out of the reach of children. Fires started by children often have tragic results.

#### ② Follow Proper Maintenance

Proper maintenance and an annual inspection of heat pumps, furnaces, space heaters, wood and coal stoves, fireplaces, chimneys and chimney connections by qualified specialists can prevent fires and save lives. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation, venting, fueling, maintenance and repair. Review the owner's manual to make sure you remember the operating and safety features.

- **Space Heaters** – When using portable heaters, do not place them where it is possible for small children or pets to fall against them or to receive a contact burn. Avoid the use of extension cords with electric heaters. Always turn off space heaters before leaving the room or going to bed.
- **Fuel Burning Appliances** – When taking a heater out of storage in the fall, install batteries and inspect the shut off mechanism and wick for proper operation. Fill the tank with fresh fuel. Let the heater cool down before refueling. Adding fuel to a hot heater can start a dangerous fire.
- **Wood Burning Appliances and Fireplaces** – Do not burn trash in the wood stove or fireplace. Burn only well-seasoned hardwoods. Be sure the fire you build fits your fireplace or stove, don't overload it. Be sure wood stoves are installed at least 36 inches away from the wall. Keep combustible materials well away from the fireplace, stove and chimney. Keep the area around them clean. Always use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from leaving the fireplace and starting a fire. Never leave a fire unattended.
- **Chimneys** - Creosote accumulation is the leading cause of chimney fires. A chimney that is dirty, blocked or is in disrepair can inhibit proper venting of smoke up the flue and can also cause a chimney fire. Nearly all residential fires originating in the chimney are preventable. An annual chimney inspection by a qualified chimney sweep can prevent fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.
- **Ashes** – Keep wood stoves and fireplaces free of excess ash buildup. Excessive ash buildup prevents good circulation of air needed for combustion. When removing ashes, use a metal container with a tight-fitting cover. Always place ashes in an outside location away from structures. Ashes that seem cool may contain a smoldering charcoal that can start a fire.

#### ③ Be Prepared – No matter how careful you are with home heating, you and your family should be prepared in case fire strikes.

- **Install Smoke Detectors** – Place smoke detectors on every level of your home and outside each sleeping area. Test your smoke detectors regularly and replace dead batteries immediately.
- **Make and practice a home escape plan.**

*"Prevention Through Education"*



Office of Fire Prevention and Control

[www.dhss.ny.gov/ofpc](http://www.dhss.ny.gov/ofpc)





# *Extension Cord Safety*

***Planning to deck your halls with festive lights and decorations this year? Chances are, you'll end up using an extension cord to help you.***

***While they are a convenient way to supply power right where you need it, they can also create hazards if not used safely.***

***Follow this simple guidance to avoid a decorating disaster:***

- Extension cords should only be used on a temporary basis.
- Make sure extension cords are properly rated for their intended use, indoor or outdoor, and meet or exceed the power needs of the appliance or device being used.
- Inspect cords for damage before use. Check for cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections.
- Never use a cord that feels hot or is damaged in any way.
- Do not run extension cords through walls or ceilings. This may cause the cord to over-heat, creating a serious fire hazard.
- Do not nail or staple electrical cords to walls or baseboards.
- Make sure that cords are not pinched in doors, windows, or under heavy furniture, which could damage the cord's insulation.
- Keep extension cords out of high-traffic areas like doorways or walkways where they pose a tripping hazard.
- Insert plugs fully so that no part of the prongs is exposed when the extension cord is in use.
- Ensure that all extension cords are certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as UL, CSA, or ETL, and read the manufacturer's instructions.

## ***Fast Facts:***

- Each year, about 4,000 injuries associated with electric extension cords are treated in hospital emergency rooms. Half of these injuries involve fractures, lacerations, contusions, or sprains from people tripping over extension cords.
- Roughly 3,300 home fires originate in extension cords each year, killing 50 people and injuring about 270 more.



Visit [www.holidaysafety.org](http://www.holidaysafety.org) for more holiday safety resources.

# Mangano Commends Fire Officials & Volunteers For Helping Storm-Ravaged Louisiana Residents



Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano and Office of Emergency Management Commissioner (OEM) Craig Craft joined with the Nassau Fire Marshal's Office to request and collect donations of equipment from local fire departments to assist in the aid efforts going on in the storm-ravaged area. Several fire departments offered equipment such as firefighter turn out gear, fans, hose, nozzles, and medical equipment – which was then loaded on a Fire Marshal truck. On Sunday August 28th, Supervising Fire Marshal Kevin Lang and Fire Marshal Trainee Joseph Battaglia delivered the donations to Louisiana. The trailer contained pallets of water and Meals Ready to Eat (MRE's) donated by OEM. On Tuesday, August 30th, the Fire Marshals delivered the equipment, water, and MRE's to the City of Baton Rouge Fire Department.

On the trip back to Nassau County, Lang and Battaglia were first on the scene of an overturned tractor trailer on Routes 59 & 24 in Mississippi. The tractor trailer was resting on its side. Upon checking for aided, the Fire Marshals came upon two victims in the tractor and Lang entered the cab through the passenger window. The two rendered aid until local first responders arrived on scene and stayed with the aided until they were removed from the vehicle.

*Pictured above from left to right: Assistant Chief Fire Marshal Michael Uttaro; Fire Marshal Kevin Lange, Sr.; Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano; Fire Marshal Joseph Battaglia; and Nassau County Chief Fire Marshal Scott Tusa.*





## **A Message from Outgoing CERT Leader Eric Zausner**

As many of you know, I have relocated to Florida. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as the leader of such an amazing program with such dedicated volunteers. Looking back, we have accomplished so much together that those accomplishments alone could fill the entire newsletter, but I'd like to note a few highlights. Today we currently have over 2000 CERT volunteers in Nassau County; we have offered new and exciting trainings, such as the Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings class; in-person ICS classes, CPR/AED Classes and "live burn" fire extinguisher classes. I am most proud of our continued CERT membership outreach so people can better understand the sacrifice and commitment you all make on behalf of the people of our great county.

I would like to thank each of the five division leaders who have given so much of their time to make the program better. If it weren't for them, I would not have been able to accomplish what I have. Bill Pavone, Judy Ryan, Dave Nieri, Acheson Wilson, and Stephanie Gobbo are the dedicated CERT Division Leaders. I thank them for all their efforts.

Best Regards,

*Eric Zausner*



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

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### **CERT BASIC COURSE**

**THE NEXT CERT BASIC COURSE WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY...  
SIGN UPS ARE ONGOING—CALL THE OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**

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*(Current CERT Members may attend any class as a refresher)*

