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**Ensuring Safety for All: Pet Emergency Preparedness for Extreme Weather and Other Crises**

In times of emergency, such as extreme weather, fires, and evacuation scenarios, ensuring the safety of every family member is crucial—and this includes our pets. Pets rely entirely on their owners for protection in hazardous situations. Whether facing a hurricane, wildfire, or any other crisis, having a well-thought-out plan for pet emergency preparedness can save lives and alleviate stress. This article provides essential guidance on how to prepare for and respond to emergencies with your pets’ well-being in mind.

Pets face many of the same dangers as humans during emergencies, including injury, illness, or becoming lost. However, their dependence on human care adds layers of complexity to their safety. For instance, pets cannot independently seek shelter from a storm, nor can they escape a house fire without assistance. Moreover, typical emergency response services and shelters may not be equipped to handle pets, making personal preparation even more critical.

**Crafting a Pet Emergency Plan**

**1. Identification and Documentation**

- ID Tags and Microchips: Ensure that your pets wear collars with up-to-date ID tags. Microchipping is also advisable as it can significantly increase the likelihood of being reunited with your pet if they get lost.
- Important Documents: Keep a copy of your pet’s vaccination records, medical history, and any important health information readily available. Store these documents in a waterproof container.

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## 2. Emergency Kit for Pets

- **Basic Supplies:** Include food, water, and medicines for at least three days. Use spill-proof containers and remember items like a manual can opener for canned food.
- **First Aid Kit:** Create a pet first aid kit with items recommended by your veterinarian.
- **Comfort Items:** Pack favorite toys, blankets, or treats to help reduce stress for your pets.

## 3. Safe Sheltering

- **Local Shelters:** Know the location of pet-friendly shelters and hotels in case of evacuation. Not all emergency shelters accept pets, so it's important to have this information in advance.
- **Safe Spaces at Home:** Identify safe areas in your home where your family and pets can stay together if sheltering in place is advised.

## 4. Evacuation Procedures

- **Transportation:** Ensure you have appropriate carriers for each pet. Practice loading and unloading your pets into these carriers regularly so they become accustomed to the process.
- **Evacuation Route:** Plan your evacuation route and consider any special accommodations your pets might need during travel.

## Responding to Specific Emergencies

### 1. Extreme Weather

- **Heatwaves:** Provide ample shade and water. Never leave pets in a parked car.
- **Cold Snaps:** Ensure pets have warm shelter away from drafts. Outdoor pets might need increased food rations or additional bedding.
- **Storms and Floods:** Move pets to upper floors to avoid floodwaters. Never leave pets outside or tied up during a storm.

### 2. Fires

- **Prevention and Escape:** Keep pets away from open flames and secure them quickly if you need to evacuate. Have leashes or carriers close to exits.
- **Smoke Inhalation:** Be aware of the signs of respiratory distress and consult a veterinarian immediately if symptoms appear after exposure to smoke.

### 3. Other Emergencies

- **Earthquakes:** Keep pets in areas where they can't be injured by falling objects. Practice "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" drills with your pets if possible.

Effective preparation can make a significant difference in managing emergencies with pets. By anticipating the needs and responses of your pets, you can mitigate risks and ensure the safety of all members of your household.

Remember, the better prepared you are, the less daunting an emergency will be. Let's ensure our pets have the protection they need in times of crisis. For more information visit, <https://www.ready.gov/pets>

# Stay Safe During Thunderstorms & Lightning

If you are under a thunderstorm warning:



- ✓ **When thunder roars, go indoors!** Move from outdoors into a building or car with a roof.
- ✓ Pay attention to alerts and warnings.
- ✓ Avoid using electronic devices connected to an electrical outlet.
- ✓ Avoid running water.
- ✓ **Turn Around. Don't Drown!** Do not drive through flooded roadways. Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

- ✓ Pay attention to authorities and weather forecasts for information on whether it is safe to go outside and instructions regarding potential flash flooding.
- ✓ Watch for fallen power lines and trees. Report them immediately.



Lightning strike at an OEM event in Uniondale, NY.  
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# Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)



Our monthly RACES / CERT Communication's general membership meeting was held on Thursday May 2nd. After the general membership meeting we turned our attention to skill review training. This month we reviewed Search and Rescue. As always, all CERTs and their families are welcome to attend our meeting and take part in the training. Next month we will be reviewing Rescue Operations. We look forward to seeing everyone and hoping you enjoy the experience.

The Amateur Radio Technician's Class was held on Saturday May 11th in the lecture hall. This was a collaborative effort between Nassau County RACES, OEM, and the Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club (GSBARC). This was a day long comprehensive review of **ALL** the material that could be on the exam. The last presentation before the testing was the lightning round presented by Bill Fastenau which is always a fantastic review. The participants were on target and there was no doubt everyone would pass. We congratulate all the new Amateur Radio Operators. A special thanks to Bob Chiz, John Milfi, Bill Fastenau and the rest of the instructors from GSBARC. It was a great success and we are in the process of plan a second review and testing session later this year.

## **Field Day**

We will be taking part in the ARRL Field Day at Christopher Morley Park 500 Searingtown Rd N, Roslyn, NY 11576. This is going to be a training exercise for us this year. RACES will operate out of the CERT Command Trailer on generator power from 8:00am to 4:00pm Saturday June 22nd. Being prepared by training and testing the emergency equipment is what this day will be about. We welcome CERT members, their families and the general public to come observe and learn the importance of emergency communications in times when all other communications has failed.



Interested or just curious about Emergency Communications? We invite you to attend our next RACES / CERT Communications meeting on Thursday June 6th at 7:30 pm in the lecture hall, 510 Grumman Road West, Bethpage NY.

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# Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)



## What is ARRL Field Day? You're Invited!

ARRL Field Day is a radio communications event that brings together amateur radio operators (also called "hams") within your community. The event is part picnic, campout, practice for emergencies, informal contest, and most of all, fun! ARRL Field Day is the most popular ham radio activity held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend in June each year, more than 35,000 radio amateurs get together with their clubs, groups, or friends to operate from remote locations.

It is a time when many aspects of amateur radio come together to highlight its many roles. While some will treat it as a contest, we will use the opportunity to practice our emergency response capabilities. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate radio communications to the general public and organizations that amateur radio might serve in an emergency. For many radio clubs, Field Day is one of the highlights on their annual calendar.

The contest part involves contacting as many other stations as possible while learning to operate radio gear in abnormal situations and less than optimal conditions. These same skills are utilized to help with large, preplanned, non-emergency events such as marathons, bike-a-thons, and various community events

Despite the development of very complex, modern communications systems — or maybe because they are so complex — ham radio has been called into action, again and again, to provide communications in crises when it really matters. Hams are well-known for their communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.

This year RACES will be operating their Emergency Operations Station at Christopher Morley Park 500 Seasingtown Rd N, Roslyn, NY 11576 on Saturday June 22nd from 8:00am - 4:00pm on the north side of the parking lot.

### GOTA

A GOTA station which stands for "Get On the Air" will give Non-licensees, with the assistance of a licensed control operator, the opportunity to make contacts with other stations in the United States and possibly Canada, Europe and Asia.



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## 2024 Training Schedule

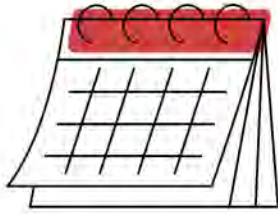
Month	Meeting Training	After meeting Training
March	Fire SuppressionBullex	
April	TriageLong Island Marathon	
May	Emergency MedicalSummer Reportable Criteria	
June	Search and RescueRadio Station Setup	
July	Search OperationsNYC Marathon	
August	No Meeting Enjoy Your Summer	
September	Deployment Preparation PsychologicalWinter Reportable Criteria	
October	Situation AwarenessEmergency Action Plan	
November	Shelter Communications and Table Top Exercise	
December	All County CERT Meeting	

*Note: Above is the proposed training schedule for 2024. However, trainings may change due to events or circumstances beyond our control. We will due our best to stay on schedule.*

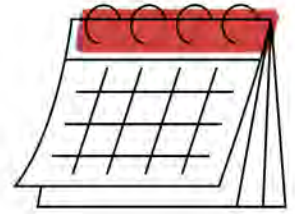


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# Planned Events & Trainings



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](https://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.

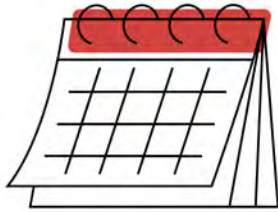
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### **IS-315.A: CERT and the Incident Command System (ICS)**

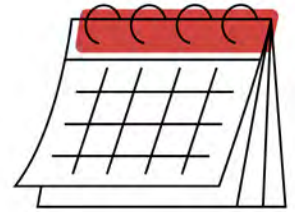
IS-315.A educates CERT program managers, trainers, or emergency responders on CERT's relationship to the Incident Command System (ICS) and potential roles CERTs play in a disaster or emergency situation.

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





# Planned Events & Trainings



**Field Day - Saturday - June 22, 2024 from 0800 - 1600 at Christopher Morley Park**



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## 2024 Jones Beach Air Show



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# Calendar of Events

## June

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**CERT Division Meetings**



**CERT Events**



**RACES Meetings**

### Important Dates

**RACES Meeting - Thursday- July 11, 2024**

**CERT Division 1 Meetings - Wednesday – September 4, 2024  
Wednesday – December 4, 2024**

**CERT Division 2 Meetings - Tuesday June 18, 2024**

**Field Day - Saturday - June 22, 2024 from 0800 - 1600 at Christopher Morley Park**





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