

HURRICANE season starts June 1st 2018, are you ready?



With the approach of the 2018 hurricane season, Delray Beach Fire Rescue is offering a Disaster Preparedness course to any Delray Beach resident, business owner or employee. It's called CERT (Community Emergency Response Team training). This is a FREE program where you learn what to do before, during and after a disaster like a hurricane.

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) are trained to take care of themselves and then help others in their communities for the first three days following a disaster. This is when debris-clogged or damaged roads, disrupted communications, or high volume of calls may prevent access by emergency response personnel. The purpose of CERT training is to provide citizens with the basic skills required to handle virtually all their own needs and then to be able to respond to their communities needs in the aftermath of a disaster.

The Community Emergency Response Team course consists of 24 hours of training. One night a week for eight weeks, Delray Beach Firefighters and Paramedics teach the program.

The course agenda includes:

Week 1	Disaster Preparedness
Week 2	Disaster Fire Suppression
Week 3	Disaster Medical Operations, Part 1
Week 4	Disaster Medical Operations, Part 2
Week 5	Light Search and Rescue Operations
Week 6	Disaster Psychology / Team Organization
Week 7	Terrorism / Emergency Communications
Week 8	Final Exam / Disaster Simulation / Graduation

This is your opportunity to learn how to protect your family in the event of a disaster. Neighbors helping neighbors is the CERT concept. Join over 150 Delray Beach residents who have already completed the training.

The next CERT basic training course starts on Wednesday April 11th, 2018. Participants must pre-register by contacting CERT Program assistant Coordinator:

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