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The Palm Beach County Public Safety Department's Division of Emergency Management announces that registration is open for Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for youth aged 13 to 17. The class will be hosted at the Palm Beach State College Lake Worth campus on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., from March 18 through April 29, 2023. Teen CERT is funded through federal grants, so there is no cost to participants.

Participants will learn skills such as basic first aid, light search and rescue, light firefighting, disaster preparedness and disaster psychology to protect themselves, their family and friends if an emergency strikes their community or school. Participants will receive community service hours for their time spent in the classroom and through subsequent involvement in CERT activities.

CERT, a nationally supported, locally implemented initiative, has trained the public in basic disaster response skills since 1993. When CERT volunteers organize and perform disaster medical operations, fire safety and light search and rescue, it frees up professional responders to focus on more complex, essential and critical tasks.

To register for Teen CERT, visit https://bit.ly/3l4qKvL

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