

## **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)**

The CERT program educates citizens about the hazards they face in their community and trains them in lifesaving skills. If needed following a disaster, CERT members use their training as part of a neighborhood team to help others when professional responders are overwhelmed or not immediately available. The new class will begin on March 11<sup>th</sup> with an orientation at the Long Grove Fire Department 1165 Old McHenry Road at 7pm. Must be 18 years of age or older. Interested parties are requested to contact Commander Scharringhausen (847-438-5500 ext. 2275) at the police department.

**\*\*\*CLASSES START MARCH 11TH\*\*\***

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### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO HELP EMERGENCY RESPONSE ENDEAVORS**

**Long Grove, IL (April 5, 2008):** A perfect picture: Ambitious outgoing firefighters in chef's hats serving you an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast with all the trimmings...sounds like a great notion. So on **Saturday, April 5, 8:30 a.m.-Noon**, the Long Grove Fire Protection District, 1165 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove, will host the event for a purpose: the launch of the new South Lake County Regional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

What does CERT do? In situations from household fires to 911 type emergencies – assisting firefighters and emergency personnel -- CERT program volunteers ages 18 and up are actually trained how to handle disasters, hazards and situations that may impact their home, neighborhood and/or business. For the 18 months, these volunteers are provided training in basic disaster response skills, including fire safety, light search & rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

The pancake breakfast fundraiser – co-sponsored by Chicago Outdoor Media, Alden of Long Grove and Score Educational Centers -- will also include live acoustical music by Thomas Swenson, plus a silent auction (one prize is an escorted ride in a fire engine), a 50/50 raffle and a kids' safety puppet show with Freddie the Firefighter at 10:30 am. Face painting, balloon art, tattoos and more are also planned.

The breakfast is co-presented by the Long Grove Fire Fighters Association to help area firefighters and their families during financial crisis due to death or serious illness.

For more information, contact the Fire Station at (847) 634-3035, or email [dhardy@comcast.net](mailto:dhardy@comcast.net).

