

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

CERT Training Class

The North Warren Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be holding a series of eight, 2-hour classes, beginning Tuesday March 24th, to train local residents in emergency preparedness. The training is free and will benefit you even if you just choose to better prepare your own home and family, however you are also welcome to volunteer for our team.

CERT is a federally funded initiative that trains and equips local community volunteers in various aspects of planning, preparing, and responding to disasters, as well as supporting area first responders, community events, and neighbors during emergencies. Typically, these events include flooding, weather-related incidents, wild-land fires, and missing person events.

Classes will cover topics such as disaster medical operations, psychology, fire safety, hazmat and terrorism awareness, Instructors are from the New Jersey State Police, Warren County Office of Emergency Management & Fire Academy, as well as other subject matter experts.

The North Warren CERT team is sponsored by Blirstown Office of Emergency Management and has served the North Warren community since 2007. Seating in this class is limited to 30 trainees, and participants must be 18 years or older.

To register, please email your name and contact information to [CERT@readyblirstown.org](mailto:CERT@readyblirstown.org) or call (908)414-4621.