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## **SPALDING COUNTY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING**

The Spalding County Office of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Spalding County Fire Department, will be offering training to citizens of Spalding County through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. This program is designed to promote understand and cooperation between emergency services and the people they serve. The CERT Program educates individuals on how to be prepared 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.

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 the three 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 maximize effectiveness.

The Spalding County Office of Homeland Security is seeking interested participants to participate in a 6-week program scheduled to begin on September 10, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Fire and EMA Administrative Complex, 1005 Memorial Drive, Griffin.

Anyone interested in participating in these classes or if you have any questions, should contact:

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