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## Sully District e-Newsletter

### **CERT Classes**

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. CERT trains county residents in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

We are offering three CERT courses beginning in mid-September, two standard CERT classes, and a CERT class geared for county employees. To receive your certificate you must attend all modules. There is no charge for this training and there are no prerequisites for these courses; they are open to all citizens over 18, who either live or work in Fairfax County. For more information, please visit <http://www.FairfaxCert.com>.

If you would like to sign up for one of the standard courses, please email Dana Powers at [Dana.powers@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Dana.powers@fairfaxcounty.gov) and specify which class you would like to attend. These classes will be held at the Fire and Rescue Academy located at 4600 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA. Classes begin at 7:00 p.m. and run until about 10:30pm.

CERT 47– Tuesdays

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10/5 Triage  
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CERT 48– Wednesdays

9/15 Intro  
9/22 ICS  
9/29 Safety  
10/6 Triage  
10/13 Disaster Medical  
10/20 S&R  
10/27 Scenarios

Final Exercise 10/30

### **Little Rocky Run and Johnny Moore Creek Draft Watershed Management Plan Forum**

A reminder that the Draft Watershed Management Plan Forum will be held on **Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010**. Registration starts at 6:30pm. The forum will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at Centreville High School. For more information visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/>

### **End of H1N1 Pandemic**

The World Health Organization has declared the end of the H1N1 pandemic and the Virginia State Health Commissioner has declared the end to the public health emergency in Virginia. This declaration does not mean that the H1N1 virus has gone away. Based on experience with past pandemics, it is expected that the H1N1 virus will continue to circulate for some years to come as one of the seasonal flu viruses. Given the experience from this recent pandemic (as well as past pandemics) it is likely that the virus will continue to cause serious disease in younger age groups, at least in the immediate post-pandemic period. Susceptible individuals within the groups identified (during the H1N1 pandemic) as at higher risk of severe or fatal illness will probably remain at heightened risk. For this reason, the Fairfax County Health Department continues to remain vigilant in

their surveillance efforts and urges high risk individuals, their close contacts and everyone who wants to protect themselves against the flu to get vaccinated when vaccine becomes available this season.



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