

# County to host emergency training

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security awarded Manatee County a grant to train a community emergency response team.

The training, which will involve Anna Maria Island representatives, will take place in June.

The team, to be made up of eight representatives from each Island city, "will receive approximately 21 hours of instruction on preparedness, emergency medical care, fire suppression, light search and rescue, hazardous materials, terrorism and organization," said Laurie Feagans, Manatee County's emergency management chief.

Feagans said the emergency management division is partnering with emergency medical services and West Manatee Fire Rescue on the project.

The training will take place during two evening sessions and two daytime sessions — 7 p.m. June 16 and June 23 and 8:30 a.m. June 19 and June 26.

Feagans said the training likely would take place

at WMFR Station No. 1, 6001 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.

A preliminary meeting involving Island and county officials was planned for mid-May to discuss the training program.

Feagans said team members, after completing the training, would receive identification and basic protective equipment to assist "in the recovery from an event."

## Emergency education

Islanders interested in becoming involved in a Community Emergency Response Team should call their respective city halls for information.

- Anna Maria: 941-708-6130.
- Bradenton Beach: 941-778-1005.
- Holmes Beach: 941-708-5800.