





CERT Monthly Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Members,

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the victims, whose lives have been devastated by Hurricane Ida, which is expected to bring heavy rain and cause flooding in our area, other recent weather events and wildland fires. Also to the first responders, military and volunteers who have been actively assisting in operations.

The attacks on September 11, 2001 - since referred to as 9/11 - happened 20 years ago. For many of us our lives have gone back to what is somewhat normal, however for some it was like yesterday. Many are still suffering, both physically and physiologically from the events of that day. On Saturday, September 11 let each of us take time out from our busy schedules to reflect and remember all our loved ones, family and friends who were lost that day and those that are still feeling the effects.

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2021 theme is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."

The Division 1 meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1 and RACES meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 2. Both meetings will be held in the OEM Lecture Hall. Also, we are working on details to have an All-County meeting early October. For all meetings we will follow recommended guidelines, implement safe practices, wearing masks, maintain social distancing and ensure the comfort of everyone in attendance.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy

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20th Anniversary Commemoration

The heart of the mission of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum remains the annual commemoration ceremony. Family members of 9/11 victims will gather on the Memorial plaza to read aloud the names of those killed in the 9/11 attacks and in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum will soon lead the nation, and the world, as we mark the passage of two decades since the day that changed our lives forever.

The focus of the commemoration will be the reading of the names by family members in-person. Throughout the ceremony, six moments of silence will be observe, acknowledging when each of the World Trade Center towers was struck and fell and the times corresponding to the attack on the Pentagon and the crash of Flight 93.

The program will commence at 8:30 a.m., and the first moment of silence will be observed at 8:46 a.m. Houses of worship will be encouraged to toll their bells at that time. The ceremony will be exclusively for 9/11 family members. The commemoration is expected to conclude at approximately 1:00 p.m.

At sundown, the annual "Tribute in Light" will once again illuminate the sky in commemoration of the anniversary of the attacks.

Observe Moments of Silence

Observe a moment of silence on September 11 at any or all of the following times marking key moments on 9/11. Every year, the moments below are observed as part of the official 9/11 anniversary commemoration ceremony held at the World Trade Center for victims' families.

- **8:46 a.m.:** Hijackers deliberately crashed American Airlines Flight 11 into floors 93 through 99 of the North Tower.
- 9:03 a.m.: Hijackers deliberately crashed United Airlines Flight 175 into floors 77 through 85 of the South Tower.
- **9:37 a.m.:** Hijackers deliberately crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon, near Washington, D.C.
- 9:59 a.m.: The South Tower collapsed.
- **10:03 a.m.:** After learning of the other attacks, passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 launched a counterattack on hijackers aboard their plane to try to seize control of the aircraft. In response, the hijackers crashed the plane into an empty field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.
- **10:28 a.m.**: The North Tower collapsed, leaving the 16-acre World Trade Center site in ruins and collateral damage affecting all adjacent properties and streets. The rescue effort commenced immediately.

Tribute in Light



Tribute in Light is a commemorative public art installation first presented six months after 9/11 and then every year thereafter, from dusk to dawn, on the night of September 11. It has become an iconic symbol that both honors those killed and celebrates the unbreakable spirit of New York.

About the Tribute

Assembled on the roof of the Battery Parking Garage south of the 9/11 Memorial, the twin beams reach up to four miles into the sky and are comprised of eighty-eight 7,000-watt xenon lightbulbs positioned into two 48-foot squares, echoing the shape and orientation of the Twin Towers. The installation can also be viewed from a 60-mile radius around lower Manhattan.

The presentation of *Tribute in Light* has been made possible by the generous support of Bill and Linda Haugland and the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation.

Tribute in Light was conceived by several artists and designers who were then brought together under the auspices of the Municipal Art Society and Creative Time: John Bennett, Gustavo Boneverdi, Richard Nash Gould, Julian LaVerdiere, and Paul Myoda, with lighting consultant Paul Marantz.

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National Preparedness Month

week 1

Week 1 September 1-4: Make A Plan

Prepare to Protect

Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations due to the coronavirus.



Week 2 September 5-11: Build A Kit

Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly. Update your kits and supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.



Week 3 September 12-18: Prepare for Disasters

Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Know the risk of disasters in your area and check your insurance coverage. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert.



Week 4 September 19-24: Teach Youth About Preparedness

Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved.

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RACES is now holding meetings on the first Thursday of the month.

The next meeting is Thursday, September 2.

This meeting will be held at the OEM Lecture Hall.

This will also be a Zoom meeting for all those who do not feel comfortable attending an in person meeting

Anyone wishing to attend can Join from any computer, tablet, or smartphone by entering: <u>https://zoom.us/j/95928146234</u> in your browser.

Or, for audio only, you may dial by phone: 646-876-9923 and enter Meeting ID: 959 2814 6234 #

Any questions you can contact us at <u>nassaucountyny.races@gmail.com</u>

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
			1 Division 1 Meeting 7:30pm	2 RACES Meeting 7:30pm	3	4			
5	HAPPY LABOR DAY	Happy Rosh Hashanah!	8	9	10	Remember dhe Herces September 11, 2001			
12	13	14	15	Yam Kippur	17	18			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25			
26	27	28	29	30					

Important CERT Dates

Division 1 Meeting September 1

Time: 7:30 pm

RACES Meeting September 2 Time: 7:30 pm TBD



October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
				RACES					
				Meeting 7:30pm					
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	Columbus Day								
17	18	19	20	21	22	23			
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30			
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Happy Halloween									
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RACES Meeting

October 7 Time: 7:30 pm TBD





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