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## Free CERT class provides emergency response training, begins May 14

**March 19, 2019** – Learn basic disaster response skills – such as fire safety and light search and rescue – at the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program, which begins on May 14.

Registration is currently being accepted for the program that is provided by Flagler County Emergency Management in partnership with Flagler County Fire Rescue, and Flagler Volunteer Services, and can be completed at [eoc@flaglercounty.org](mailto:eoc@flaglercounty.org) or 386-313-4200.

Emergency Management Chief Jonathan Lord describes the program as an excellent partnership between the community and professional first responders.

“It is a way to improve overall community preparedness by educating residents about how to prepare for and respond to the hazards most likely to impact our community,” he said. “When our residents are trained in these basic disaster response protocols, it allows our first responders to focus on our most critical needs in a disaster.”

The Spring 2019 CERT program will educate residents about topics such as: disaster preparedness, basic fire suppression, basic first aid, light search and rescue, and team organization.

Classes will be held at Flagler County Emergency Operations Center every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30 to 9:15 p.m. beginning May 14 and running through June 6, with one final Saturday disaster simulation on June 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, go to [www.flaglercounty.org/emergency](http://www.flaglercounty.org/emergency) and click on “Volunteering and Training,” or contact Flagler County Emergency Management at [eoc@flaglercounty.org](mailto:eoc@flaglercounty.org) or 386-313-4200.

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