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City of Menifee to Host Free Community Emergency Response Trainings

The three-day, 20-hour CERT Basic Training course will be offered at three different sessions during March and April at Menifee City Hall.

MENIFEE, CA – In coordination with the County of Riverside Emergency Management Department, the City of Menifee will be hosting free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) Basic Training courses during the months of March and April. Residents will have the option of attending one of three sessions:

- **Session One:** Friday, March 4 through Sunday, March 6
- **Session Two:** Friday, March 11 through Sunday, March 13
- **Session Three:** Friday, April 1 through Sunday, April 3

Participants must be 18 years or older and attend all three training days to receive a CERT certificate of completion. All sessions will take place on Fridays from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays/Sundays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The training courses will be hosted at Menifee City Hall (29844 Haun Rd.).

CERT helps establish a network of dedicated community volunteers that have been FEMA trained to respond in the event of natural disaster or other type emergency. The CERT Basic Training course will cover several key topics including:

- Terrorism Awareness
- Disaster Psychology
- Light Search & Rescue
- Emergency Communications
- Team Organization
- Disaster Drill & Simulation
- Disaster Preparedness
- Medical Operations & Triage
- Fire Safety & Suppression
- Hazard Materials Awareness
- Damage Assessment
- Utility Control

Participants can register online at www.cityofmenifee.us/cert. Spaces are limited and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact Vanessa Barrera, Emergency Management Analyst, at (951) 723-3771 or vbarrera@cityofmenifee.us.

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ABOUT MENIFEE: *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 100,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing, and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail, and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events, and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*