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**SPALDING COUNTY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY
ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE
TEAM TRAINING**

The Spalding County Office of Homeland Security / Emergency Management in conjunction with the Spalding County Fire Department will be presenting the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, to promote efforts between emergency services and the people they serve. The 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.

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 be effective.

We are in the process of placing interested participants on a roster with the 6 week program beginning on Monday September 16, 2019 from 6pm-9pm and meeting on Mondays through October 21, 2019.

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

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