

Okaloosa County News Release

11/3/2008

Kathy Newby, 850.651.7515, knewby@co.okaloosa.fl.us
P08-476

Okaloosa County CERT Training in Saturdays in November

Okaloosa County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will hold training sessions November 8, 15, & 22, at Northwest Florida State College, Niceville campus in Building Q, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Northwest Florida State College is the newly named college, formerly known as Okaloosa Walton College.

You can also sign up for the Saturday training online at http://www.okaloosa-cert-team.org/Sign_Up.html or for more information, contact, Jennifer Tindall, (850) 243-0315, or email CERT@united-way.org.

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. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. The CERT program is an official emergency preparedness program administered under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Okaloosa County CERT has a new web site at www.okaloosa-cert-team.org. Okaloosa County CERT teams are designed to be coordinated at the neighborhood level by a designated CERT leader. The team leader is selected by the members of the team and is the official liaison between the neighborhood CERT and the Okaloosa County Department of Public Safety's Emergency Management Division.

###