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Next CERT Class in Kirkwood Begins October 4: Registrations Now Being Accepted

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Kirkwood, Missouri: Do you know how to respond in the event of a major community disaster such as a tornado, earthquake, train derailment, or terrorist attack? If not, the City of Kirkwood encourages you to consider signing up for a free training class being offered by the Kirkwood Police Department.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will offer participants first-hand training on mobilizing members of the community in the event of an emergency situation. In addition to teaching basic first aid, the course will provide participants with training on how to be a qualified "first responder."

We are proud to announce the dates for our next eight-week Kirkwood / Oakland CERT training class, which will start October 4, 2010, and continue through November 22, 2010. Classes will be held each Monday night during that time period, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Kirkwood Fire House #2, 11804 Big Bend Road in Kirkwood.

Additional information and an application are available on the City's Website at www.kirkwoodmo.org. Under "Departments" select "Police Department" and then click on "CERT Training" on the right-hand navigation. Interested candidates can also contact Officer Jim Cox at 314-822-5868, or by email: coxjd@kirkwoodmo.org.

Kirkwood / Oakland CERT is part of the City of Kirkwood's Emergency Management protocol and the Meramec Valley Citizen Corps Council, which includes CERT teams from the Fenton Fire Prevention District, Metro-west Fire Protection District, Eureka Emergency Management, West County Fire Protection District, Valley Park Fire Department, the City of Crestwood, Creve Coeur, Glendale, Chesterfield and Town and Country.

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