

El Dorado County looking for residents to help during emergencies

By Cathy Locke, Sacramento Bee

El Dorado County residents interested in learning how to assist their community in emergencies are invited to sign up for the Community Emergency Response Team Academy in April.

Sponsored by the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, training will be offered through the county's Office of Emergency Services.

The program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may affect their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

The academy consists of 24 hours of training conducted over four days, April 12-13 and April 19-20.

For more information about the Community Emergency Response Team or to sign up for the academy, call Deputy Matt Cathey (530) 621.7660, or email catheym@edso.org.