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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) BASIC COURSE TRAINING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST
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The Monongalia County Health Department, in partnership with the WVU Center for Service & Learning, will be offering the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) basic course this fall. CERT is a Federal Emergency Management Agency program that educates community members on disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills like fire safety, light search & rescue, disaster medical operations and team organization. The CERT basic course provides its participants with skills that will allow them to aid themselves, their families and their community following a disaster or other major incident when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

In addition to the basic CERT curriculum, this course will be expanded to include modules on surviving an active shooter incident, sexual assault awareness and response, substance abuse issues, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

This course will meet on Thursday evenings from 4:00 to 7:00 pm beginning August 17 and ending on November 29. Class location will be at either the WVU downtown campus or at the Monongalia County Health Department, depending on individual class content and objectives; the first class session will be in Oglebay Hall, room G10. This course is offered to WVU students as a special topics credit-bearing course, but community members may also participate in the CERT training by registering with the Health Department (note: community members will not receive college credit).

If you are a WVU student, you may register in STAR using the course CRN 88608. Community members may register using the online registration form here:

HTTP://CERTMONONGALIAWV.WEEBLY.COM/CONTACT.HTML

For additional information, please contact the CERT Program Manager, Randy Williams, at Randy.L.Williams@wv.gov or CERT Instructor Lee Fuell at Lee.Fuell@wv.gov.

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