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Fire District Set to Begin CERT Training

Fort Myers Beach, FL – The Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District (FMBFCD) will begin a new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course on March 5th 2009. The classes will be held Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm at FMBFCD's Fire Station # 31. The CERT classes are free and open to anyone 18 years or older, who live or work in the Fire District. The new course will also serve to help current CERT members make-up missing classes, and as a refresher course.

The CERT program prepares everyday people to help themselves, their family, their neighbors and their communities in the event of a disaster or emergency. 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.

Applications for the upcoming course can be picked up at the FMBFCD Administration Building (100 Voorhis Street). For more information concerning the CERT program contact the Public Information and Education Office at 239-463-6163 or visit www.fmbfire.org/CERT.