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**FREE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING OFFERED**

*WAUKESHA, WI*—Citizens who would like to learn how to be prepared to respond to emergencies in their communities are invited to attend a free training course. Waukesha County Emergency Management is sponsoring a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course. A training class will be held at the Waukesha Communications Center on April 24-26. The course will run Friday from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The CERT program not only teaches citizens how to help their families be better prepared for emergencies, but also how to assist their neighbors and co-workers when emergencies or disasters strike. CERT is a national training program that prepares citizens to respond in both man-made and natural disasters.

The CERT training is a 20 hour class. The training includes presentations, discussions and hands-on experience on topics ranging from disaster preparedness, fire suppression, first aid, and search and rescue. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event and can take a more active role in preparing their community. Training sessions can be arranged for businesses, church groups, neighborhood groups, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, civic organizations, or any group of interested individuals.

Registration is free, but space is limited. Participants should plan to attend for all three days. The registration deadline is April 17th.

Please contact Linda Botts at Waukesha County Emergency Management, [Lbotts@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:Lbotts@waukeshacounty.gov) or (262) 446-5077, to register.

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