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CERT All-Member Monthly Newsletter

OCTOBER 2014

The CERT monthly newsletter is available on our webpage at:

<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OEM/CC/CERT/brief.html>

Don't Be Left In The Dark: Blackouts

Excerpted from FEMA.gov and Ready.gov

Blackouts are always a possibility, even when severe storms or other disasters haven't found their way into your area, and power outages can occur any time of year. The biggest Blackout in U.S. history occurred on August 14, 2003, leaving roughly 50 million people without power, an experience all of us surely remember well. Blackouts can happen anywhere, and to anyone, so being prepared is important.

- As always you should make sure you have an emergency toolkit and a family communications plan! Your toolkit should contain basic short-term survival materials, like bottled water and non-perishable goods.
- Tape the refrigerator and freezer door to prevent opening and keep your perishable food fresh for as long as possible. Throw away any food that has been exposed to 40° F temperatures for more than two hours.
- Make sure to keep a camp stove and a stockpile of flashlights handy in case the blackout runs longer than expected.
- Be aware that most medication that requires refrigeration can be kept in a closed refrigerator for several hours without a problem. If unsure, check with your physician or pharmacist.
- Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it. Garage doors can be heavy, so know that you may need help to lift it, and keep a key to your house with you if you regularly use the garage as the primary means of entering your home, in case the garage door will not open.
- If the blackout isn't storm related, make use of this time outdoors with family and friends!
- Maintain a positive attitude! This is essential in any emergency situation.

For more information on what to do before, during and after a Blackout and how to conserve energy in general, visit the websites listed above and remember to share with family and friends.



From the Desk of the Director

I hope everyone has had a good summer. I would like to thank everyone for all their support for all the outreach events we have attended. We have done many Disaster Preparedness Classes here at OEM for our legislators this past month, and Eric and I would like to thank all those members for their assistance.

We have hit a milestone here at CERT with our 10 year anniversary, since our inception we have had over 1,350 people come through our CERT Classes. On September 15th 2014 we had the CERT Recognition Dinner at the Woodlands in Syosset. Congratulations to all our award recipients and a special thank you to Mike Arcari for having made this program overwhelmingly successful and getting us to where we are today.

On September 21st 2014 we had our annual exercise held at the 4 Towns Fireman's Training Center in Merrick with our neighboring CERTS and from what I am being told the exercise was a huge success in our first "Rodeo" style event. Thank you to all who participated.

This past Tuesday we started our final Basic class for 2014 at LIU/CW Post College with 36 new students - good luck to all of them.

"The more people we educate the better we all are"..... ***October is Fire Prevention Month***...please make sure you all have working Smoke Detectors in your home, family members as well. Test them monthly and remember to change the batteries when you change the clocks.....

Stay safe -

Jim



October is Fire Prevention Month

The Theme for 2014 is:

Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month

Visit the National Fire Protection Association at
<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week>

For Facts, Quizzes and more.



**Working Smoke Alarms
Save Lives**

Test Yours Every Month!
Fire Prevention Week • October 5–11, 2014



OCTOBER 2014 - Upcoming Events

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2 RACES Ming	3	4
5	6	7 Basic # 2	8	9	10	11 Outreach: Uniondale
12	13 Columbus Day	14 Basic # 3	15	16 Division Leaders Ming	17	18 Outreach: Wantagh
19	20	21 Basic # 4	22 Training 7pm OEM	23	24	25 Outreach - Garden City
26	27	28 Basic # 5	29	30	31	

RACES/Comms Meeting - Thurs Oct 2nd

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

Basic Class #2-5 Tues. Oct 7,14, 21 & 28

CW Post - Humanities Hall Rm 119
Time: 7 - 10 pm (1900-2200)

Contact Main Office to Sign up, or take as a Refresher.

Outreach - Uniondale - Sat. Oct 11th

Van Ness Fire Station -
154 Uniondale Ave, Uniondale
Fire Prevention & Emergency Preparedness
Open House
Time: 10am -4 pm (1000-1600)

Contact the Main Office to Volunteer

Division Leaders Mtng - Thurs Oct. 16th

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

Outreach - Wantagh - Sat. Oct 18th

Wantagh FD Station 1
3470 Park Ave, Wantagh
Fire Prevention Open House
Time: 2 pm- 5 pm (1400 -1700)

Contact the Main Office to Volunteer

Training: How to Do Outreach - Wed Oct 22nd

OEM Lecture Hall
Time: 7 pm (1900)

Contact the Main Office To Sign Up

Learn everything from how to set up a tent to what to say to community members.

Outreach - Garden City St Fair - Sat. Oct 25th

7th Street, Garden City
Time: 9am -4 pm (0900-1600)

Contact the Main Office to Volunteer



NOVEMBER 2014 - Upcoming Events

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 ELECTION DAY	5 BASIC #6 GRADUATION	6 RACES MTNG	7	8
9	10	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 DIV LDRS MTNG	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27 THANKSGIVING	28	29

RACES/Comms Meeting - Thurs Nov 6th

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

Division Leaders Meeting - Thurs Nov. 20th

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

Basic Class # 6 - WED Nov 5th

CW Post - Humanities Hall Rm 119

Time: 7 - 10 pm (1900-2200)

Contact Main Office to Sign up, or take as a Refresher.



Recognition Dinner

***On Monday September 15th, CERT celebrated 10 Years in Nassau County.
We honored our active 5 year and 10 year service members as well as
those who were instrumental in the start up of CERT in Nassau County.***

5 Year Members:

Division 1 -

Jayne Cafaro
Joseph Cawley
Thomas Crawford
Elizabeth Fox
Alan Matousek
James McAllister
Maureen Rendon
Sonia Saint-Rose
Robert Tamer
Sandra Tamer
Henry Teja
Michael Znascko

Division 2 -

Howard Adelsberg
Iris Atkinson-Kirkland
Andrew Brice
Melrose Corley
David Gross
Rosa Lienhard
Joyce Majid
Joseph Mazella
Carol McAteer
Joyce McClain
Francis McQuade
Lasville Nembhard
Maureen Nembhard
Avram Pinto
Nes Pinto
Patricia Southard
Marvin Stein
Patrick Victome
Tina Weiss
Georgene Winnick

Division 3 -

Charles Chicalacos
Marc Ciquera
Michael Dea
Immeke Grimme
Andrew Lawrence
Robert Schaffrath
Lawrence Schmidlapp

Division 4 -

Jason Ambachen
Joseph Massaro
Joan Ortiz
Mary Slisz

Division 5:

Paul Dominguez
Darya Hall
Janis Marullo

10 year members:

Division 1 -

Kathleen Cowden
Julieann Parker

Division 2 -

Maria Gallo
Anthony Marino
Alan Turschman

Division 3 -

Mary Lou Fusillo
David Nieri
Gary Schechter
Susan Schechter

Division 4 -

Doris Hoell

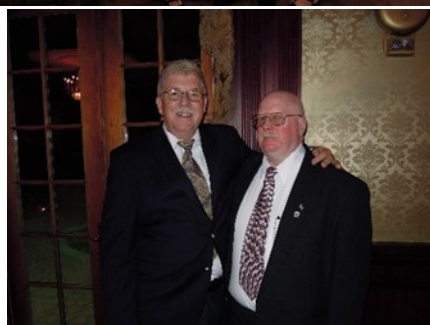
Founding Members:

Michael Arcari
Paul Hashagen
Rick Holdner
Jenny Mincin

Bruce Newberry
Brian Richardson
John Scibilia
Victoria Siegel



Recognition Dinner in Pictures



On September 21st, we held our annual Field Exercise, this time in the Rodeo style to create more of a competitive atmosphere.

Our training stations included Triage, Team Building, Wildland Search, Fire Suppression, HazMat/Situational Awareness, Damage Assessment and Cribbing. We had team members from Nassau, Suffolk, New York City and Westchester CERT involved as well as volunteers from local Boy Scout troops, Police Explorers, and Fire Department Cadets, FDNY and Red Cross.



RODEO RESULTS

Team #	STATION 1 TRIAGE	STATION 2 TEAM BUILDING	STATION 3 WILDLAND SEARCH	STATION 4 FIRE	STATION 5 HAZMAT	STATION 6 DAMAGE ASSESSMENT	STATION 7 CRIBBING	TOTAL SCORE	PLACE
1	72	96	92	98	67	77	65	567	8th
2	88	92	92	92	81	78	79	602	1st
3	87	91	90	100	55	78	70	571	7th
4	80	96	95	99	64	78	82	594	2nd
5	96	88	92	100	39	79	78	572	6th
6	80	85	90	100	53	78	89	575	5th
7	85	82	93	100	50	80	63	553	9th
8	86	96	92	100	49	77	85	585	3rd
9	82	91	93	100	57	79	74	576	4th
Total Each Station	756	817	829	889	515	704	685		



Shelley Johnson and Chris Pachuta, 2 of the of Suffolk CERT Team 2, 1st place winners, with Mike Arcari and Eric Zausner

"As a first responder and public safety professional I understand the importance of resilience and community involvement both pre and post disaster. I was impressed by the actions and organization of this event. I commend the staff. Great job."



Nassau County CERT Team 4, 2nd place winners. Mary Ostop, Arnie Hollander, Gladys Stuart, Lasville Nembhard, Robin Brandvein, Leslie Levy, and Maureen Nembhard with Mike Arcari and Eric Zausner.

"I think we did a better job this year than last. A round of applause to ALL involved."

"The exercise was fun, yet instructive and was good training."

"It was a pleasure to participate along with so many dedicated and knowledgeable fellow volunteers."

"Thank you for a great exercise and learning experience."

***EVERYONES A WINNER WHEN
YOU TAKE THE TIME TO PRACTICE
YOUR SKILLS AND IMPROVE
YOUR TRAINING.***



*Deadline for submission of articles,
photos and news for the next
CERT Newsletter is :
October 27th.*

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Division 5 - Campus CERT

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CERT BASIC COURSE



**THE NEXT CERT BASIC COURSE FOR 2014 WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE CAMPUS OF
CW POST IN BROOKVILLE ON:**

9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28 & 11/5

SIGN UPS ARE ONGOING—CALL THE OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

*(Current CERT Members may attend any class as a refresher,
check the website for session topics and exact location)*

<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/oem/cc/cert/>

