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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## Free Community Emergency Response Team training begins July 6

**June 10, 2020** – Learn basic disaster and emergency response skills – such as disaster preparedness, fire safety, and basic first aid – at the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program, which begins on July 6.

Flagler County Emergency Management, Flagler County Fire Rescue, and Flagler Volunteer Services invite residents to sign-up for the no-cost, 30-hour program that will be offered in a manner that supports social distancing.

Approximately 12-14 hours of the training, traditionally done in a classroom setting, will instead be done online. While the remaining 16 hours will be conducted as in-person, practical, hands-on sessions from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday July 18, and Saturday July 25.

Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord describes the program as an important 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 skills, it allows our first responders to focus on the most critical needs in a disaster.”

This CERT program will educate residents about topics such as: disaster preparedness, basic fire safety, utility controls, basic first aid, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, terrorism, and team organization.

The Saturday sessions will be held at Flagler County Emergency Operations Center and the online sessions will begin at 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 6, with a [Zoom](#)-based welcome meeting.

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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