



## Shelby County Office of Preparedness HLS / EMA

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### Shelby County Offers Free Preparedness Training



**Photo Captions:** October 2014 CERT students. Left: pulling a victim out from rubble; Center: the proud graduates; Right: First Aid

Emergencies such as earthquakes, hazardous materials accidents, terrorism, power outages, major fires, flooding, and epidemics can occur with little to no warning. Are you and your family prepared? Learn how you can stay safe when the unexpected occurs by enrolling in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training from the Shelby County Office of Preparedness, under the direction of Dale Lane.

Through lectures, videos, and hands-on exercises, students learn what to do before, during and after a disaster. Modules include fire safety and suppression, disaster psychology, medical triage and first aid, hazardous materials safety, disaster preparation, terrorism, and light search and rescue. Students learn life-saving skills and gain confidence that they will know what to do when the unexpected occurs. CERT graduates are then able to assist family, neighbors, and co-workers until professional rescuers arrive on the scene.

CERT training is led by Eugene Jones, Coordinator / Preparedness Officer. The training is held on two consecutive Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 1075 Mullins Station Road, Building C, Memphis, TN 38134. **The next CERT class is on November 1 and 8, 2014.** Students must be 18 years of age, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, please email Sandra Mathias, Reserve Program Manager, at [mathiasl@bellsouth.net](mailto:mathiasl@bellsouth.net).

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