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CERT Monthly Newsletter

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 IS WHAT
 YOU**



**COUNTY,
 STATE,
 &
 FEDERAL
 ONE TEAM**

Dear Members,

Our first Basic Class since COVID has been well received with 40 students. Graduation for this class will be held on Thursday, April 21st. NOTE the date change.

The Long Island Marathon will be Sunday , May 1, 2022. We need 4-6 CERT members to assist with the sweep busses. Assembly time will be around 8:30am. The details, when finalized, with additional information will be sent to those that have volunteered. If you are available to participate please e-mail OEMCERT@nassaucountyny.gov .

Also the plans are being finalized for the Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach. The event is Saturday, May 28th and Sunday, May 29th. No final decision has been made with regards to CERT participation . When a decision is made we will notify everyone.

If you have any type of training you'd like to suggest, that reinforces our skills as CERT's, please contact us.

Best regards
Bob & Rick



April is National Financial Capability Month (NFCM)



Americans at all income levels have experienced the challenges of rebuilding their lives after a disaster or other emergency. In these stressful times, having access to personal financial, insurance, medical and other records is crucial for starting the recovery process quickly and efficiently.

1. Gather financial and critical personal, household and medical information.
2. Consider saving money in an emergency savings account that could be used in any crisis. Keep a small amount of cash at home in a safe place. It is important to have small bills on hand because ATMs and credit cards may not work during a disaster when you need to purchase necessary supplies, fuel or food.
3. Obtain property (homeowners or renters), health and life insurance if you do not have them. Not all insurance policies are the same. Review your policy to make sure the amount and types of coverage you have meets the requirements for [all possible hazards](#). Homeowners insurance does not typically cover flooding, so you may need to purchase flood insurance from the [National Flood Insurance Program](#).
4. For more helpful financial preparedness tips, download the [Emergency Financial First Aid Kit \(EFFAK\)](#) to get started planning today.

Be Safe

- Be cautious about sharing personal financial information, such as your bank account number, social security number, or credit card number.
- Do not click on links in texts or emails from people you don't know. Scammers can create fake links to websites.
 - ◇ Remember that the government will not call or text you about owing money or receiving economic impact payments.
 - ◇ Be aware that scammers may try to contact you via social media. The government will not contact you through social media about owing money or receiving payments.
- Keep in mind that scammers may try to take advantages of financial fears by calling with work-from-opportunities, debt consolidation offers, and student loan repayment plans.
- Contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint) if you receive messages from anyone claiming to be a government agent.

Emergency Financial First Aid Kit

The [Emergency Financial First Aid Kit \(EFFAK\)](#), a joint publication from [Operation Hope](#) and FEMA, can help you prepare financially and provides tips to reduce the financial impact of disasters on you and your family.

For more information on the EFFAK visit the [EFFAK Community Page](#).

At Home

Store important documents either in a safety deposit box, an external drive or on the cloud to make it easy to access during a disaster.

Take time now to [safeguard these critical documents](#). Be cautious about sharing personal financial information, such as your bank account number, social security number, or credit card number.



Household Identification

- Photo ID (to prove identity of household members)
- Birth certificate (to maintain or re-establish contact with family members)
- Social Security card (to apply for FEMA disaster assistance)
- Military service
- Pet ID tags

Financial and Legal Documentation

- Housing payments (to identify financial records and obligations)
 - ◊ Some individuals and households may experience financial difficulty because of the pandemic. If you do not think you can pay your loan payments on time, immediately contact your bank and discuss your options before skipping any payments or taking any other actions contrary to the terms of your loans.
- Insurance policies (to re-establish financial accounts)
- Sources of income (to maintain payments and credit)
- Tax statements (to provide contact information for financial and legal providers and to apply for FEMA disaster assistance)

Medical Information

- Physician information (in case medical care is needed)
- Copies of health insurance information (to make sure existing care continues uninterrupted)
- Immunization records
- Medications

Insurance Information

Having insurance for your home or business property is the best way to make sure you will have the necessary financial resources to help you repair, rebuild or replace whatever is damaged. [Document and insure your property now.](#)



Household Contact Information

- Banking institutions
- Insurance agents
- Health professionals
- Service providers
- Place of worship

Get Your Benefits Electronically

A disaster can disrupt mail service for days or weeks. If you depend on Social Security or other regular benefits, switching to electronic payments is a simple, significant way to protect yourself financially before disaster strikes. It also eliminates the risk of stolen checks. The U.S. Department of the Treasury recommends two safer ways to get federal benefits:

- Direct deposit to a checking or savings account. If you get federal benefits you can sign up by calling 800-333-1795 or [sign up online](#).
- The **Direct Express**[®] prepaid debit card is designed as a safe and easy alternative to paper.

Apply for government-funded unemployment, healthcare, and food and nutrition benefits to supplement your income or savings.



**We have a class beginning on Wednesday March 9th, 2022 at:
Office of Emergency Management
510 Grumman Road West
Bethpage, Ny 11714**

Day / Date	Topic	Class	Location
Wednesday, March 09, 2022	Introduction / What is CERT	1	OEM
Wednesday, March 16, 2022	Fire Safety / Portable Radio Fundamentals	2	OEM
Wednesday, March 23, 2022	Disaster Medical Operations	3	OEM
Wednesday, March 30, 2022	Light Search & Rescue Operations	4	OEM
Wednesday, April 06, 2022	Sheltering Operations	5	OEM
Wednesday, April 13, 2022	Emergency Operations Center / Warehouse	6	OEM
Thursday, April 21, 2022	Disaster Psychology / Terrorism / Graduation	7	OEM



Spread the Word



Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)



RACES / CERT Comms Group SITREP

April 2022

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

The next meeting is Thursday, April 7

This will be a Zoom meeting.

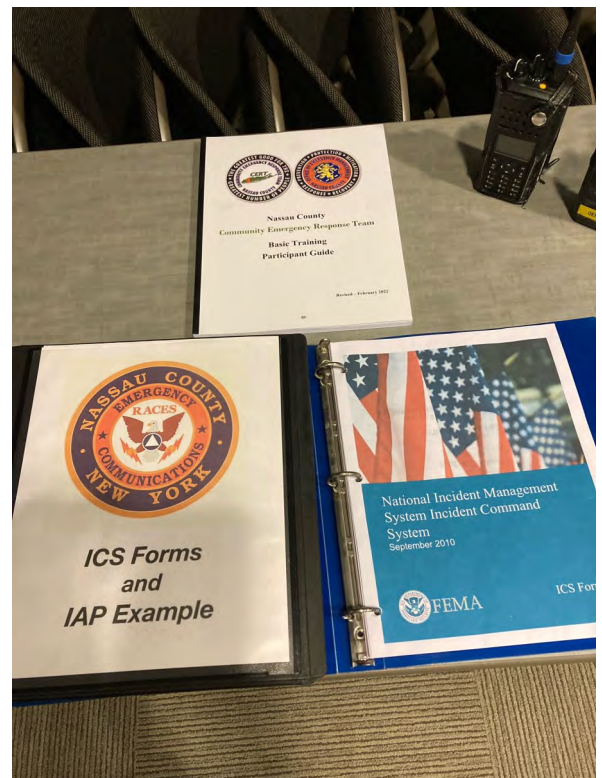
Anyone wishing to attend can Join from any computer, tablet, or smartphone by entering:

<https://zoom.us/j/95928146234> 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 nassaucountyny.races@gmail.com

On 3/16 Several members of Nassau County RACES help to teach at the latest Nassau County CERT basic class! They help to teach basic radio fundamentals as well as an intro to ICS forms. We hope those who showed interest in these skill sets will reach out to us after graduation to learn more. Maybe get more involved with Comm's. perhaps even get a GMRS or Amateur license.



April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 CERT Basic Class #5	7 RACES Meeting 7:30pm	8	9
10	11	12	13 CERT Basic Class # 6	14	15	16 
		19	20	21 CERT Basic Class # 7	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Important CERT Dates

RACES Meeting

April 7


Time: 7:30 pm

CERT Basic Class

April 6, 13 & 21

7:00 pm

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2	3	4	5 RACES Meeting 7:30pm	6	7
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Important CERT Dates

LI Marathon

May 1

Time: TBD

RACES Meeting

May 5

Time: 7:30 pm

Jones Beach Air Show

May 28 & 29





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PLEASE HELP US RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS!!

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Office of Emergency Management

510 Grumman Road West

Bethpage, Ny 11714

All classes begin at 7:00 p.m.

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