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Victorians Encouraged to Attend Disaster Preparedness Class

Victoria, Texas - April 01, 2009 - Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. It's natural to expect that under these kinds of conditions, family members, fellow employees, and neighbors will spontaneously try to help each other.

Be prepared by attending Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

CERT members receive 22 hours of initial training in disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression techniques, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue as well as disaster psychology and team organization.

The CERT course will benefit any citizen who takes it. This individual will be better prepared to respond to and cope with the aftermath of a disaster.

There is no charge or obligation to be part of a community call-out team upon graduation. Class will conclude with a mini-disaster simulation. **Participants will receive a free starter disaster kit** which includes the following: flashlight, hard hat, gloves, wrench, basic first aid kit, protective eye goggles, emergency blanket, safety vest and back pack. Participants will also receive a certificate of completion. We do ask that participants commit to all three days of training.

WHEN: May 30th June 06, June 13th

WHERE: Victoria College and Pattie Dodson Health Center

Advanced registration is required by calling: 485-3362.

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