

## Cass County Michigan Community Emergency Response Team CERT Basic Training Course

Class starts: Friday, September  $9^{th}$ , 2016 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Continues: Saturday, September  $10^{th}$  8:00 am – 5:00 pm Continues/Ends: Saturday, September  $17^{th}$  8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Edwardsburg Fire Department

69910 M-62, Edwardsburg, MI 49112

The CERT course teaches and prepares community members to become better prepared for emergencies, how to suppress small fires, assist with medical emergencies, conduct light search & rescue and how to organize people and resources before, during and after a major emergency or disaster. During an incident, emergency service personnel may not be able to reach everyone immediately. CERT provides you with training that prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a major emergency or disaster. There is no fee to attend this program other than your commitment of time and effort.

## **CERT participants will learn how to:**

- Identify and anticipate hazards
- Reduce fire hazards in the home and workplace
- Extinguish small fires
- Assist emergency responders
- Conduct light search and rescue
- Set up medical treatment areas
- Apply basic medical techniques
- Help reduce survivor stress

For questions or additional CERT registration information, contact: David L. Smith, Cass County Office of Emergency Management davids@cassco.org

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You must be pre-registered by August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 by completing a CERT Application and Background Check. Must be at least 18 years of age or older. Applications are available by email, contact <a href="mailto:davids@cassco.org">davids@cassco.org</a> to request a copy, or for more information.