

News Release

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Emergency Preparedness Top of Mind Following Haiti Earthquake

The devastating earthquake that hit Haiti this week is a harsh reminder that disasters do happen and you need to be ready. Clark County Fire District is ready to train you in disaster preparedness, medical operations, psychology, fire suppression, terrorism awareness and urban search and rescue. Following a major disaster, like the Haiti earthquake, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Factors as number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment's notice through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs. This is why Fire District 6 has joined the mission to train citizens in needed life saving skills through the Community Emergency Response Team program. CERTs are an extension of first responder services offering immediate help to victims until professional services arrive.

Winter CERT training is scheduled to begin in February with the first of four classes scheduled for Saturday, February 20. Go to www.ccf6.org to view the complete schedule and cost for the training.

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