The Florida Division of Emergency Management Citizen Corps and CERT program is excited to announce the first Advanced CERT Academy. The training will teach skills in advanced disaster preparedness, communications, advanced first aid, CPR and first responder training.

Following the training sessions, participants will engage in an exercise where they will be tested on skills obtained during the academy. They will also be required to demonstrate existing skills such as disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, terrorism, disaster psychology and team organization.

Citizen Corps and CERT coordinators are encouraged to participate in this exciting opportunity scheduled for December 5-7, 2008 at Camp Blanding located in Clay County.

Lodging and meals will be provided by the Division of Emergency Management. Space is limited to the first 50 eligible registered participants.

The application will be available online November 10, 2008. All interested persons can submit an electronic application at http://www.floridadisaster.org/trainingcalendar/index.asp.

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