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New Community Emergency Response Team Forming in Pace

A new Community Emergency Response Team or CERT, is forming for residents in the Pace area. CERTs are made up of members of a community who want to be better prepared to respond to and cope with the aftermath of natural or manmade disasters. Additionally, participants will become certified CERT members who can choose to volunteer by assisting their community in disaster recovery efforts. Training for the new team begins October 13 at 6 p.m. at Pace Fire and Rescue's station #1 located at 4773 Pace Patriot Boulevard.

Topics of the CERT training will include first aid, disaster psychology, fire prevention and basic firefighting techniques, disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue and terrorism. CERT is an official emergency preparedness program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

All attendees must complete the on-line class, IS317, found at http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/training_mat.shtm and bring the completion certificate to the first class. Participants are required to attend all classes to successfully complete the course:

- Tuesday, October 13– 6-9 p.m.
- Thursday, October 15– 6-9 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 20– 6-9 p.m.
- Thursday, October 22– 6-9 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 27– 6-9 p.m.
- Thursday, October 29– 6-9 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 3– 6-9 p.m.

Registration can be completed online at <http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/citizencorps/cert.html>. For additional information, contact Santa Rosa County CERT coordinator Daniel Hahn at (850) 983-4606 or danielh@santarosa.fl.gov

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