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News Release

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Community Unites for Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

Albany, GA – With over 10,000 reported incidents, Lithium-Ion (Li-ION) battery failures pose a growing threat to our community. In response, the Southwest Health District has partnered with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and NOBLE to host two free training classes: BatteryIQ - Awareness & Operations Response to Battery Emergencies and Lithium-Ion Battery Community Awareness Training.

The BatteryIQ course is tailored for first responders, offering a 4-hour session on categorization, hazards, and emergency response tactics for lithium-ion battery incidents, spanning from cell phones to electric vehicle fires. Through Battery Response Guides, students quickly categorize emergencies, identifying hazards, required protective gear, recommended equipment, and proper emergency tactics.

BatteryIQ- Awareness & Operations Response to Battery Emergencies

February 6, 2024 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Dougherty County Health Department

1710 S. Slappey Blvd., Albany, GA 31701

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The Lithium-Ion Battery Community Awareness Training is designed for community members to understand associated risks, adopt proactive prevention measures, and learn about the proper usage and storage of Lithium-Ion batteries. Attendees will gain insights into selecting devices powered by Li-ION batteries, discover resources for self-protection, recognize signs of potential battery failure, and understand emergency actions.

Lithium-Ion Battery Community Awareness Training

February 6, 2024 | 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Dougherty County Health Department

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For additional information regarding these training courses, please contact Sundee Tate at (229) 518-6616 ext. 6724 or Sundee.Tate@dph.ga.gov.

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