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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Free Emergency Response Training  
Available for DeKalb Residents**

*Two class opportunities beginning Jan. 4*

**DECATUR, Ga.** – DeKalb County Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) is hosting two free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training classes.

The first nine-week class begins on Thursday, Jan. 4, from 7–9:30 p.m., at DeKalb Fire Rescue Headquarters, 1950 West Exchange Place, Tucker, GA 30084.

A second nine-week CERT class begins on Tuesday, Jan. 9, from 7–9:30 p.m., at DeKalb Fire Rescue Headquarters.

Participants will learn what to do before, during and after a disaster. The training will also teach citizens to care for family members and neighbors.

Course topics include:

- Disaster preparedness
- Basic fire suppression
- Medical operations
- Light search-and-rescue operations
- Disaster psychology
- Team organization and terrorism
- Autism awareness

The class is free for DeKalb County citizens, and all participants must pass a background check. For more information or to register, contact Emergency Management Specialist Chayne Sparagowski at [csparagowski@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:csparagowski@dekalbcountyga.gov) or 770-724-7812.

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