Press Release

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FREE Disaster Preparedness Training
20-Hour Basic Community Emergency Response Team Class

The Village of New Lenox will be hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 20-Hour Basic Course starting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. The Course is **FREE** and will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the New Lenox Village Hall as follows: 9/10, 9/12, 9/17, 9/19, 9/24, 9/26, 10/1 and 10/3. The Final Exercise, Graduation and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. All graduates will receive a CERT backpack containing various disaster preparedness supplies, CERT participant manual, and a certificate of completion.

The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their community and trains them in basic disaster response skills. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist during disasters when first responders are not immediately available to help. For additional information about the FEMA's CERT program, including the CERT Basic Class, visit https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/about-cert?language=en_US.

CERT members that wish to continue with the New Lenox CERT Program upon conclusion of the Basic Class may do so. Graduates will have an opportunity to attend monthly training as well as volunteer for a variety of special events. For additional information about New Lenox CERT, visit https://www.facebook.com/NewLenoxCERT

Those interested in registering for the CERT Course should contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, at (815) 462-6493 or via email at dmartin@newlenox.net.