



Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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CEMA to Host CERT Class Beginning This Saturday

Chatham County, GA (February 25, 2019) – The Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) is hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training class beginning this Saturday, March 2nd, 2019 with the remaining classes occurring on March 9th and March 23rd from 8:30 am-5:00 pm. All three classes are required to complete the course and receive certification. If you are interested in attending, please visit CEMA's website www.ChathamEmergency.org or call CEMA at 912-201-4500.

CERT training is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency situations where citizens will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference. Through training, citizens can manage utilities and put out small fires; treat the three killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock; provide basic first aid; search for and rescue victims safely; and to be effective during an emergency.

CERT training will include:

- Take steps to prepare themselves for a disaster
- Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces
- Apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources and safety measures
- Employ basic treatments for various wounds
- Identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations
- Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extraction

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