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Community Emergency Response Team classes starting *Murphy Fire Rescue offers online/in-person format*

MURPHY (February 2, 2023) Registration is now being accepted for the upcoming Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes which start immediately. Unlike previous classes, this 8-week session is designed in a self-paced, online format combined with two in-person sessions, according to Murphy Fire Marshal Perry Elliott.

Applicants may register online until Monday, March 13 by visiting <http://www.murphytx.org/289/CERT-APPLICATION> or the Murphy Fire Department page at www.murphytx.org.

The self-paced classes begin after two in-person information sessions where applicants may get more information and ask questions of CERT officials. These are set for Sunday, Feb. 5 from 3 to 4:40 p.m. and repeated on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Both will be held in the Murphy Fire Rescue Training Room, 206 North Murphy Road.

To successfully complete the course and receive certification, participants must complete the online classes and attend two in-person sessions, where they can ask questions, and have the opportunity to practice and demonstrate the required hands-on skills. Instructors will use these sessions to gauge participants' progress. Successful completion of the online classes and the two in-person sessions qualifies participants to submit to a final skills demonstration. Successfully completing the final will result in certification.

The first of the two in-person sessions, covering material introduced in the first three weeks of online classes, are either Saturday, Feb. 25 or Wednesday, March 1. Times of the sessions are yet to be set.

The second of the two in-person sessions, covering material acquired in the fourth through seventh weeks, are Saturday, March 25 or Wednesday, March 29. Times of these sessions are yet to be set.

Two opportunities for completing the final skills demonstration for certification are set for Saturday, April 22 and Saturday, April 29. Times are yet to be set. Upon receiving certification, participants may choose to become part of the active volunteer Murphy Community Emergency Response Team.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, residents of Murphy and, to be part of the active team following certification, must pass a background check.

The public is encouraged to take advantage of this unique learning opportunity whether to serve the community as part of Murphy CERT or to gain the skills and knowledge necessary during emergencies. The combined online/in-person format is specifically designed to accommodate busy schedules.

More information can be obtained by attending one of the information sessions, or by visiting the Fire Department page at www.myurphytx.org, by calling (972) 468-4300, or sending an e-mail to cert@murphytx.org.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 21,200, characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in its annual list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.