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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

The demands of disaster response may overwhelm conventional emergency resources. Following a major emergency, factors such as the number of victims, communication and utility failures, and road blockages may prevent people from immediately accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moments notice through a call to 911. People may have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs until emergency response professionals arrive.

Boone County is offering its citizens Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training which is designed to help them protect themselves, their families, and their neighborhoods in these emergency situations. CERT is a Boone County Citizen Corps program and the training is conducted through the Boone County Emergency Management Department.

The CERT course involves classroom and hands-on training designed to teach preparedness for hazards that may impact our area and basic disaster response skills including: utility management, small fire suppression, medical assistance, searching for victims safely, and how to organize a team to be effective. Those who complete the training are assigned to a team which may be activated to assist with disaster response.

When:	Tuesday October 25 th	6-10 p.m.
	Thursday October 27 th	7-10 p.m.
	Tuesday November 1 st	7-10 p.m.
	Thursday November 3 rd	7-10 p.m.
	Saturday November 5 th	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

CERT Training is open only to Boone County residents 18 years of age or older. The training is provided free of charge. You must attend all five sessions to complete the training and receive a certificate. Class size is limited to 25 persons and registrations will be taken on a first come first served basis.

To register for the Boone County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training please call Boone County Emergency Management at 334-2279.

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