

# CERT All-Member Monthly Newsletter

## JUNE 2014

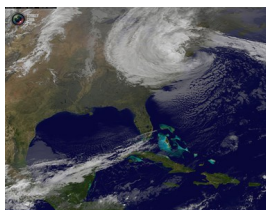
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WHAT  
YOU  
MAKE IT!

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*June 1st is the start of Hurricane Season, which runs until November 30th. We will be highlighting some information, skills and knowledge that we should all have, and be sharing with those around us at home and at work.*



### Hurricane Season Is Here Once Again!!

By: Henry Teja - Division 1 Deputy Supervisor

*(For the complete article, go to our website )*

Hurricane season has arrived once again. Cyclones, Hurricanes, and Typhoon are all the same type of disaster causing storm patterns. They are called different names depending on their location in the world, yet they are all cyclones, the generic name for these tropical and extra-tropical storms. The only differences are northern hemisphere tropical storms have a counter clockwise rotation and southern hemisphere tropical storms have a clockwise rotation.

The season for such storms runs June 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. However this is only a general time period based on weather conditions and patterns in the Atlantic Ocean and other global areas.

Of course Tornadoes are another storm disaster event, which very rarely hit the northeastern part of our country, but cause greater death and destruction due to the lack of notice when they hit populated areas. Major preparations for such storms require much time and money to individuals and communities prone to such storm patterns.

This brings us to what to do about such an event. The word for the season is PREPARATION. Any and all preparation must begin with another 'P' word, PLANNING. As a former military member and businessman we always used an old axiom "Proper Planning leads to Peak Performance", the 4 "P's" for success. *Planning* is the key to every successful venture whether it be for private business, the public sector, OEM or an individual or family unit. You need to plan for communications among persons in a group. You need a sheltering plan: shelter in place and evacuation plans. You need a logistic plan: what clothing, medical supplies, money, food and water needs you will have etc. You need contingency plans in case situations change drastically.



## *Our New Leadership*

### CERT Director James J Kane



Jim is a lifelong resident of East Meadow and has been volunteering in the community for over 25 years as an active member of the East Meadow Fire Department where he is currently serving as Assistant Chief.

Jim has also been a member of the Barnum Woods PTA for over 10 years where he has served on all outreach and fundraising committees within the PTA.

Jim has worked in the Energy Industry for over two decades, serving as a senior executive. He recently left the private sector to continue his record of public service where he now works for the County of Nassau in the Office of Emergency Management, and has represented the Commissioner at the scenes of several emergencies throughout the county.

*"I look forward to working with Eric Zausner as well as all of the CERT volunteers to continue our efforts here in Nassau County and to continue the work we do here to serve our residents in a time of need."*

Eric is a lifelong resident of Nassau County, residing for the past 30 years in Port Washington. He has an outstanding record of community service including serving as the Secretary of the Port North Civic Association.

Zausner has experience in both the Public and Private Sectors, and recently served as the Director of Constituent Affairs for Nassau County Comptroller George Maragos.

Since 2011, Eric has worked for the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management serving as Liaison Officer and working closely with our Cities, Towns and Villages during emergencies including Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy. Eric also worked with state and federal officials while in the Emergency Operations Center during the second 2012 Presidential Debate at Hofstra.

Eric currently holds a Bachelors Degree of Homeland Security earned in 2012 and is pursuing his Master's Degree in Crisis and Emergency Management, at the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

*"As an Emergency Manager, and a former civic leader, I look forward to working with Jim Kane and everyone in the CERT program, to continue to make Nassau County residents more prepared for anything that comes our way"*

### CERT Deputy Director Eric Zausner



### Thank You:

Jayne Cafaro, Division 1 Deputy Supervisor would like to thank Bill Pavone, Supervisor of Division 1, and all CERT members for their good wishes on her "Women of Distinction" Award from the Town of Oyster Bay which was presented to her by the Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto. She was pleasantly surprised and pleased when seeing the write up congratulating her in the last Newsletter.



### ARES Update:

14 members of the ARES program (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) were proud to assist at the MS walk that took place the 3rd weekend of May. There were over 4,000 participants in the walk, and the ARES members provided Communications for those coordinating the event.

Find out more about the ARES program at :

<http://www.arrl.org/ares>



# JUNE 2014 - Upcoming Events

JUNE 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Outreach x 2	2	3	4 Div 1 Mtng	5 RACES	6	7
8	9	10 Div 2 Mtng	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Div 3 Mtng - Field Exercise	19 Div Ldrs Mtng & Basic # 1	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Basic # 2	27	28 Outreach
29	30					

## JUNE

### Outreach -

#### Bellmore -Strawberry Festival

##### June 1st

2351 Jerusalem Ave North Bellmore, NY  
Time: 10-4 pm (1000-1600)

**Exact Location TBD - Contact Division 1 Supervisor to sign up**

#### Port Washington - Harborfest

##### June 1st

North Hempstead Town Dock, Main St.  
Port Washington NY

Time: 10 -5 (1000-1700)

**Exact Location TBD - Contact Division 3 Supervisor to sign up**

#### Division 1 Meeting - Wed June 4th

OEM Lecture Hall  
510 Grumman Rd. West, Bethpage NY  
Time: 7:30 pm (1930)

#### RACES/Comms Meeting - Thurs June 5th

OEM Lecture Hall  
510 Grumman Rd. West, Bethpage NY  
Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

#### Division 2 Meeting

Temple Beth Shalom  
390 Broadway, Lawrence NY  
Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

#### Div 3 Mtng - Field Exercise - Wed June 18th

Morgan Park, Glen Cove  
Time: 7pm- 9pm (1900-2100)

**Contact Division 3 Supervisor to attend and for more details**

#### Division Leaders Meeting - Thurs June 19th

OEM Lecture Hall  
510 Grumman Rd. West, Bethpage NY  
Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

#### Basic Training Class #1 & 2 - Thurs June 19th & 26th

Magnolia Senior Center - 2nd Floor  
650 Magnolia Blvd, Long Beach NY  
Time: 7 -10 pm ( 1900-2200)

#### Outreach - Uniondale - Unity Community Event Saturday June 28th

Uniondale Park - 710 Uniondale Ave, Uniondale NY  
Time: 1 -8 pm (1300-2000)

**Exact location TBD - All Divisions are asked to volunteer through the main office.**



# JULY 2014 - Upcoming Events

JULY 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 RACES Mtg No BASIC class	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9	10 Basic # 3	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Basic # 4 Div Ldrs Mtng	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Basic # 5	25	26 Outreach: Roslyn
27 Outreach: Roslyn	28	29	30	31 Basic # 6 - Graduation		

## JULY

### **RACES/Comms Meeting - Thurs July 3rd**

OEM Conference Room A—2nd floor  
510 Grumman Rd. West, Bethpage NY  
Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

### **Basic Training Class #3,4,5 & 6 - Thurs July 10, 17, 24, & 31**

Magnolia Senior Center - 2nd Floor  
650 Magnolia Blvd, Long Beach NY  
Time: 7 -10 pm ( 1900-2200)

### **Division Leaders Meeting - Thurs July 15th**

OEM Lecture Hall  
510 Grumman Rd. West, Bethpage NY  
Time: 7:00 pm (1900)

### **Outreach - Sat July 26th & Sun July 27th**

Christopher Morley Park  
500 Seasingtown Road, Roslyn, NY  
Time: 10- 4 (1000-1600) both days

***Exact Location TBD - Contact Division 4 Supervisor to sign up***

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We are looking into a new outreach opportunity that will have many new dates coming up in the months of July, August and September, but will require less work and time on all the volunteers parts than our current outreach.

Please look for upcoming information on Eisenhower Park Concert Series Outreach and check the calendar on the website regularly.

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*Deadline for submission of articles, photos and news for the next CERT Newsletter is July 25th*



**Characteristics of the Incident Command System: Part 3**  
**Understanding the Responsibilities of the Staging Area Manager**  
**Command and Control Series**  
***Courtesy of U.S. Fire Administration***

The Staging Area Manager is directly responsible to Operations. If Operations has not been staffed, Staging reports to Command. The Staging Area Manager is responsible for the coordination, support and distribution of all incoming resources. Staging is a location where resources ready for immediate assignment are placed temporarily.

- Proceed to assigned Staging Area.
- Establish Staging Area layout.
- Determine any support needs for equipment, feeding, sanitation and security.
- Establish check-in function as appropriate.
- Post areas for identification and traffic control.
- Request maintenance service for equipment at Staging Area as appropriate.
- Respond to request for resource assignments. (Note: This may be direct from Operations Section or via the Incident Communications Center.)
- Obtain and issue receipts for radio equipment and other supplies distributed and received at Staging Area.
- Determine required resource levels from the Operations Section Chief (OSC).
- Advise the OSC when reserve levels reach minimums.
- Maintain and provide status to Resources Unit of all resources in Staging Area.
- Maintain Staging Area in orderly condition.
- Demobilize Staging Area in accordance with Incident Demobilization Plan.
- Maintain Unit/Activity Log (Incident Command System Form 214).

Level 1 Staging is used to control the first alarm or initially dispatched units. Have you ever responded with three to six pieces of apparatus to find a pot of food burning on a stove? All apparatus park right in front of the dwelling.

Level 2 Staging is a location to which all second or greater alarm or mutual-aid companies report. The Staging location should be announced when the additional resources are requested/dispatched. This is the cue to establish the Staging Area Manager function. The Staging Area Manager reports to the Incident Commander or Operations, if it has been established.

For additional information regarding the Staging Area Manager's responsibilities, the U.S. Fire Administration/National Fire Academy Field Operations Guide can be accessed at <http://feti.lsu.edu/municipal/NFA/TRADE/materials/TRADE%20CD%20XVI//WebHelp/index.htm>.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

We are happy to announce the membership of 14 new CERT's who participated in our Condensed Basic training on May 10th. These folks are members of our newest radio/comms group affiliation SHTFLI and bring a variety of knowledge and experience to our program. Make sure to welcome them at your meetings and trainings!





**On April 7th,  
22 CERT members  
completed  
CPR/AED Training**

**May 10th  
Outreach at  
WBAB's  
Touch-A-Truck  
Event**



Photo courtesy of John Wall



Photo courtesy of John Wall

**Jones Beach  
Air Show  
5/24 & 5/25**



Photo courtesy of John Wall



Photo courtesy of John Wall



# Division Updates

## Division 1

Bill Pavone - Division Supervisor -  
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The Division 1 meeting will be held on June 4th, 2014. We will be having guest speakers from the Nassau County Police Department; Chief of Patrol Neil Delargy and Police Officer Sharon Galvin. The topic of discussion for the evening will be Crime Prevention, Personal Safety and Scams.

As usual CERT members from all Divisions are invited to attend. Please contact Bill Pavone if you plan to attend so he will know how many people will be at the meeting.

The meeting will be held in Bethpage at the OEM building in the Lecture Hall. Doors open at 7PM. Meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

*If you have an FRS radio please bring it to the meeting.*

## Division 3

Dave Nieri - Division Supervisor -  
[dnieri@yahoo.com](mailto:dnieri@yahoo.com)

CERT Division 3 will host a field training exercise on the evening of Wed. June 18th in Morgan Memorial Park in Glen Cove. The exercise will cover skills such as resource management, radio communications, compass and map reading, search skills, and others.

Nassau County CERT members from other Divisions who live near the North Shore are invited to attend, so long as they can arrive at the assembly point in Glen Cove by 7 pm.

Remember - this is a weeknight. Available daylight hours are limited and the exercise will run from 7 pm to 9 pm, concluding before dark.

If you are planning to participate, email Division Supervisor Dave Nieri and details will be forwarded to you, as well as the required equipment to bring for this exercise.

## Division 2

Marlyn and Morty Press—Division Supervisors  
[marlynpress@hotmail.com](mailto:marlynpress@hotmail.com)

In May, Division 2 members participated in an outreach program at the Long Beach Fair. Volunteers manned a CERT booth and gave out information regarding CERT and its activities. They also gave information as to how citizens could take a more active role in their communities through CERT.

Our June meeting will feature Ken English leading a program on PODS. This is a program that we have been interested in for a while.

Our next Division Meeting will take place on June 10th, 7pm at Temple Beth Shalom in Lawrence. As usual CERT members from all Divisions are invited to attend. Please contact Marlyn Press if you plan to attend so she will know how many people will be at the meeting.

## Division 4

Ken English - Division Supervisor -  
[floralparkcert@gmail.com](mailto:floralparkcert@gmail.com)

Division 4's next meeting date is TBD. Stay tuned to your emails, and check the calendar on the website soon for details.

One of the goals for the future of Division 4 is to have the members who are residents of Westbury become more active and involved in the program again.

If you have any ideas for this effort feel free to email them to Ken, or if you are friendly with CERTs from Westbury who you haven't seen in a while, get in touch with them, and ask them to come back into the program. We are always looking for our trained members to take an active role.

## Division 5 - Campus CERT

Stephanie Gobbo - Division Supervisor -  
[Stephanie.Gobbo@liu.edu](mailto:Stephanie.Gobbo@liu.edu)

Division 5 is working on coordinating the dates for the annual fall Basic class at CW Post., stay tuned for details.

They are planning to have a table set up at the Freshman Orientation event.

Most of the C-CERT's are off campus now due to the summer break, and will return in August.



## Communications Group Update

By: Bob Long KC2PSN

Nassau County CERT / RACES Chief Radio Officer

### Long Island Marathon



The Long Island Marathon was held on May 4th and after the tragic events that unfolded at the Boston Marathon last year many changes were made for security reasons this year. CERT's were asked once again to support the Marathon by fulfilling the following jobs on Marathon Sunday: *Marathon Ambassadors, Drop Off Zone Attendants, Volunteer & Sponsors Check In & Radio Assistance for the Sweep Buses*. We thank all the CERT's that came out in support of the Long Island Marathon.

### ARCECS



On May 6th, Mike Arcari & Bob Long KC2PSN spoke to a group of amateurs from ARCECS (Amateur Radio Club Emergency Communication Service). They spoke to the group on the role of the CERT Program, how it helps out the community as well as better preparing individuals and their families during a time of disaster. There was a good turn out and the group seemed to enjoy the presentation. Since their inception in 1963 and constituted in 1964 within the Queens Chapter of the American Red Cross, ECS continues to play an active role with the American Red Cross in Greater New York (ARC GNY). ECS also supports the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) in the N.Y. - Long Island Section (NLI) of the Hudson Division.

### Skywarn Spotters Class



On May 31st, Nassau County CERT sponsored a Skywarn Spotters Class at OEM. We would like to congratulate all those who took part in this class; over 60 members of CERT, our sister organizations, and the general public became Skywarn Spotters! We also would like to thank Bruce Gronich K2BRG, the Nassau County Skywarn Coordinator, and Brian Ciemnecki of the NWS, who taught this class. For more information on Nassau County Skywarn visit them on the web at [www.nassauskywarn.net](http://www.nassauskywarn.net) Thank You Bruce & Brian for a job well done!

### Field Day 2014



Field Day 2014 is quickly approaching and will be held the weekend of June 28th and 29th. For several reasons N.C. RACES will not have a Field Day site this year, but we urge all those interested in Amateur Radio to visit one of several local Field Day sites. For those of you not familiar with it, ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June each year, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations. Field Day is a picnic, a camp out, practice for emergencies, an informal contest and most of all, FUN! To learn more about Field Day or to find a Field Day site near you please visit ARRL at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

### ARRL CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!



In 2014 we join the ARRL in celebrating 100 years of "Advancing the Art & Science of Radio." Founded in 1914, ARRL is the National Association for Amateur Radio in the USA. Today, with more than 160,000 members, ARRL is the largest organization of radio amateurs in the world. For more information on the ARRL or their Special Centennial Celebrations please visit them at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)



# Links for Readiness:

## Shabbat Protocols in Case of a Hurricane:

[file:///T:/CERT/Newsletters%20&%20Weekly%20Briefs%20CERT/Newsletters%202014/JUNE14/revisedShabbat%20Protocols%20in%20Case%20of%20A%20Hurricane%20-%20OU\\_ORG.htm](file:///T:/CERT/Newsletters%20&%20Weekly%20Briefs%20CERT/Newsletters%202014/JUNE14/revisedShabbat%20Protocols%20in%20Case%20of%20A%20Hurricane%20-%20OU_ORG.htm)

## How To Prepare For A Tornado:

[http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1396207697452-5102511c28926a7f05228bd50c42b949/how\\_to\\_prepare\\_tornado\\_033014\\_508.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1396207697452-5102511c28926a7f05228bd50c42b949/how_to_prepare_tornado_033014_508.pdf)

## Hurricane information, analysis and forecasts:

<http://www.tropicaltidbits.com/blog/2014/03/14/thoughts-on-the-2014-atlantic-hurricane-season/>

## ***Hurricane Season Is Here ...continued from Page 1***

Aside from that you need everyone involved to adhere to and understand these plans and to have their kits to weather the storm or any other disaster situation.

Remember short term disasters are any disaster that you will be without services from your normal daily existence for ONE DAY to ONE MONTH. FEMA even suggests 10-14 days is a good starting point to prepare and have needed supplies per person. Practicing Proactive Preparedness, (there are those P's again), is sometimes difficult in these economic times. That is why it is better to take baby steps at first until you can get in the habit and hang of survival preparation for you and your loved ones. If you start with basic needs of food, water, clothing and medical supplies for 3 weeks to a month, per person, you could build these kits for under \$20 per week over 52 weeks. ***The key is to begin today*** so that you and your family do not have to panic when a disaster situation arises. There will always be things we forget or think we need during this process so do not drive yourself crazy.

My first suggestion for everyone is to work on your BUG-OUT BAGS (B.O.B.) for both a mission and personal needs. The BOB of personal needs should be for 72-144 hours and in a separate BOB. Remember if you get activated and are assigned to a shelter or POD you may need to stay overnight(s) until the danger segment of the disaster has passed. Therefore your personal needs bags should have emergency water packets, power bars/MRE, an extra set of clothing (seasonally changed), a radio, a multi-tool, a non-electric can opener, cash, documentation, and personal and sanitary hygiene items and maybe even a sleeping bag/blanket.

I will see you all at the next All-County CERT Meeting!! - HT



## **NEXT CERT BASIC COURSE**

***THIS CLASS IS FULL!***

**THE NEXT CERT BASIC COURSE FOR 2014 WILL TAKE PLACE**

**IN LONG BEACH ON THURSDAY EVENINGS**

**6/19, 6/26, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24 & 7/31.**

**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/>



# Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

## SAFETY TIPS

- ❗ Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- ❗ The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- ❗ Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- ❗ Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- ❗ Never leave your grill unattended.
- ❗ Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

- ❗ There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- ❗ If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- ❗ Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- ❗ There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- ❗ When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

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## PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 30 minutes before relighting it.

## FACTS

- ❗ July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ❗ Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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