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## Free Emergency Response Training Available for DeKalb Residents

*Two class opportunities beginning July 10*

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

The first nine-week workshop begins on July 10 and will be held on **Tuesday evenings** from **7–9:30 p.m.** at **DeKalb Fire Rescue Headquarters, 1950 West Exchange Place, Tucker, GA 30084.**

A second nine-week CERT workshop for the deaf and hard-of-hearing, with certified American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, begins on July 12 and will be held on **Thursday evenings** from **7–9:30 p.m.** at **DeKalb Fire Rescue Headquarters.**



*Participants of the DeKalb CERT program coordinate their response during the search and rescue exercise.*

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Participants learn what to do before, during and after a disaster occurs. The workshop will also train 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



*Participants in the DeKalb CERT program practice basic first aid skills learned in the workshop.*

The workshop is free for DeKalb County citizens and all participants must pass a background check. To register, visit [www.dekalbcountyga.gov/dema](http://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/dema) and click the “Community Emergency Response Team” menu option. For more information, contact Emergency Management Specialist Thomas Paige at [tpaige@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:tpaige@dekalbcountyga.gov) or 678-406-7858.

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