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2009 CERT/VOAD Hurricane Conference Request for Speakers

The Lealman Fire District Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is seeking speakers for the 2009 CERT/VOAD Hurricane Conference being held on Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd at the Seminole Campus of Saint Petersburg College. This year's conference will include national-impact as well as local-impact presentations and exercises.

National-impact presentations are presented on topics that are common throughout the hurricane-prone areas in the United States and may include topics such as communications, preparedness, and stress management. These presentations will be recorded and broadcasted live to remote conferences throughout the United States. They will also be provided to CERT organizations (for a nominal fee) for use in additional training sessions. These presentations are 50 minute sessions and will be presented in the Digitorium on the Seminole Campus.

Local-impact presentations are presented on topics that are best handled on the local level. These courses include sheltering, post-disaster roles, etc. These sessions are 50 minutes long are held in a classroom set-up for 40 students. In addition to presentations, speakers are needed to conduct local exercises during the conference. These sessions are 110 minutes in length.

We invite you to help us design this conference. Do you have a suggestion on an important topic that should be covered? Is there a specific speaker who could best cover the topic? Do you want to volunteer to be a speaker? If so, please fill out the attached form and return it to: Captain Larry Thompson, Lealman Fire District, 4360 55th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33714 or fax completed form to (727) 525-9657 or you can email the form to klt@lealmanfire.com. Speakers are responsible for their own travel expenses.

Please direct any questions you may have to Captain Thompson at (727) 526-5650, ext. 548. We look forward to providing an excellent training opportunity to the CERT/VOAD audience and we hope you can participate!! For more information on the conference, visit our website at www.lealmancert.org.