



## **Rivendell, Osprey Sarasota, Florida**

I would like to introduce you to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of Rivendell, Osprey. The CERT program is designed to prepare you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Because emergency services personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately, you can make a difference by using CERT training to save lives and protect property.

In the recent past, Sarasota County has witnessed a hurricane (2017), a tropical storm (2012), and tornado activity (2016). Following any major disaster, our first responders who provide fire and medical services may not be able to immediately meet the demand for these services. Factors such as number of survivors, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment's notice through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate lifesaving and life sustaining needs.

CERT is about readiness, neighbors helping neighbors, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where residents will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference. With basic CERT training, Rivendell, Osprey residents can withstand power outages and put out small fires; treat the three life-threatening emergencies by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock; provide basic medical aid; safely search for and rescue victims; and organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective.

Please consider our invitation to join your neighbors in Rivendell, Osprey preparedness program known as CERT. We are "*Neighbors in Service to our Community.*"

For more information contact: **Paul Englert**  
**paule253@hotmail.com**  
**Text: 941-223-3605**