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## **Emergency Management Needs Volunteers!**

Oh behalf of Judge Walker, I would like to extend this invitation to the citizens of Jefferson and surrounding Counties. Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management is holding a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training session beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. The five week training is open to anyone who is interested in taking a voluntary assistance role in the event of an emergency or disaster.

The CERT Program educates volunteers about how to respond and assist in a disaster or emergency situation. Certified CERT members support first responders and emergency personnel during disaster events. CERT members also have the skills and knowledge to respond to emergencies in their own home, neighborhood or workplace when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

Volunteers interested in becoming a certified CERT member must attend training. The training sessions will focus on disaster response skills, such as disaster preparation, fire safety, disaster medical operations, terrorism, search and rescue and other aspects of dealing with a disaster.

The training sessions will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. The sessions will include classroom training at the Precinct 2 Community Room, 7965 Viterbo Rd, Beaumont, in mid-county by the airport. In order to obtain certification, volunteers must attend all training sessions. Anyone interested in attending this FREE training should contact the Jefferson County Emergency Management Office at (409) 835-8757.

Thanks,  
Greg Fountain, EMC  
Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management And  
Homeland Security

## CERT TRAINING SCHEDULE

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Module</b>
Saturday, May 1 8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Precinct 2 Community Room	Introduction, Disaster Preparedness, CERT Organization
Saturday, May 8 9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Precinct 2 Community Room	Medical Operations
Saturday, May 15 9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Hamshire Volunteer Fire Station	Fire Safety, Search & Rescue
Saturday, May 22 9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Precinct 2 Community Room	Terrorism and CERT, Disaster Psychology
Saturday, June 5 9:00 am – 12:00 pm	TBD	Simulation, Graduation