



North Charleston Residents –

We need YOU!!! What should YOU do during a Disaster? Want to be a Neighborhood LEADER? Looking for TRAINING that can help you personally & professionally?

*When disasters strike, our family and neighbors come first.
Learn how to help and protect your love ones, your community, & yourself through these unique trainings, equipping you to lead with confidence, know-how, and collaboration.
Earn a certificate in Disaster Risk Reduction from U of SC in the process!*

WHO? = YOU

YOU and 24 other participants will partner with SC DHEC; LAMC, a non-profit organization in North Charleston; U of SC; College of Charleston; and Clemson for these trainings. We are looking specifically for participants from the following neighborhoods: Accabee, Chicora/Cherokee, Union Heights, Howard Heights, Windsor Place, Five Mile, Liberty Hill and Rosemont. You will serve as a Team Captain for your area as you learn more about your neighbors, community, and local government.

WHAT? = TRAINING

Our training is called “Environmental Justice (EJ) Strong: Strengthening Communities for Disaster Risk Reduction, Response, & Recovery in SC”. You will be trained on a model called “Community-Managed Disaster Risk Reduction” Training. This innovative, hands-on training is currently being used in the Philippines and other areas where natural disasters take place often. This will be the first time this training is being offered in the USA.

Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) helps to empower participants so that they better understand disaster risk reduction and can have input into the role of the community before, during and after a disaster. Disaster and resilience are conditions of capacity – or the lack of it – such as individuals or communities to bounce back from disasters.

We will talk about disaster such as hurricanes, flooding, chemical releases and pandemics such as COVID-19. You will learn how to be prepared for, during and after one of these disasters. You will explore and learn about resources available to help during these difficult times. You will help gather information to help develop a food database, find out who needs additional assistance in your community, and will be a part of developing a better strategy for communication when a disaster is coming your way.

WHY? = MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You can help your friends prepare for and recover quickly from disasters as a certified leader. Plus, you will receive a certification from the Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina once

all the training is complete. Once you receive a certificate, you could potentially teach others in other communities this training for certification as well (our training will be developed into webinars for future use). South Carolina's coast seems to be constantly preparing for some disaster in which we feel powerless against. Citizens wait for guidance and direction from those on the federal, state and local level before, during and after a disaster. Our goal is to strengthen resiliency in environmental justice communities such as North Charleston and other communities across our state so that they can better respond to and recover from a disaster.

WHEN? = Starting Soon – Friday, June 25 – Saturday, June 26, 2021

A total of 4 free trainings is all it takes! The first three, free-of-cost trainings will be for 2-days each. The 4th training will be for one day and will be a Train-the-Trainer Workshop. All 2-day trainings will be held on a Friday - Saturday combination. The first Training will be held on Friday, June 25 – Saturday, June 26, 2021. The other workshops will be held in January, June and September 2022.

WHERE? = North Charleston, South Carolina

Training will be held in person at a local community center. Some portion of the training may be done virtually. Meals and snacks will be provided during all trainings.

QUESTIONS: For more information about this Training, contact:

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