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GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HOST COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING FOR PUBLIC

Glendale, Ariz. — Being prepared before a disaster hits is what greatly increases the chance of survival and this is why the Glendale Fire Department will be hosting a 21-Hour Basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program beginning on Friday May 31 at 6 p.m. All classes will be held at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center (GRPSTC), located at 11550 W. Glendale Ave. in Glendale. Anyone from Glendale or the surrounding area age 18 and above will be eligible to attend the training program. The class will take up to 25 participants on a first-come-first-served basis.

When a major disaster affects a city, those who provide fire and medical services will not be able to help all of those in need. During CERT training, students will be taught the fundamentals needed to survive during a disaster. These invaluable tools not only give participants the knowledge to help their family but also how to help their community during a disaster situation. The basic CERT curriculum will consist of Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Medical Operations, Search and Rescue, and Terrorism as well as hands on training and simulations.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) concept was developed and implemented by the city of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) in 1985. They recognized that citizens would very likely be on their own during the early stages of a catastrophic disaster. Accordingly to the LAFD, it was decided that some basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills would improve the ability of citizens to survive until responders or other assistance could arrive. As a result LAFD created the Disaster Preparedness Division with the purpose of training citizens in the CERT Concept (LAFD, CERT, 2002).

You can sign-up for this training program by calling Glendale Fire Department's Community Services Division Manager Dr. Janet Boberg at 623-930-4483 or e-mailing her at jboberg@glendaleaz.com.