WCSO taking signups for Citizen Corps

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Citizen Corps is offering an emergency preparedness and response training academy beginning Jan. 19. The training is free and trainees are not required to become a Citizen Corps volunteer to participate.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Academy provides residents with the information they need to help save lives and reduce trauma in the event of an emergency. CERT Academy training includes disaster preparedness, emergency medical techniques, fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, and terrorism awareness education.

The CERT Academy offers six training sessions over two consecutive weekends.

Academy dates are:

Jan. 19 6-9pm, Jan. 20 6-9pm and Jan. 21 8:30m-4pm.

Jan. 26 6-9pm, Jan. 27 6-9pm and Jan. 28 9am-4pm.

Training takes place at the Regional Public Safety Training Center located at 5190 Spectrum Blvd., Reno.

To sign up for training, call 775.325.6928 or email srhodes@washoecounty.us.