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CERT Basic Course

The Cache County Sheriff's Office is sponsoring a basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) course and all community members are invited to participate. Classes begin on Thursday, August 27th, and continue until September 26th with most classes being held on Thursday evenings. A tentative schedule is listed below (unit order may be subject to change):

- August 27, Thursday, **Sign-in begins @ 6:00 pm**: Unit 1 – Preparedness
- September 3, Thursday 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm: Unit 6 – CERT Organization; Unit 8 – Terrorism
- September 10, Thursday 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm: Unit 2 – Fire Safety
- September 12, Saturday 8 am – 4 pm: Units 3, 4, and 7 – Medical and Psychology (with ½ hour lunch)
- September 17, Thursday 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm: Unit 5 – Light Search and Rescue
- September 24, Thursday 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm: Tabletop Scenario, Q&A, Catch up, etc.
- September 26, Saturday 8:00 am – 10:00 am: Review and 10:00 am – 12:00 pm: Final Exam

Spots are limited, so register today! Online registration is available at <http://goo.gl/forms/eUxceydLMK>. Course instruction is free; however, there is a \$55 equipment fee that covers the course manual, ID badge, and a basic CERT response kit. Funds are due the first night of class.

All sessions must be completed to receive a certificate of completion and CERT ID badge. While taking the CERT training is great for individual knowledge, the CERT program is designed to be a team/community commitment. After completion of the course, we encourage and request you to remain involved and attend a few continued education training courses each year offered through your local CERT or Cache County CERT.

Cache County has a great CERT community who works with local fire departments and emergency managers. Please join us and get involved in the effort of community emergency preparedness. Register for the course today!

Background

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community (*Community Emergency Response Teams*. 2015. Retrieved from www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams).

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