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In Nassau County, New York, certain areas are more prone to flooding than others, largely due to their geographical location and proximity to water bodies such as the Atlantic Ocean, Long Island Sound, and various bays and estuaries. The county's South Shore, in particular, faces a significant risk of flooding, especially from storm surges during hurricanes and nor'easters. Here are some of the flood-prone areas in Nassau County:

Long Beach: This barrier island is particularly vulnerable to flooding from both the ocean and the bay side, especially during high tides and storm surges.

Massapequa: Areas close to the South Oyster Bay are susceptible to flooding, including parts of Massapequa and Massapequa Park, particularly in zones close to the water.

Freeport: Being located on the South Shore with extensive waterfront areas, Freeport experiences frequent flooding, especially in low-lying neighborhoods near canals and the bay.

Hempstead: Coastal parts of Hempstead, including Point Lookout, Lido Beach, and areas near Hempstead Bay, are at risk of flooding.

Oyster Bay: Coastal areas within the Town of Oyster Bay, including Bayville and parts of Massapequa, are known to experience flooding, particularly during storms.

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Island Park: A low-lying area that is highly susceptible to flooding from storm surge and heavy rainfall.

Sea Cliff: Located on the North Shore, Sea Cliff faces a risk of flooding, particularly from Nor'easters and high tide events.

Glen Cove: Parts of Glen Cove near the coast can experience flooding during severe weather events due to its location on the North Shore.

FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) provides Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) that identify flood hazard areas throughout the country, including Nassau County. These maps are used to determine flood insurance requirements and to guide development in flood-prone areas. Residents and property owners in Nassau County can refer to these maps to assess their flood risk.

It's important for those living in flood-prone areas to take appropriate precautions, such as obtaining flood insurance, preparing emergency plans, and implementing flood-proofing measures to protect their property. The effects of climate change, including rising sea levels and the increasing frequency of severe weather events, may exacerbate flooding issues in coastal communities, making it even more critical for residents and local governments to engage in proactive flood management and preparedness activities.

In Nassau County, New York, coastal storm evacuation routes are critical for ensuring the safe evacuation of residents from areas prone to flooding and other storm-related hazards. The county has designated evacuation routes that are intended to facilitate the movement of people away from the most vulnerable coastal areas during hurricanes, nor'easters, and other severe weather events. These routes are clearly marked and are part of the broader emergency preparedness and response plan managed by Nassau County's Office of Emergency Management.

While specific route information can change due to construction, road closures, or updates to evacuation plans, major highways and thoroughfares often serve as the backbone of evacuation routes in Nassau County. Some key routes include:

1. **Meadowbrook State Parkway and Wantagh State Parkway:** These parkways, running north-south, are crucial for moving people away from the southern shores of Nassau County, including areas like Long Beach and Jones Beach Island.
2. **Northern State Parkway and Long Island Expressway (I-495):** Serving as major east-west routes, these roadways are essential for facilitating evacuations, particularly for residents in northern parts of the county.
3. **Sunrise Highway (NY-27) and Southern State Parkway:** These east-west highways are vital for evacuations from the South Shore communities.
4. **Ocean Parkway:** Running east-west along the barrier islands, this parkway can be a critical route for evacuating from coastal areas, although its usability can be compromised in severe storms.
5. **NY Route 24 (Hempstead Turnpike) and NY Route 25 (Jericho Turnpike):** These roads can also serve as inland routes for moving east-west across Nassau County.

The Nassau County Office of Emergency Management coordinates with local municipalities, the New York State Department of Transportation, and other agencies to manage and direct evacuation efforts. During an evacuation, local authorities may issue specific instructions regarding which routes to take, based on the nature of the emergency, the expected impact area, and current traffic conditions. Residents are advised to follow these instructions carefully

and to stay tuned to local news, the county's emergency management website, or social media channels for real-time updates.

It's also important for residents to familiarize themselves with the county's evacuation zones, particularly if they live in coastal or low-lying areas. Knowing whether you're in an evacuation zone and understanding the recommended evacuation routes before a storm hits can make a significant difference in ensuring a timely and safe evacuation.

For the most accurate and up-to-date information on coastal storm evacuation routes in Nassau County, residents should consult the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management or their local municipality's emergency management office.

Share this information with your friends, family, and neighbors. Take a ride along your nearest evacuation route, and become familiar with the ways to best access it in times of emergency.

Scan the QR code below with your mobile device to see if you live in a flood zone.



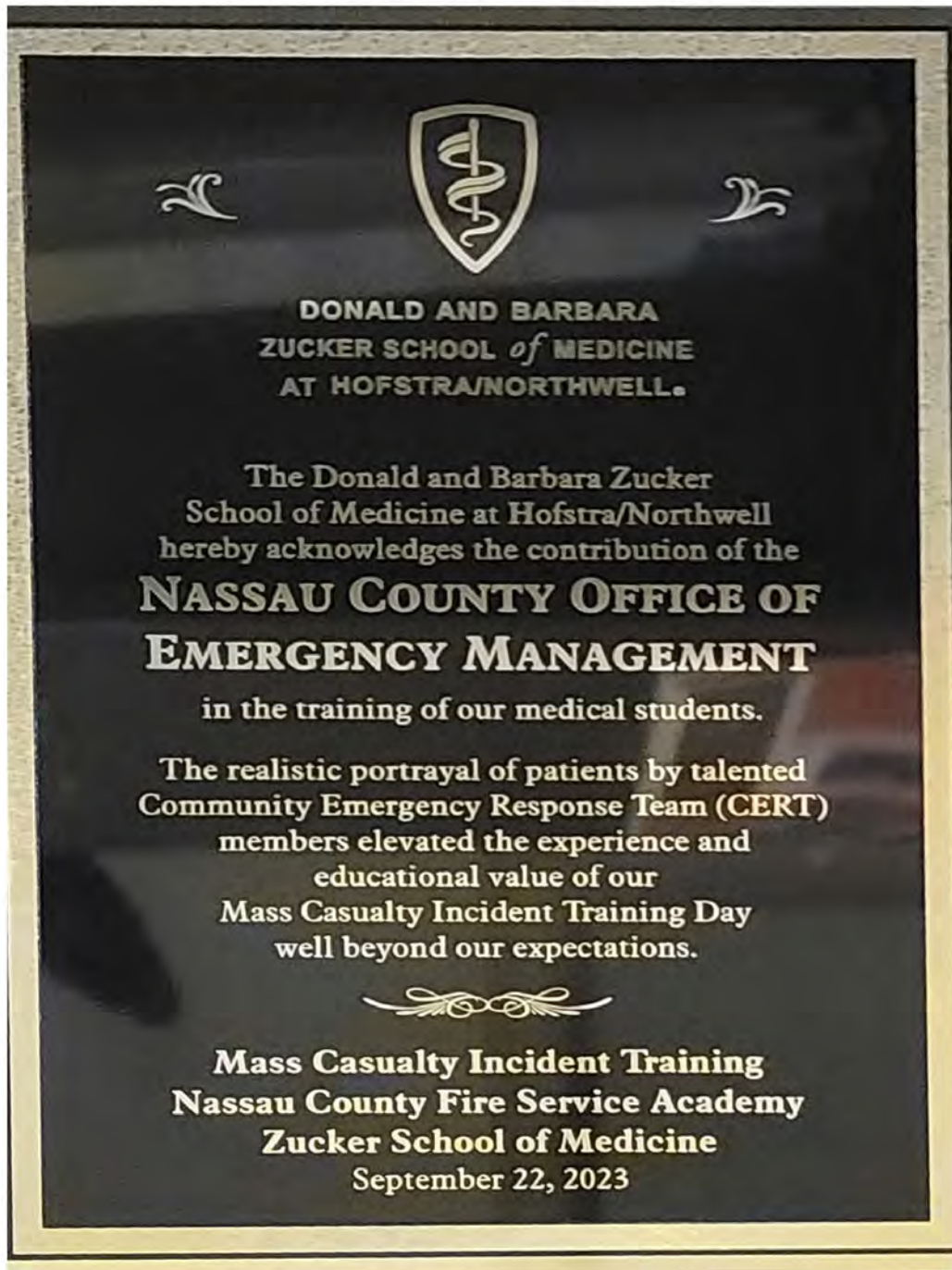
[Scan this code or click here to see flood zone map.](#)

CERT Division Map



Above is a map of the CERT division borders. The multi-colored side on the right is Division 1, while the red side on the left is Division 2 members.

On September 22, 2023, CERT members participated in a Mass Casualty Incident Training Day at The Nassau County Fire Academy. This event was held by The Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra /Northwell, who have presented this plaque to the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management. This plaque is dedicated to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members who participated in the event and thanking them for a job well done. This training event was a great example of how CERT can make a difference and add a level of expertise and realism that makes training our future medical personnel.





Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)



Our monthly RACES / CERT Communication's general membership meeting was held on Thursday February 1st. We continue to recognize individuals for their outstanding commitment to RACES, CERT Communications Group and the Amateur Radio Community. Ryan DeMita, WQTA846 was recognized for his commitment to the organization even though he is not a member. Ryan assisted us with the SDR radio display at the All County CERT Meeting as well as attend our meetings all year long. Thank you, once again, for your dedication to Nassau County RACES organization.

This month, the long awaited tabletop exercise was part of our after meeting training. This was a culmination of the 2023 ICS forms training. In this training, we gave an event scenario and asked each team to fill out the appropriate forms. Each group gave an overview of what forms they believed were necessary and the information they included. Even though this was a short training, we are looking into possibly creating a 4 hour table top exercise based on what we have learned. This is an extremely important learning experience. Since we all can be called upon to lead CERT and/or RACES during an emergency situation or community event.

Now our focus for 2024 trainings will be a skills review. Since we are all CERT members the skills we have learned need to periodically reviewed. During portions of the training you will be able to perform the particular skill we are reviewing. We believe, practicing a skill is key to learning. As always, we look forward to seeing everyone and hoping you enjoy the experience.

We are asking all members to update their contact information. If you have change mobile phone numbers, carriers or email addresses we need this information so can receive SMS messages and/or activation notifications. Send your information to nassaucountyny.races@gmail.com

We are also in the process of planning an Amateur Radio Technician's class license review and testing session. if you are have been curious about becoming an Amateur Radio Operator this is your chance. The review and testing session will be held on a Saturday in mid May at OEM (Date to be announced).

Field Day will be here before you know it. This year we would like to, once again, have our own Field Day site. Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, thousands of radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations. We welcome CERT members, their families and the public to come learn more about ham radio! For more information you can go to www.arrl.org/field-day

Interested or just curious about Emergency Communications? We invite you to attend our next RACES / CERT Communications meeting on Thursday March 7th at 7:30pm in the lecture hall, 510 Grumman Road West, Bethpage NY.

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RACES Leadership

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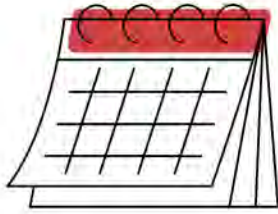
Winter Preparedness Checklist

 Home Winter Preparedness Checklist 		
<input type="checkbox"/>  Select Foods See Additional Checklist	<input type="checkbox"/>  Warm Clothing Hats, Mittens, Parkas, Boots	<input type="checkbox"/>  Flashlights & Extra Batteries
<input type="checkbox"/>  Disposable Dishware Plates, Bowls, Utensils	<input type="checkbox"/>  Extra Blankets	<input type="checkbox"/>  First Aid Kit
<input type="checkbox"/>  Specialty Items Meds, Infant Formula, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>  Matches For Candles & Gas Fireplaces	<input type="checkbox"/>  Cell Phone Fully Charged
<input type="checkbox"/>  Portable Radio AM/FM/Wx Radio & Batteries	<input type="checkbox"/>  Shovel/Snow Blower Check condition & maintain	<input type="checkbox"/>  Firewood For Wood Fireplaces

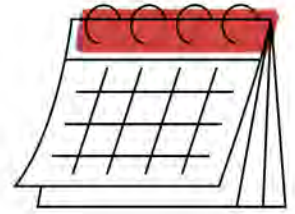
 Car Winterization Checklist 	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Check Engine Fluid Levels Oil, Coolant, Washer Fluid, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>  Inspect Tire Tread Replace if Near Wear Limit
<input type="checkbox"/>  Test Battery Replace if Necessary	<input type="checkbox"/>  Install Snow Tires if You Own a Set
<input type="checkbox"/>  Use Deicing Washer Fluid Clean Windshield at Low Temps	<input type="checkbox"/>  Test Headlights & Taillights
<input type="checkbox"/>  Switch to Synthetic Oil Handles the Cold Better	<input type="checkbox"/>  Add & Inspect Winter Survival Kit

 Home Winter Survival Food Checklist 	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Canned Fruits and Vegetables Requires a Manual Can Opener	<input type="checkbox"/>  Bread and Condiments Keep Bread Frozen to Last Longer
<input type="checkbox"/>  Crackers, Nuts, Fruit Bars, Chips High Energy Foods	<input type="checkbox"/>  Cereal and Toaster Pastries
<input type="checkbox"/>  Soups Some Soups Require Water or Heating	<input type="checkbox"/>  Meals Ready to Eat (MREs)
<input type="checkbox"/>  Cookies and Hard Candy	<input type="checkbox"/>  Bottled Water 1 gallon per person, per day (for at least 3 days)

 Car Winter Survival Kit Checklist 		
<input type="checkbox"/>  Flashlight & Extra Batteries	<input type="checkbox"/>  Blankets/Sleeping Bag	<input type="checkbox"/>  Extra Clothing Hats, Mittens, Parkas, Boots
<input type="checkbox"/>  First Aid Kit	<input type="checkbox"/>  Non-Perishable Food Granola Bars, Dried nuts, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>  Sand/Kitty Litter Used for Traction
<input type="checkbox"/>  Snow Shovel	<input type="checkbox"/>  Bottled Water	<input type="checkbox"/>  Cell Phone & Charger
<input type="checkbox"/>  Ice Scraper with Brush	<input type="checkbox"/>  Booster Cables	<input type="checkbox"/>  Flares/Triangles & other Bright Objects



Planned Events & Trainings



FEMA offers a large variety of online courses that are free of charge and will help to further your preparedness education. If you do not have a FEMA ID, you can register for one here.
[:https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid](https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid)



Emergency Management Institute - Independent Study (IS) | Course List

FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI)
Independent Study Course List

 fema.gov

IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c&lang=en>

IS-317.A: Introduction to Community Emergency Response Team (CERTs)

As a pre-requisite for CERT Basic classroom training or just to learn more about the program, check out EMI's Independent Study (IS) course IS-317.A.

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-317.a&lang=en>

IS-315.A: CERT and the Incident Command System (ICS)

IS-315.A educates CERT program managers, trainers, or emergency responders on CERT's relationship to the Incident Command System (ICS) and potential roles CERTs play in a disaster or emergency situation.

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-315.a&lang=en>



Please send in any photos you have taken of news worthy items or from any CERT events that you have attended and I will select some to be used in the newsletter. Send images to:
rdelucia@nassaucountyny.gov

Calendar of Events

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5 DIV 2	6 DIV 1	7 RACES Meeting 7:30pm	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4 RACES Meeting 7:30pm	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



CERT Division Meetings



RACES Meetings

Important Dates

RACES Meeting - Thursday March 7th @ 7:30pm - OEM Lecture Hall

CERT Division 1 Meetings - No February Meeting Scheduled - OEM Lecture Hall

Wednesday – March 6, 2024

Wednesday – June 5, 2024

Wednesday – September 4, 2024

Wednesday – December 4, 2024

CERT Division 2 Meetings - Tuesday March 5th @ 7:00pm - Rockville Centre Recreation Center



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