



Chesterfield County CERT Program

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RE: Community Emergency Response Team Course Begins Feb. 2

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Training that could save the lives of Chesterfield County residents, their families and neighbors will be offered beginning on Feb. 2 by the Chesterfield County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The free eight-night initial training course, held over four weeks, provides citizens with basic emergency response skills that are essential in the critical time after a disaster and before EMS, fire and other emergency providers can arrive on the scene.

Veteran emergency services instructors provide hands-on training in such critical areas as disaster preparedness, fire safety and suppression, basic emergency medical skills, search and rescue techniques, and disaster psychology. Graduates earn a certificate and CERT emergency gear including a backpack. There is no charge for this program. But participants must be at least 18 years old and in reasonably good health.

The CERT course will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each evening at the Eanes-Pittman Public Safety Training Center, 6610 Public Safety Way, Chesterfield, 23832. It is limited to 30 persons, first come, first served. For more information, phone 320-2165 or send an e-mail to CERTChesterfield@verizon.net with your name and phone number. You can download a registration form at www.chesterfield.gov/cert/. The registration deadline is Jan. 29, 2010.

For more information, please contact CERT Program Coordinator Jon Donnelly at CERTChesterfield@verizon.net or at 804-320-2165.

Chesterfield County's CERT Program is sponsored by the Chesterfield Emergency Planning Committee/Citizens Corps Council. For more information, contact Lynda F. Price, Chesterfield Emergency Management Coordinator, at (804) 748-1236 or at pricel@chesterfield.gov

