



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Emergency Operations Center  
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Hurricane season is upon us and the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management is looking for individuals over the age of 18, who are interested in joining the Hernando County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

CERT volunteers receive special training which enhances their ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a disaster situation. As an organized team, CERT Volunteers provide vital services to the community when emergency personnel are delayed due to the severity of the situation.

The next training class begins on June 20, 2011. Classes are held from 6-9 pm every Monday night through August 8<sup>th</sup> (except July 4<sup>th</sup>) in the Emergency Operations Center, 18900 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville.

Previous emergency responder experience is not required. The training, materials and equipment are provided free of charge. CERT members must pass a required background check.

If you are interested, please contact Richard Russell at 352-754-4083 or e-mail russell@hernandosheriff.org. An application to attend the class is available on our website, [www.hernandosheriff.org/em](http://www.hernandosheriff.org/em), click on the CERT link.