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Press Release
Borough of Westwood
Office of Emergency Management

Community Emergency Response Team
(CERT) Training Offered

Westwood

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program prepares residents for disaster related hazards and community response when disasters occur. It trains them in basic disaster response skills, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately. CERT members are also prepared to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

Borough residents interested in joining an emergency response team (including a Disaster Animal Response Team - CART) are invited to participate in courses which will prepare them for assignment during disaster emergencies in Bergen County.

Among the courses offered are:

Sept. 16 - CERT & Disaster Preparedness

Sept. 23 - Disaster Medical Operations 1 & 2

Oct. 14 - Disaster Psychology for Humans & Animals

Oct. 21 – Animal Preparedness

Oct. 28 – Terrorism Awareness

Nov. 18 – Animal Rescue for Evacuations

All Bergen County CERT/CART Classes are held at:
Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute
281 Campgaw Rd, Mahwah, NJ

Courses run from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM .

Registration deadline is September 6th. Certification requires completion of multiple courses.

For a registration form, or additional information please contact the Westwood Office of Emergency Management attention Deputy OEM Coordinator Nick Ariemma at:

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