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Fort Myers Beach, FL – The Fort Myers Beach Community Emergency Response Team, better known as CERT, will participate in a live drill on Saturday June 14th 2008. The drill will take place at Fort Myers Beach elementary school located at 2751 Oak Street, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. CERT was established in 2005 shortly after Hurricane Charley. The CERT team is comprised of members from the Fort Myers Beach community, that have received training in emergency first aid, triage and much more. The drill will allow for a comprehensive application of the training the team has received over the past few months.

The concept of Community Emergency Response Teams originated in 1994 after it was created by the Los Angeles Fire Department. The CERT training provides an opportunity to grow partnerships between emergency services and the community that they serve. Fire Chief Mike Becker believes CERT provides an avenue through which our community members will be better prepared to deal with disasters. “CERT is about neighbors helping neighbors”, said Chief Becker. As Fort Myers Beach prepares for another potentially active Hurricane season, CERT members will provide an added resource to our community in the event of a natural disaster. For more information regarding CERT or the upcoming drill please contact the Public Information Office at the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District.

