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CERT TRAINING SET TO KICK OFF

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. — The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District (RSFFPD) is looking for residents interested in becoming part of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)! Applications are now being accepted for the spring session, which begins February 25, 2009, at the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Station 1, 16936 El Fuego in Rancho Santa Fe. Applications can be downloaded from www.rsf-fire.org and mailed:

Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District
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CERT is a nationally-recognized program designed to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations and workplaces in basic disaster response skills. During natural or man-made disasters, emergency personnel are stretched thin, and may be unable to help residents in a timely manner. If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional emergency crews, CERT members can assist others by applying their skills learned in training.

This free CERT class will be a 25-hour web-based program with an introductory meeting and four meetings for skills assessment on the following dates:

- February 25th – 6:00-9:00 p.m., Class introduction
- February 28th – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Questions and Answers, skills instruction
- March 4th – 6:00-9:00 p.m., Questions and Answers, skills instruction
- March 7th – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Questions and Answers, Skills instruction
- March 14th – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Questions and Answers, Final drill and Graduation

CERT training includes the following modules:

- Introduction & Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety & Cert Organization

- Disaster Medical Operations part 1 & Disaster Psychology
- Light Search & Rescue Operation-Terrorism and CERT
- Disaster Medical
- Final Drill and Graduation

The Rancho Santa Fe Fire District's CERT program is absolutely free; however, you must be over 16 years of age and live or work within the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District to join the RSF CERT team. To obtain more information, or to receive an application, please visit our web site at www.rsf-fire.org, or call (858) 756-5971, ext. 149. *Bring a neighbor and get involved today!*

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is "To protect life, property, and environment through prevention, preparedness, education and emergency response." Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 42-square miles and protects over 26,500 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of four full-time fire stations and serves the communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe and 4S-Ranch.

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