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Participants sought for the Advanced Community Emergency Response Team Academy to be held March 27-29 at Camp Blanding

TALLAHASSEE - The Florida Division of Emergency Management Citizen Corps and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is seeking participants for the second Advanced CERT Academy to be held March 27-29, 2009 at Camp Blanding in Clay County, Florida.

The multi-day session will teach skills in advanced disaster preparedness and provide “hands-on” training in Communications, the U.S. National Grid, Urban Search & Rescue and CPR.

Following the training sessions, participants will engage in a mock exercise where they will be tested on the practical skills obtained during the academy. This will include “real-world” field applications to demonstrate understanding of disaster medical operations, disaster psychology and team organization.

The training is open to the public. Space is limited to the first 48 approved, registered participants.

Lodging and meals will be provided by the Division of Emergency Management, however travel and per diem expenses will not be covered. At the discretion of each Citizen Corps and CERT program, the cost of travel for participants may be funded through their Citizen Corps and CERT agreements.

All interested persons can submit an electronic application at the link provided below:

http://www.floridadisaster.org/trainingcalendar/index.asp

For further information, please contact the Citizen Corps office at CitizenCorps@em.myflorida.com or Donna Ray at 850-413-9966.

For more information on the Florida Division of Emergency Management and to GET A PLAN!, please visit: www.FloridaDisaster.org.

All students, teachers and parents can find educational information and free downloadable materials at: www.KidsGetAPlan.com.

And for the latest daily situation and flash reports go to: www.YouTube.com/FloridaSERT.

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