

## BASIC COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

The Glendale Fire Department will be hosting a 21 hour Basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training program beginning on Friday June 10, 2011, from 6:00PM to 10:00PM and then continuing on Saturday June 11, 2011, from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and the final day of the course will be held on Sunday June 12, 2011 from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. All classes will be held at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center (GRPSTC) located at 11550 W. Glendale Avenue Glendale, AZ. Any Glendale community member age 18 and above is eligible to attend the training program. The class will take up to 30 participants and the participants will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. You can sign-up for this training program by calling Glendale Fire Department's Community Education Program Manager Dr. Janet Boberg at 623-930-4483 or e-mailing her at [jboberg@glendaleaz.com](mailto:jboberg@glendaleaz.com).

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, LAFD 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).

The Basic CERT curriculum consists of 7 chapters or sessions:

1. Disaster Preparedness
2. Disaster Fire Suppression
3. Disaster Medical Operations Part 1
4. Disaster Medical Operations Part 2
5. Light Search and Rescue Operations
6. Disaster Psychology and Team Organization
7. Course Review and Disaster Simulation