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Free Preparedness Training



Photo Caption: University of Tennessee School of Nursing students perform leveraging and cribbing to extract a "victim" from under rubble as part of the Light Search and Rescue module. Eugene Jones, CERT Coordinator / instructor, standing, far right, teaching the class.

Earthquake, flooding, tornadoes, winter storms, hazardous materials spills, power outages, and major fires are just some of the unexpected events that can happen here with little or no warning. Will you be ready? Do you know what to do to keep your family and pets safe?

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness, under the direction of Bob Nations, Jr., is offering free emergency preparedness training to all citizens of Shelby County. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, led by Eugene Jones, CERT Coordinator / Preparedness Officer, will be held at 1075 Mullins Station Road, Memphis, TN 38134, on two consecutive Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- May 4 and 11
- June 1 and 8
- July 13 and 20
- August 3 and 10
- September 7 and 14
- October 5 and 12
- November 2 and 9

Modules covered during the 16 hours of training include disaster preparedness, medical first aid and triage, disaster psychology, terrorism, hazardous materials, fire suppression, and light search and rescue.

Students will learn life-saving skills and gain confidence as they are taught how to prepare for disasters by way of videos, lectures, and hands-on exercises.

Classes are limited to 24 students and pre-registration is required. Students must attend both consecutive Saturdays in order to graduate.

To register for CERT training or for more information, please contact Eugene Jones at 901.222.6719 or email Eugene.jones@shelbycountyttn.gov.

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