

Okaloosa County News Release

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Okaloosa County CERT Training September 23 & 30

Okaloosa County Emergency Management will hold a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training sessions on September 23 and September 30, 2011. In order to receive credit for the course, both Friday Classes must be completed, and classes will be from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., at the new 911 Emergency Operations Center (EOC), on the Niceville Campus of the Northwest Florida State College. In order to register for training individuals must live in Okaloosa County, and can sign up by calling 850-651-7150 or email Ken Wolfe at kwolfe@co.okaloosa.fl.us. Training is free for Okaloosa County residents.

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).

For more information, call 850-651-7150, email Ken Wolfe at kwolfe@co.okaloosa.fl.us or visit the Okaloosa County CERT web site at <https://okaloosafcert.samariteam.com/>.

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