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STATE EMPLOYEES TO LEARN DISASTER SKILLS AND HANDS ON TRAINING AT THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER BEGINNING THURSDAY

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Division of Emergency Management Citizen Corps Program will be conducting a course for 50 state employees to learn more about disaster preparedness and emergency response on July 10 and 11 at the State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee.

The 2-day event is part of the development of the first State agency staffed, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in the Tallahassee area. Participants will receive instruction on the topics of: disaster preparedness, fire safety, medical operations, light search and rescue, terrorism, communications, disaster psychology, and team organization.

On Friday July 11 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. participants will practice “hands-on” disaster triage and fire suppression techniques in the State Capital Circle Office Complex park area, located at the corner of Shumard Oak Blvd. and Esplanade Way. This portion of training will involve actors with simulated injuries.

All activities have been coordinated with the Department of Management Services, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Capitol Police, Leon County Warning Point, and the City of Tallahassee.

All media are welcome to attend the exercise at the State EOC located at 2575 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL. Enter on the south side for credential check and access.

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AGENDA
STATE CERT TRAINING – Day 1
JULY 10, 2008

8:00 am – Briefing – Dave Halsted

8:15 am – Introductions

8:30 am – CERT Unit 1 – Preparedness

9:45 am – Break (Media Availability)

10:00 am – CERT Unit 2 – Light Fire Suppression

Noon – Lunch

12:30 pm – Fire Suppression – Live Fire

1:30 pm – Break

1:45 pm – CERT Unit 3 – Disaster Medical – Part I

3:45 pm – Break

4:00 pm – Practical

AGENDA
STATE CERT TRAINING – Day 2
JULY 11, 2008

8:00 am – CERT Unit 4 – Disaster Medical Part II

10:30 am – Break

10:45 am – Practical

Noon – Lunch

12:30 pm – CERT Unit 5 – Search & Rescue

2:30 pm – Break

2:45 pm – CERT Unit 6 – Disaster Psychology

3:30 pm – Break (Media Availability in Park – Shumard Oak and Esplanade Way)

3:45 pm – Disaster Drill