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USC Upstate Achieve Student Complete CERT Training

Spartanburg, S.C., September 29, 2012 – The Upstate Workforce Investment Board congratulates USC Upstate Achieve Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) graduates.

With the weather disaster from Hurricane Sandy and pending natural disasters or man-made disasters, people need to be prepared to help themselves, and of equal importance, to help others during these times. Ten (10) USC Upstate ACHIEVE participants recently completed the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, taught by Barbara Grudzien, a CERT preparedness instructor for teen/youth through Spartanburg County. The intensive seven day training results in a certificate and ID as a CERT member. Further training is available with this class as a pre-requisite to First Responder and EMS training. Former ACHIEVE participants who received the CERT certificate have continued and taken the First Responder classes.

Most important, the participants learn what it means to volunteer and help others who may need help in a crisis situation. They all learn more community and disaster awareness and gave positive feedback on the class. ACHIEVE has CERT training at least two times per program year for interested participants.

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