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CERT Monthly Newsletter

MAY, 2018

Nassau County CERT Newsletter

Dear Members,

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Steven J. Morelli, Commissioner Office of Emergency Management. We wish him the best and look forward to working with him.

On April 28, we had the graduation ceremony for thirty new members who completed the CERT basic class. We welcome them to the CERT family and looking forward to their help and assistance.

Our next All County meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22. The Long Island Railroad will be conducting a training during the meeting. Hope to see you all there.

“Stop the Bleed” training will be Tuesday May 15. Class starts at 7pm in the OEM Lecture Hall, Bethpage. If you have not already responded and are interested, please e-mail OEMCERT@nassaucountyny.gov.

Plans are completed for this weekend’s Long Island Marathon. Thank you to all who have volunteered to work this event. Also the plans are being finalized for the Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach. The event is Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27th. Information and details will be released shortly. If you are available to participate either day, please e-mail OEMCERT@nassaucountyny.gov with what day and time you are available.

Best Regards,

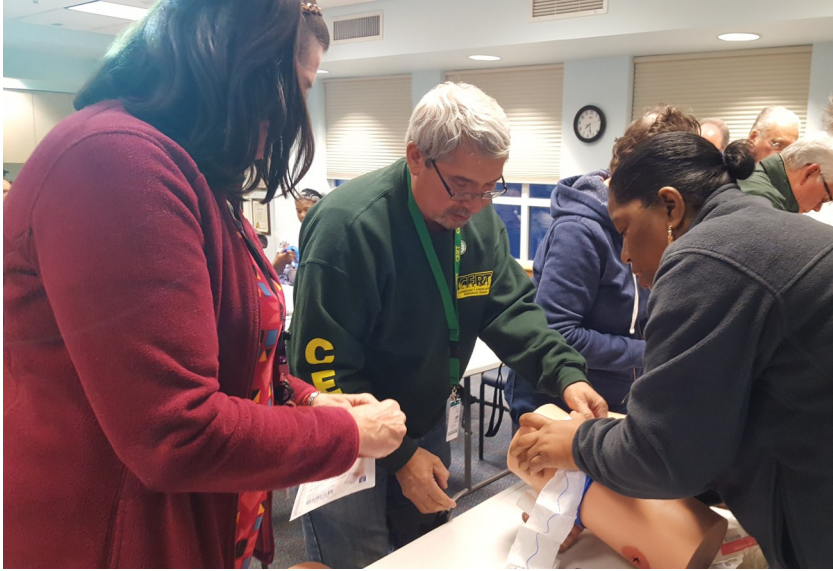
Bob, Danielle & Paul



DIVISION 2 MEETING

On Tuesday, April 17 Division 2 held it's Spring Meeting . Guest speaker Marv Berg, EMT, RN from Nassau University Medical Center and his team conducted a the nationally recognized **"STOP THE BLEED"** program.

In addition, Division leader Judy Ryan review the role of CERTS for the upcoming events, CPR/AED training, LI Marathon and the Jones Beach Airshow.



2018 Hurricane Season

This year's Atlantic hurricane season (spanning from June through November) is predicted to be slightly above average. Colorado State University (CSU) forecasters predict 14 named storms, seven of which are predicted to become hurricanes with three expected to be major hurricanes. CSU predicts a 63% probability of at least one major hurricane making landfall on the continental United States, which is 11% higher than the average of 52%. The Weather Company forecasters, on the other hand, predict 13 named storms, six hurricanes and two major hurricanes for the season. Many factors affect hurricane season, including the ocean temperature patterns, sea surface temperatures, El Niño/La Niña, increasing North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO), and Atlantic Multi-decadal Oscillation (AMO).

We faced a record year in 2017 with Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. FEMA deployed more than 14,000 civilian employees, including more than 4,000 Surge Capacity Force volunteers from 32 federal government agencies to support hurricane and wildfire response efforts.

DHS and FEMA are working closely with state, local, and federal partners, as well as the National Hurricane Center, to increase preparedness and coordinate response and recovery capabilities ahead of the 2018 season.

Despite forecast severity, you should always prepare. May 6-12th is Hurricane Preparedness Week. Join the National Weather Service in preparing your home for the upcoming season. The themes for this year are:

- May 6th: Determine Your Risk
- May 7th: Develop an Evacuation Plan
- May 8th: Assemble Disaster Supplies
- May 9th: Get an Insurance Checkup
- May 10th: Strengthen Your Home
- May 11th: Complete a Written Plan



2018 Hurricane Season Forecast	30-year average	Colorado State University	The Weather Channel
Total Named Storms	12	14	13
Hurricanes	6	7	6
Category 3 or Higher	3	3	2

Summer Grilling Safety Tips: Dos and Don'ts That Will Keep You From Becoming a Statistic



It happens every year. The weather gets warmer, more people use outdoor grills – and incidents of grill-caused fires go up. Each year, an average of 8,900 home fires and 7,000 Americans are injured while using backyard barbecue grills, according to the National Fire Protection Association

It's usually a case of good products used incorrectly.

Do:

- 1. *Keep your grill at least 10 feet away from your house.*** Farther is even better. This includes portions attached to your house like carports, garages and porches. Grills should not be used underneath wooden overhangs either, as the fire could flare up into the structure above. This applies to both charcoal and gas grills.
- 2. *Clean your grill regularly.*** If you allow grease and fat to build up on your grill, they provide more fuel for a fire. Grease is a major source of flare ups.
- 3. *Check for gas leaks.*** You can make sure no gas is leaking from your gas grill by making a solution of half liquid dish soap and half water and rubbing it on the hoses and connections. Then, turn the gas on (with the grill lid open.)
If the soap forms large bubbles, that's a sign that the hoses have tiny holes or that the connections are not tight enough.
- 4. *Keep decorations away from your grill.*** Decorations like hanging baskets, pillows and umbrellas look pretty and provide fuel for a fire. To make matters worse, today's decor is mostly made of artificial fibers that burn fast and hot, making this tip even more important.
- 5. *Keep a spray bottle of water handy.*** That way, if you have a minor flare-up you can spray it with the water to instantly calm it. The bonus of this tip is that water won't harm your food, so dinner won't be ruined!
- 6. *Keep a fire extinguisher within a couple steps of your grill.*** And **KNOW HOW TO USE IT.** If you are unsure how to use the extinguisher, don't waste time fiddling with it before calling 911. Firefighters say many fire deaths occur when people try to fight a fire themselves instead of calling for expert help and letting the fire department do its job.

Summer Grilling Safety Tips



Don't:

- 7. Turn on the gas while your grill lid is closed.** **NEVER** do this. It causes gas to build up inside your grill, and when you do light it and open it, a fireball can explode in your face. .
- 8. Leave a grill unattended.** Fires double in size every minute. Plan ahead so that all of your other food prep chores are done and you can focus on grilling.
- 9. Overload your grill with food.** This applies especially fatty meats. The basic reason for this tip is that if too much fat drips on the flames at once, it can cause a large flare-up that could light nearby things on fire.
- 10. Use a grill indoors.** People often think it will be safe to use a grill, especially a small one, indoors. **NOT TRUE.** In addition to the fire hazard, grills release carbon monoxide, the deadly colorless, odorless gas. That gas needs to vent in fresh air or it can kill you, your family and pets.

If you are interested in the Nassau County Overdose Prevention And Naloxone Training

At any of the listed locations You must register at:

<https://forms.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/CE/narcan/ontraining.php>

Freeport Recreational Center

130 E Merrick Rd

Freeport, NY 11520

Thursday, June 7, 7pm – 9pm

Long Beach Public Library, 111 W Park

Ave, Long Beach, NY 11561, 2nd Floor Auditorium

Tuesday, June 12, 07:00 PM

May 2018 - Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 CPR Training 7pm	3	4	
	7	8	9	10	11	12
	14 RACES Meeting 7:30 p.m.	15 Stop The Bleed Training 7pm	16	17 Division 3 Meeting LIU Post	18	19
20	21	22 All County Meeting 7pm	23	24	25	26 
27 		29	30	31		

Important CERT Dates

CPR Training

May 2nd
Nassau County OEM Lecture Hall
Time: 7 pm

RACES Meeting

May 14th
Nassau County OEM Lecture Hall
Time: 7:30 pm

Stop The Bleed Training

May 15th
Nassau County OEM Lecture Hall
Time: 7 pm

Division 3 Meeting

May 17th
LIU Post
Time: 7 pm

All County Meeting

May 22nd
Nassau County OEM Lecture Hall
Time: 7 pm



June 2018 - Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Division 1 Meeting 7pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13		15	16
	18 RACES Meeting 7:30 p.m.	19	20	21 Officers Meeting 7pm	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Important CERT Dates

Division 1 Meeting

June 6th
 Nassau County OEM Lecture Hall
 Time: 7 pm

RACES Meeting

June 18th
 Nassau County OEM Lecture Hall
 Time: 7:30 pm

Officers Meeting

June 21st
 Nassau County OEM Lecture Hall
 Time: 7 pm



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CERT BASIC CLASS

NO CLASSES SCHEDULED

PLEASE HELP US RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS!!

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