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Shelby County Offers Free Preparedness Training



Photo Caption: Shelby County CERT class on April 12, 2014

Disasters such as earthquakes, major fires, chemical spills, power outages, terrorism, flooding, and inclement weather events can occur with little or no warning. **Are you ready to survive?** Learn how you can prepare for all hazards and threats by taking the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training from the Shelby County Office of Preparedness, under the direction of Bob Nations, Jr. CERT teaches students what to do before, during, and after a disaster. Students learn how to extinguish a fire, conduct triage and first-aid, perform light search and rescue, and how to create a “go kit.” Graduates gain confidence that they know what to do when an unexpected event occurs. After CERT training, graduates will be able to assist their family, neighbors, and co-workers until professional rescuers arrive on the scene.



Photo Captions: Left: Eugene Jones teaches Cori Hill how to extinguish a fire



Right: Sonia Worsham is treated for a head wound

CERT training is held on two consecutive Saturdays at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness, 1075 Mullins Station Road, Memphis, TN 38134 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. To sign up for the next CERT training, please email Eugene Jones at Eugene.jones@shelbycountyttn.gov.

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