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BURNSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFERS SPRING SESSION FOR CERT TRAINING STARTING IN APRIL

Community Emergency Response Teams help build a safer community

Have you ever wondered what you and your neighbors should do in the event of a major emergency? What if a tornado or major blizzard strikes, cutting off essential city services? When these events happen, City of Burnsville trained Community Emergency Response Teams or CERT teams, are trained to assist their neighborhoods.

Registration is being accepted for the spring session of Community Emergency Response Team training. Residents who enroll in the four week training program learn the proper procedures and how to work together as a team until emergency services arrive. Training areas covered include **emergency preparedness, fire safety, basic medical operations, light search and rescue, terrorism, disaster psychology and team organization**. CERT training will culminate with a simulation exercise to put the training sessions into action. The training is highly interactive with multiple opportunities for hands-on activities.

CERT training sessions are set for Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. starting on April 21 and running through May 19, 2009. Training will be held at the City of Burnsville Maintenance Center, 13713 Frontier Court. The cost for the course is \$15.00. To register or for more information, please contact Doug Nelson of the Burnsville Fire Department at 952-895-4579 or doug.nelson@ci.burnsville.mn.us. Registration forms are available on the city's website at www.burnsville.org/fire.