

For Immediate Release
Townships of Blairstown & Frelinghuysen Conducting Emergency Response Training

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The townships of Blairstown and Frelinghuysen, in cooperation with the Warren County Office of Emergency Management, are looking for a few volunteers to serve as the first members of a North Warren Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Jeff Jablon and Jim Drylie, Emergency Management coordinators for the two townships will be holding a series of eight, 2-hour classes, beginning on Thursday, October 2nd, 7:00pm, ending on Thursday, November 20th. Classes will be held at the North Warren Regional High School, 10 Noe Road, Blairstown. CERT is a federally funded initiative that trains and equips local community volunteers in various aspects of planning, preparing, and responding to disaster. Classes will cover topics such as disaster preparedness, fire safety & HAZMAT awareness, disaster medical & psychological awareness, and terrorism. Instructors from the New Jersey State Police, Warren County Office of Emergency Management & Fire Training, as well as other subject matter experts, will introduce trainees to necessary basic awareness and operations. Trained CERT members would be expected to assist local, county, and state first-responders during local emergencies that include flooding, weather-related damage, wild-land fires, and missing persons. The training is free. You must be 18 years of age to participate in the CERT Program. For further information please contact Jim Drylie at (908) 684-4051, or by e-mail at jdrylie@gmail.com Seating is limited to 30 trainees. Residents from Allamuchy, Columbia, Hackettstown, Hardwick, Independence, Knowlton, and Liberty are all welcome and encouraged to attend. Please call now and become a part of this viable community resource.