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Citizens Emergency Training Class Coming This Fall

Waco, Texas (September 1, 2016) – The Waco McLennan County Office of Emergency Management is offering a free class to be better prepared in the event of an emergency. Please see the information below about the CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) Class being offered.

Please join the Waco-McLennan County Office of Emergency Management for our next Community Emergency Response Team Basic Training! CERT training will teach participants to:

- Describe the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities.
 - Take steps to prepare for a disaster.
- Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces.
- Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
 - Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding and treating shock.
- Conduct triage under simulated conditions.
 - Perform head-to-toe assessments.
 - Select and set up a treatment area.
- Employ basic treatments for various wounds.
- Identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations.
 - Describe the most common techniques for searching a structure.
 - Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication.



The Waco CERT program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in the communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.



Local CERT instruction is provided by first responders, volunteer agencies, and government organizations including: the Waco-McLennan County Office of Emergency Management, Waco Fire Department, Waco-McLennan County Public Health District, Waco Police Department, McLennan County Sheriff's Office, East Texas Medical Center. and more.

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Tuesday October 4	6:00pm – 10:00pm
Thursday October 6	6:00pm – 10:00pm
Saturday October 8	8:00am – 2:00pm (Free Meal Provided)
Tuesday October 11	6:00pm – 10:00pm
Thursday October 13	6:00pm – 10:00pm



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