



## Shelby County Office of Preparedness HLS / EMA

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### Shelby County Offers Free Preparedness Training



**Photo Caption:** CERT students help a "victim" during disaster medical

Disasters can happen any time, anywhere with little warning. The most common hazards and threats to those living in Shelby County include earthquakes, flooding, power outages, tornadoes, terrorism, winter storms, and major fires. Do you know what to do? Are you prepared to survive?

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness, under the direction of Bob Nations, Jr., is offering free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes to all citizens.

This two-day class includes life-saving information in the form of lectures, videos, and hands-on exercises. Students learn how to extinguish a small fire, disaster medical first-aid skills, light search and rescue techniques, how to stay away from hazardous materials, how to spot potential terrorism, and how to create a “go kit” for home, work, and auto.

CERT graduates will gain a new confidence that they know what to do when an unexpected event occurs here in Shelby County. After CERT training, they will be able to assist their family, neighbors, and co-workers until professional rescuers arrive on the scene.

Future scheduled CERT classes are listed below. Pre-registration is required and students must complete both full Saturdays in order to graduate.

Classes are held at the Shelby County Complex, 1075 Mullins Station Road, Memphis, TN 38134, at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- August 10 and 17
- September 7 and 14
- October 5 and 12
- November 2 and 9

To find out more about the Shelby County CERT Program or to schedule a class, please email Eugene Jones, CERT Coordinator, at [Eugene.jones@shelbycountyttn.gov](mailto:Eugene.jones@shelbycountyttn.gov)

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