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SPALDING COUNTY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO OFFER A REFRESHER COURSE FOR COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

The Spalding County Office of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Spalding County Fire Department, will be presenting a REFRESHER course for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program participants that have completed the initial program. This is a refresher course to assist in the promoting education, cooperation and understanding between emergency services and the people we serve.

The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact the Spalding County area and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations and the CERT REFRESHER program will concentrate on emergency / disaster planning, safety and medical skills.

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations for citizens who may be on their own during the initial moments of a disaster. Knowing the right actions to take can make a difference. Through CERT training, citizens can learn to manage utilities and put out small fires; cope with life-threatening injuries by opening airways, controlling bleeding and treating for shock; provide basic medical aid; search for and rescue victims safely; and organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective. The REFRESHER training will assist in enhancing the importance of this ongoing training program and the need for continuous planning.

CERT training classes are scheduled to begin on January 22, 2018 anyone interested in participating in these classes should contact:

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